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The Honorable Bill Ferguson
President
Senate of Maryland
H-107 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

The Honorable Adrienne A. Jones
Speaker
Maryland House of Delegates
H-101 State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Report on Maryland Foster Care Tuition Waiver and Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth recipients
MSAR #11769

Dear President Ferguson and Speaker Jones:

In accordance with Education Article §15-106.1(d), the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) presents the information below on Maryland Foster Care Tuition Waiver¹ recipients and Maryland Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Waiver recipients. The statute requires the collection of the number of enrolled students who (1) received the specified tuition exemption during the prior academic year²; (2) received the specified tuition exemption at any point during their enrollment at the institution; and (3) earned a bachelor's degree, associate degree, or certificate from the institution during the prior academic year. The following data are an aggregation of submissions provided by all public postsecondary institutions in the State.

Foster Care Tuition Waiver			
	Currently Enrolled Students Who Received Tuition Exemption in FY 2020	Currently Enrolled Students Who Received Tuition Exemption at Any Point of Enrollment (FY2014 – FY2020)	Students Who Received Tuition Exemption at Any Point of Enrollment FY2014 – FY2020) Who Earned a Degree or Certificate in FY2020
Public Community Colleges	260	319	15
Public Four-Year Institutions	147	209	29
Totals	407	528	44

¹ Tuition waiver and tuition exemption are used interchangeably in report.

² For the purposes of reporting these data, the academic year is the fiscal year (July 1 to June 30).

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Tuition Waiver			
	Currently Enrolled Students Who Received Tuition Exemption in FY 2020	Currently Enrolled Students Who Received Tuition Exemption at Any Point of Enrollment (FY2015-FY2020)	Students Who Received Tuition Exemption at Any Point of Enrollment (FY2015-FY2020) Who Earned a Degree or Certificate in FY2020
Public Community Colleges	126	177	14
Public Four-Year Institutions	153	175	21
Totals	279	352	35

Student totals are not provided, as individual recipients may have received awards over multiple years.

In total 26 public postsecondary institutions (16 community colleges and 10 public four-year institutions) awarded the Foster Care waiver to students from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. Similarly, 21 public institutions (11 community colleges and 10 public four-year institutions) awarded the Unaccompanied Homeless Youth waiver in the reporting year.

If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Dr. Barbara Schmertz, Director of Research & Policy Analysis at barbara.schmertz@maryland.gov.

Sincerely,



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Secretary