

# HOUSE BILL 967

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By: **Delegate Frick**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **The Textbook Cost Savings Act of 2017**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain amount of general funds in  
4 the State budget for a certain fiscal year for the purpose of providing a certain grant  
5 to the William E. Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation at the University System  
6 of Maryland for a certain initiative; authorizing certain funds to be used for certain  
7 purposes; stating a certain policy of the State; requiring the Center and the State  
8 Department of Education to explore jointly the possibility of providing access to  
9 certain types of learning materials and resources to certain students; requiring the  
10 Center and the Department to submit certain reports on or before certain dates;  
11 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the funding of an  
12 initiative that supports and promotes the adoption, adaptation, and creation of  
13 openly licensed educational resources in higher education.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Education

16 Section 12–114.1

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Education**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 12-114.1.

2 (A) IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO  
3 HIGH-QUALITY, LOW-COST LEARNING MATERIALS AND RESOURCES.

4 (B) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE  
5 \$100,000 IN GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF  
6 PROVIDING A GRANT TO THE WILLIAM E. KIRWAN CENTER FOR ACADEMIC  
7 INNOVATION AT THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND FOR THE MARYLAND  
8 OPEN SOURCE TEXTBOOK INITIATIVE.

9 (2) THE FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
10 SUBSECTION MAY BE USED TO:

11 (I) AWARD GRANTS TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE  
12 ADOPTION, ADAPTATION, AND CREATION OF OPENLY LICENSED EDUCATIONAL  
13 RESOURCES IN ORDER TO REDUCE A STUDENT'S COST OF ATTENDANCE WHILE  
14 MAINTAINING OR IMPROVING LEARNING OUTCOMES;

15 (II) REIMBURSE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE OPERATION OF  
16 THE MARYLAND OPEN SOURCE TEXTBOOK INITIATIVE, INCLUDING  
17 ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND THE EVALUATION OF ITS EFFICACY; AND

18 (III) REIMBURSE MONEY EXPENDED IN FISCAL YEAR 2018 THAT  
19 WOULD HAVE MET THE REQUIREMENTS OF ITEMS (I) AND (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH  
20 IF FUNDS HAD BEEN AVAILABLE.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the William E. Kirwan Center  
22 for Academic Innovation at the University System of Maryland and the State Department  
23 of Education shall explore jointly the possibility of providing all students in primary and  
24 secondary education with high-quality, low-cost learning materials and resources such as  
25 openly licensed educational resources. On or before December 31, 2017, the Center and the  
26 Department shall submit an interim report regarding their progress to the Governor and,  
27 in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. On or  
28 before December 31, 2018, the Center and the Department shall submit their findings and  
29 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
30 Government Article, the General Assembly.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
32 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2022,  
33 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and  
34 of no further force and effect.