

HOUSE BILL 967

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ENROLLED BILL

— Appropriations/Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs —

Introduced by **Delegate Frick**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

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; *requiring certain funds allocated for certain purposes to be for the adoption,*
8 *adaptation, and creation of certain resources that are equally accessible to and*
9 *independently usable by individuals with disabilities;* stating a certain policy of the
10 State; requiring the Center and the State Department of Education to explore jointly
11 the possibility of providing access to certain types of learning materials and
12 resources to certain students; requiring the Center and the Department to submit
13 certain reports on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act;
14 and generally relating to the funding of an initiative that supports and promotes the

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 adoption, adaptation, and creation of openly licensed educational resources in higher
2 education.

3 BY adding to
4 Article – Education
5 Section 12–114.1
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

10 **Article – Education**

11 **12–114.1.**

12 **(A) IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO**
13 **HIGH–QUALITY, LOW–COST LEARNING MATERIALS AND RESOURCES.**

14 **(B) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE**
15 **\$100,000 IN GENERAL FUNDS IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE PURPOSE OF**
16 **PROVIDING A GRANT TO THE WILLIAM E. KIRWAN CENTER FOR ACADEMIC**
17 **INNOVATION AT THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND FOR THE MARYLAND**
18 **OPEN SOURCE TEXTBOOK INITIATIVE.**

19 **(2) THE FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
20 **SUBSECTION MAY BE USED TO:**

21 **(I) AWARD GRANTS TO SUPPORT AND PROMOTE THE**
22 **ADOPTION, ADAPTATION, AND CREATION OF OPENLY LICENSED EDUCATIONAL**
23 **RESOURCES IN ORDER TO REDUCE A STUDENT’S COST OF ATTENDANCE WHILE**
24 **MAINTAINING OR IMPROVING LEARNING OUTCOMES;**

25 **(II) REIMBURSE EXPENSES INCURRED IN THE OPERATION OF**
26 **THE MARYLAND OPEN SOURCE TEXTBOOK INITIATIVE, INCLUDING**
27 **ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS AND THE EVALUATION OF ITS EFFICACY; AND**

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

31 **(C) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER SUBSECTION**
32 **(B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE FOR THE ADOPTION, ADAPTATION, AND CREATION**
33 **OF OPENLY LICENSED EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES THAT ARE EQUALLY ACCESSIBLE**
34 **TO AND INDEPENDENTLY USABLE BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES.**

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

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2022,
13 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
14 of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.