HOUSE BILL 283

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Introduced and read first time: January 26, 2016
Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1   AN ACT concerning

Institutions of Higher Education – Official Transcripts

3   FOR the purpose of requiring institutions of higher education that receive State funding to
4   provide a free official transcript once per semester to certain students who meet
5   certain criteria and once every certain number of years to certain graduates who
6   meet certain criteria; and generally relating to official transcripts from institutions
7   of higher education.

8   BY adding to
9   Article – Education
10   Section 15–119
11   Annotated Code of Maryland
12   (2014 Replacement Volume and 2015 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

16 **15–119.**

17   (A)   THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
18 EDUCATION THAT RECEIVES FUNDING FROM THE STATE.

19   (B)   A STUDENT WHO IS ENROLLED AT AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
20 EDUCATION IN THE STATE IS ENTITLED TO ONE FREE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT PER
21 SEMESTER IF THE STUDENT IS:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
    [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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1   **(1)   IN GOOD STANDING;**

2   **(2)   ENROLLED IN A DEGREE–GRANTING PROGRAM AT AN ELIGIBLE**
3   **INSTITUTION; AND**

4   **(3)   TAKING AT LEAST 6 SEMESTER HOURS OF COURSES EACH**
5   **SEMESTER.**

6   **(C)   AN INDIVIDUAL WHO GRADUATED FROM AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER**
7   **EDUCATION IN THE STATE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO ONE FREE OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT**
8   **EVERY 5 YEARS IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS A MARYLAND RESIDENT.**

9   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10   1, 2016.