

**R017-0809**

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MAKING COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE**

20 **WHEREAS:** A college education is one of the most important accomplishments  
30 an individual can achieve; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** A college degree is an invaluable asset to someone attempting to further  
50 themselves personally and professionally; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** A large expense incurred while a student is attending college is the cost of  
70 their college textbooks; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** College textbooks are a critical component needed for students to achieve a  
90 college education; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** University bookstores charge high prices for their product; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** There are alternative places for students to purchase college textbooks at a  
120 cheaper rate than their university bookstore; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** The idea of competition is a cornerstone of America's economic system; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** Competition benefits the consumer in the long run.

150 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature urges  
160 the Maryland Legislature to pass a law requiring that public universities in the  
170 state of Maryland publish the full title, authors, edition numbers, and ISBN  
180 numbers of all college textbooks being sold in their bookstores and on their  
190 official campus websites.

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