

**R047 - 0809**

10     **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING MAKING TEXTBOOKS 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:**         Maryland sales tax helps increase the total cost of college textbooks; and,

110    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:**     That the Maryland Student Legislature urges  
120                             the Maryland Comptroller's office to pass a regulation excluding college text  
130                             books purchased from college bookstores from the Maryland sales tax.

140    **MANDATES:**         Martin O'Malley, Governor  
150                             Michael Busch, Speaker of the House  
160                             Kumar Barve, House Majority Leader  
170                             Anthony O'Donnell, House Minority Leader  
180                             Thomas V. Mike Miller, President of the Senate  
190                             Edward Kasemeyer, Senate Majority Leader  
200                             Allen Kittleman, Senate Minority Leader  
210                             James E. Lyons, Secretary of Higher Education  
220                             Peter Franchot, Maryland Comptroller

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