

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND****2011 Legislative Session**Resolution No. CR-22-2011Proposed by Council Member CamposIntroduced by Council Members Campos, Franklin, Olson and Lehman

Co-Sponsors \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Introduction March 15, 2011**RESOLUTION**

1 A RESOLUTION concerning

2 Higher Education

3 For the purpose of expressing the Prince George's County Council's support for House Bill  
4 470 and Senate Bill 167 exempting certain individuals who attended and graduated from  
5 Maryland high schools from paying nonresident tuition at public institutions of higher education  
6 in Maryland under specified circumstances.

7 WHEREAS, the Senate introduced SB167 in January 2011, and respectively introduced  
8 HB470 in the House of Delegates in February 2011; and

9 WHEREAS, the Bills, coined the "Maryland Dream Act" would provide undocumented  
10 immigrants access to Maryland public higher education institutions at in-state or in-county rates  
11 where they were previously barred, and

12 WHEREAS, On March 7, 2011 an Immigrant rally in Annapolis brought over 1,500  
13 participants; and

14 WHEREAS, demonstrators contended that the "Maryland Dream Act" is critical as higher  
15 out of state rates have prevented many immigrants from attending college; and

16 WHEREAS, public elementary and secondary schools are required to accept undocumented  
17 immigrants; and

18 WHEREAS, the Bill, as amended by the Senate, will provide that the students who attended  
19 a Maryland public or nonpublic school for three consecutive years prior to making an application  
20 for enrollment with a Maryland public University or Community College may be exempt from  
21 paying out-of-state or out-of-county tuition rates; and

22 WHEREAS, out-of-state tuition rates for full time undergraduates enrolled in Maryland's

1 community colleges average two to three times the proposed fall 2011 in-state rates; and

2 WHEREAS, out-of-state tuition costs for full time undergraduates enrolled in Maryland's  
3 public four-year institutions averaged more than \$10,000 greater than the in-state costs for the  
4 proposed fall 2011 school year; and

5 WHEREAS, On March 8, 2011, the Montgomery County Council passed a Resolution  
6 encouraging the Maryland General Assembly to adopt House Bill 470 and Senate Bill 167  
7 asserting that access to education is a cornerstone of our democratic values as a nation and  
8 children who have been raised and educated within their community should not be limited from  
9 access to higher education,

10 WHEREAS, The Prince George's County Council recognizes the significance of providing  
11 equitable access to education, and

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Council of Prince George's  
13 County, Maryland hereby supports and encourages the Maryland General Assembly to adopt  
14 House Bill 470 and Senate Bill 167, Public Institutions of Higher Education – Tuition Rates –  
15 Exemptions which would grant in-state tuition to students from Maryland tax-paying families  
16 who attend and graduate from Maryland high schools, regardless of their immigration status.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the Council is hereby directed to send a  
18 copy of this Resolution to the Honorable Governor and Lt. Governor of Maryland, the Honorable  
19 President of the Maryland State Senate, the Honorable Speaker of the Maryland House of  
20 Delegates, and the Honorable Chairs of the Prince George's County Senate and House  
21 Delegations.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE  
GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ingrid M. Turner  
Chair

ATTEST:

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Redis C. Floyd  
Clerk of the Council