

SENATE BILL 767

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By: **Senators Patterson and Augustine**

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Judicial Proceedings

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Admissions Process – Criminal History**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a certain provision of law that authorized institutions of
4 higher education to use a third-party admissions application containing questions
5 about the criminal history of an applicant if the institution provided certain notice
6 to the applicant; prohibiting institutions of higher education from using an
7 admission application that contains criminal history questions about the applicant;
8 and generally relating to admission applications to institutions of higher education.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 26–503
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 26–503.

18 [(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, an] **AN** institution of
19 higher education may not use an admissions application that contains questions about the
20 criminal history of the applicant.

21 [(b) An institution of higher education may use a third-party admissions
22 application that contains questions about the criminal history of the applicant if the
23 institution posts a notice on its website stating that a criminal history does not disqualify
24 an applicant from admission.]

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2020.