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NOTICE

This notice is given by Dr. James D. Fielder, Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission, acting pursuant to the Proclamation of Governor Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr. (the “Governor”) dated March 5, 2020 proclaiming a state of emergency and a catastrophic health emergency related to COVID-19, as it may be amended or renewed from time to time, and the Order of the Governor dated March 12, 2020 entitled “Extending Certain Licenses, Permits, Registrations, and Other Governmental Authorizations, and Authorizing Suspension of Legal Time Requirements,” as it may be amended from time to time, after finding that the action(s) described herein will not endanger the public health, welfare, or safety.

The Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission hereby suspends the time requirements set forth in § 11-206.1(f)(5) of the Education Article of the Maryland Code and COMAR 13B.02.03.27(B)(9), which set forth the time requirements for the Secretary to act on an academic program proposal. The Secretary also hereby suspends COMAR 13B.02.03.28(D), which sets forth the time period in which the Commission must schedule a review hearing sought by an institution of higher education. Compliance with these provisions requires in-person discussions and meetings within specific timeframes. Suspension of these time requirements is needed to reduce the threat to human health caused by the transmission of COVID-19.

This Notice is effective immediately and shall remain in effect no later than 30 days after the state of emergency has been terminated and the proclamation of the catastrophic health emergency has been rescinded.

Dr. James D. Fielder
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