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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Records - Trade Secrets and Confidential Information - Public**  
3 **Institutions of Higher Education**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a custodian to deny inspection of a part of a public  
5 record that contains information disclosing or relating to a trade secret,  
6 confidential commercial information, or confidential financial information  
7 owned in whole or in part by a public institution of higher education if the  
8 information is part of certain activities; and generally relating to the inspection  
9 of the public records of a public institution of higher education.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article - Education  
12 Section 15-107  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article - State Government  
17 Section 10-618(i)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2004 Replacement Volume)

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

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**Article - Education**2 15-107.

3 Public senior higher educational institutions and their governing boards are  
4 encouraged to promote the economic development of the State and to increase the  
5 financial resources of the institutions through arrangements with the private sector,  
6 including collaborative research and development, commercial application of  
7 institution-owned intellectual property, and the provisions of technical assistance.

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**Article - State Government**

9 10-618.

10 (i) A custodian may deny inspection of that part of a public record that  
11 contains information disclosing or relating to a trade secret, confidential commercial  
12 information, or confidential financial information owned in whole or in part by:

13 (1) the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; OR

14 (2) A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, IF THE  
15 INFORMATION IS PART OF THE INSTITUTION'S ACTIVITIES UNDER § 15-107 OF THE  
16 EDUCATION ARTICLE.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take  
18 effect October 1, 2005.