

HOUSE BILL 268

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By: **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science – Joint Graduate**
3 **Degree Granting Authority**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of
5 Maryland, subject to certain approvals, to authorize the University of Maryland
6 Center for Environmental Science to award certain joint graduate degrees and
7 post baccalaureate certificates; altering the definition of “public senior higher
8 education institution” to include the Center; and generally relating to the
9 degree granting authority of the University of Maryland Center for
10 Environmental Science.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Natural Resources
13 Section 3–403(a)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2012 Replacement Volume)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 10–101(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 Article – Education
2 Section 10–101(m)
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

5 BY adding to
6 Article – Education
7 Section 12–104(o)
8 Annotated Code of Maryland
9 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

12 **Article – Natural Resources**

13 3–403.

14 (a) The University of Maryland Center for Environmental Science shall
15 conduct a comprehensive program to develop and apply predictive ecology for
16 Maryland to the improvement and preservation of the physical environment, through
17 a program of research, public service, and education. The University of Maryland
18 Center for Environmental Science shall perform the following functions:

19 (1) Maintain liaison with the State to identify the important regional
20 and environmental problems, including the relationship to the use of the waters of the
21 State and in particular those environmental problems affecting the waters of the
22 Chesapeake Bay;

23 (2) Inventory appropriate:

24 (i) Professional individuals;

25 (ii) Organizations which are private, public, and commercial;

26 (iii) Facilities; and

27 (iv) Programs, including:

28 1. Educational;

29 2. Research and development; and

30 3. Public service;

1 (3) Arrange or prepare critical reviews, analyses, summaries of
2 present levels of understanding and technical status reports on topical environmental
3 problems, in formats ranging in depth from informal consultation to formal reports;

4 (4) Assist the development and coordination of single or
5 multidisciplinary programs and projects on the environment at public and private
6 educational and research institutes;

7 (5) Develop and promote environmental educational programs in the
8 State;

9 (6) Conduct environmental research programs;

10 (7) Implement a program of environmental education to include
11 participation in undergraduate and graduate collegiate programs, assist public and
12 private educational systems, and participate in the education of the public and
13 environmental fields;

14 **(8) IMPLEMENT JOINT GRADUATE DEGREE PROGRAMS AND POST**
15 **BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS, IF AUTHORIZED BY THE MARYLAND**
16 **HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION AND THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE**
17 **UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EDUCATION**
18 **ARTICLE;**

19 **[(8)] (9)** Perform other acts of public service relating to the
20 environment in the best interest of the citizens of the State; and

21 **[(9)] (10)** Implement the application of the institutional and physical
22 resources of the University to the needs of State agencies in environmental matters.

23 Article – Education

24 10–101.

25 (a) In this division the following words have the meanings indicated.

26 (m) “Public senior higher education institution” means:

27 (1) The constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland
28 **AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE;**

29 (2) Morgan State University; and

30 (3) St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

31 12–104.

1 **(O) SUBJECT TO TITLE 11, SUBTITLE 2 OF THIS ARTICLE, THE BOARD**
2 **OF REGENTS MAY AUTHORIZE THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CENTER FOR**
3 **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE TO:**

4 **(1) AWARD GRADUATE DEGREES IN MARINE AND**
5 **ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES JOINTLY WITH ANOTHER PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER**
6 **EDUCATION INSTITUTION; AND**

7 **(2) AWARD POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES.**

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 July 1, 2013.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.