

Chapter 95

(House Bill 268)

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Natural Resources

Section 3–403(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2012 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education

Section 10–101(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education

Section 10–101(m)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education

Section 12–104(o)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

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

Article – Natural Resources

3-403.

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

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

(2) Inventory appropriate:

(i) Professional individuals;

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

(iii) Facilities; and

(iv) Programs, including:

1. Educational;

2. Research and development; and

3. Public service;

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

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

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

(6) Conduct environmental research programs;

(7) Implement a program of environmental education to include participation in undergraduate and graduate collegiate programs, assist public and

private educational systems, and participate in the education of the public and environmental fields;

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

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

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

Article – Education

10–101.

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

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

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

(2) Morgan State University; and

(3) St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

12–104.

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

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

(2) AWARD POST BACCALAUREATE CERTIFICATES.

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

Approved by the Governor, April 9, 2013.