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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Northeastern Maryland Higher Education Advisory Board – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Northeastern Maryland Higher
4 Education Advisory Board; repealing a provision that requires the Board to
5 ensure that certain academic programs and policies of the University Center
6 and sites are in compliance with certain policies of the Maryland Higher
7 Education Commission; authorizing the Board to make certain agreements with
8 certain entities under certain circumstances; altering certain definitions;
9 making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Northeastern Maryland
10 Higher Education Advisory Board.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Education
13 Section 24–901, 24–903, and 24–904
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 24–901.

20 (a) In this subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated.

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 (b) “Board” means the Northeast Maryland Higher Education Advisory
2 Board.

3 (c) “Center” means the [Higher Education and Conference] UNIVERSITY
4 Center at HEAT.

5 (d) “Commission” means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

6 (e) “Site” means a LOCATION WHERE A 4-year institution of higher
7 education [that] offers Commission–approved undergraduate and graduate programs
8 in Cecil County [and] OR Harford County [and is affiliated with the Center].

9 24–903.

10 (a) The Board consists of the following voting members:

11 (1) One representative of each of the 4-year institutions of higher
12 education offering a Commission–approved program at the Center [and] OR at a site,
13 appointed by the institution; and

14 (2) The following 10 representatives, appointed in accordance with
15 the bylaws of the Board:

16 (i) Three representatives of regional businesses, industries, or
17 corporations;

18 (ii) One representative of the Cecil County Office of Economic
19 Development;

20 (iii) One representative of the Harford County Office of Economic
21 Development;

22 (iv) One representative of Cecil College;

23 (v) One representative of Harford Community College;

24 (vi) One representative of the Northeast Maryland University
25 Research Park; and

26 (vii) Two representatives chosen from the community at large.

27 (b) (1) Each member serves for a term of 3 years and until a successor is
28 appointed and qualifies.

29 (2) A member may not serve more than two full consecutive terms.

1 (3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves
2 only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

3 (c) (1) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the chair of
4 the Board shall be elected by the Board from among its members.

5 (ii) A member who is a representative of an out-of-state
6 institution may not serve as chair.

7 (2) The voting members may elect other officers and establish
8 committees, including advisory committees, as needed.

9 (d) In addition to the voting members, the following individuals shall serve
10 as ex officio, nonvoting members:

11 (1) The Senior Mission Commander of the Aberdeen Proving Ground,
12 or the Commander's designee;

13 (2) The Garrison Commander of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, or the
14 Commander's designee; and

15 (3) The Center [Coordinator] **DIRECTOR**.

16 (e) Each member of the Board:

17 (1) Serves without compensation; and

18 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the
19 Standard State Travel Regulations.

20 24-904.

21 (a) In addition to the other powers expressly granted and duties imposed by
22 this title, and subject to the authority of the Commission, the Board has only the
23 powers and duties set forth in this section.

24 (b) The Board shall:

25 (1) Assist and support the development of higher education in Cecil
26 County and Harford County;

27 (2) Assist in setting the missions of and accomplishing the goals and
28 objectives of the sites in Cecil County and Harford County;

29 (3) Advise the Center, site coordinators, and the supervisory staff to
30 whom the coordinators report on programs offered and facility utilization;

1 (4) Provide guidance and support in identifying institutions and
2 programs to serve higher education and workforce needs in Cecil County and Harford
3 County;

4 (5) Assist with the marketing and promotion of programs offered at
5 the Center and sites;

6 (6) Facilitate interactions among the business, nonprofit, education,
7 and military communities;

8 (7) Keep separate records and minutes; and

9 (8) Adopt reasonable rules, regulations, or bylaws to carry out the
10 provisions of this subtitle.

11 (c) [The Board shall ensure that all academic programs and policies of the
12 Center and sites are in compliance with the policies of and approved by the
13 Commission.

14 (d) The Board may apply, accept, and expend any gift, appropriation, or
15 grant from the State, county, or federal government or any other person.

16 [(e) (D) The Board may make agreements with the federal, State, or a
17 county government or any other person, if it considers the agreement advisable for the
18 [operation of the Center] **SUPPORT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

19 [(f) (E) The Board may adopt a corporate seal.

20 [(g) (F) In addition to other reports that may be required by the
21 Commission, the Board shall:

22 (1) Keep records that are consistent with sound business practices and
23 accounting records using generally accepted accounting principles;

24 (2) Cause an audit by an independent certified public accountant to be
25 made of the accounts and transactions of the Center at the conclusion of each fiscal
26 year; and

27 (3) For any State money, be subject to an audit by the Office of
28 Legislative Audits, in accordance with §§ 2-1220 through 2-1227 of the State
29 Government Article.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 July 1, 2014.