Chapter 145

(Senate Bill 51)

AN ACT concerning

Commission on African American History and Culture – Duties

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Commission on African American History and Culture to provide operational funding to certain museums; and generally relating to the duties of the Commission on African American History and Culture.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Government Section 9.5–401 Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments, Article – State Government Section 9.5–407 Annotated Code of Maryland (2014 Replacement Volume)

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

Article – State Government

9.5-401.

In this subtitle, "Commission" means the Commission on African American History and Culture.

9.5 - 407.

(A) The Commission shall:

(1) initiate, direct, and coordinate projects that further the understanding of African American history and culture;

(2) receive and administer any available federal, State, or private money to plan and execute projects or educational activities that further the understanding of African American history and culture; (3) operate the Banneker–Douglass Museum in Annapolis to house and display photographs, objects, oral history tapes, artifacts, and other materials of African American historic and cultural significance;

(4) locate, preserve, and disseminate to the public information about significant buildings and sites relating to African American history and culture; and

(5) publish an annual report and any other material that the Commission considers necessary.

(B) THE COMMISSION MAY PROVIDE OPERATIONAL FUNDING TO A MUSEUM THAT SPECIALIZES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2015.

Approved by the Governor, May 12, 2015.