

HOUSE BILL 1491

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CF SB 721

By: **Delegates Mautz, Adams, Anderton, Beitzel, Carey, Hornberger, Jacobs, McComas, and Otto**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Institutions of Higher Education – Events Held by Conservation**
3 **Organizations**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain conservation organization to hold an event on the
5 campus of certain public institutions of higher education, notwithstanding certain
6 provisions of law, regulation, or policy; defining a certain term; and generally
7 relating to events held at public institutions of higher education.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 15–121

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **15–121.**

17 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION” MEANS A**
18 **QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION UNDER § 501(C)(3) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE**
19 **AND REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER § 501(C)(3) WHOSE MISSION IS HABITAT**
20 **CONSERVATION.**

21 **(B) NOTWITHSTANDING A PROVISION OF LAW, REGULATION, OR POLICY**
22 **THAT PROHIBITS THE CARRYING OR POSSESSION OF A FIREARM ON THE CAMPUS OF**
23 **A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, A CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 MAY HOLD AN EVENT ON THE CAMPUS OF A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER
2 EDUCATION REGARDLESS OF WHETHER MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION CARRY OR
3 POSSESS FIREARMS DURING THE EVENT.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2017.