

SENATE BILL 897

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

Introduced and read first time: February 14, 2019

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland Joint Steering Council – Renaming and Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of renaming the University of Maryland Joint Steering Council to be the
4 MPowering Joint Steering Council; requiring the Governor to include a certain
5 appropriation in the annual State budget for the Council; requiring a certain
6 appropriation to be used to supplement, and not supplant, funding otherwise
7 appropriated for the Council; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to
8 the University of Maryland Joint Steering Council.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Education
11 Section 12–301(a)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Education
16 Section 12–301(c) and 12–304
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 12–301.

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) "Council" means the [University of Maryland] MPOWERING Joint Steering
2 Council established under § 12-304 of this subtitle.

3 12-304.

4 (a) There is [a University of Maryland] AN MPOWERING Joint Steering Council.

5 (b) The Council consists of members appointed by the President of the College
6 Park Campus and the President of the Baltimore Campus.

7 (c) The Council shall:

8 (1) Develop guidelines for faculty appointments that are joint between the
9 College Park Campus and the Baltimore Campus;

10 (2) Make recommendations to the presidents on joint faculty
11 appointments;

12 (3) Make recommendations to the presidents identifying competitor state
13 peers for the University of Maryland;

14 (4) Establish a process by which undergraduate and graduate programs
15 are evaluated to determine whether the students, the University of Maryland, and the
16 State would benefit from alignment and collaboration and make recommendations to the
17 presidents;

18 (5) Carry out the programs and policies established under the MPower
19 program as directed by the presidents; and

20 (6) Perform any other duties assigned by the presidents.

21 (D) (1) **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET**
22 **FOR THE COUNCIL A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN THE FOLLOWING**
23 **AMOUNTS:**

24 (I) **\$2,500,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2020;**

25 (II) **\$5,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2021;**

26 (III) **\$7,500,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND**

27 (IV) **\$10,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
28 **THEREAFTER.**

29 (2) **THE MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
30 **SUBSECTION IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND MAY NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING**

1 **THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE COUNCIL.**

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
3 1, 2019.