

Good Afternoon Honorable Committee Chair,

My name is Dr. Charlotte M. Wood and I am the President of the Faculty Senate at Coppin State University. Coppin State University is a fully accredited model urban, residential liberal arts university located in the northwest section of the City of Baltimore. We provide academic programs in the arts and sciences, teacher education, nursing, graduate studies, criminal justice, technology, and continuing education.

As an HBCU, Coppin has a culturally rich history as an institution providing quality educational programs and community outreach services. For quite some time, Coppin has been able to have as its' claim to fame, a nursing program that graduates the highest number of African American nurses in the state of Maryland.

With well over 2, 000 students from Baltimore's residents, Coppin reflects a very diverse ethnic, religious and socio-economic population which is critical to the very existence of Baltimore city. This is primarily due to a direct result that greater than 70% of Coppin's graduates remain in Baltimore which helps to boost the economic stability of the City and the state.

To maintain and sustain innovative, futuristic, and technological savvy programs, and market Coppin as the best little secret on Baltimore's west side, we must have the financial support that it has been denied Coppin its' entire history, 120 years. We desire a favorable report with the following amendments for HB 1260:

- Two HBIs are classified as research institutions: (Morgan and UMES) and two are classified as comprehensive institutions (Bowie and Coppin) and as such that reflect the following distribution:

- Bowie: \$12.2M
  - Coppin \$10M
  - Morgan \$23.1M
  - UMES \$12.4M
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- These allocations mirror the distribution in the Bill introduced earlier by Senator Sydnor.
  - Duration and consistency of funding: HB1260 as proposed provides that beginning in 2022 HBIs are to receive a total of \$577 million over a 10-year period in annual increments that would vary based on the percentage share of enrollment in the previous year.
  - Stipulate that the UMGC mandate is not intended to restrict or restrain, in any way, the ability of HBIs to offer online programs using campus-based delivery platforms and
  - indicate that each campus is encouraged to retain consultants as necessary to assist in the planning, development and implementation of the programs and other initiatives contained in said legislation.

Again, we desire a favorable report with the associated amendments for HB 1260.

Thank you