

# SENATE BILL 341

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By: **Senator McCray**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on African American History and Culture – Museum Name Change**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the name of a certain museum operated by the Commission on  
4 African American History and Culture in certain provisions of law; and generally  
5 relating to the museum operated by the Commission on African American History  
6 and Culture.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
8 Article – State Government  
9 Section 9–3707 and 9–3708  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – State Government**

15 9–3707.

16 (a) The Commission shall:

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

19 (2) receive and administer any available federal, State, or private money  
20 to plan and execute projects or educational activities that further the understanding of  
21 African American history and culture;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (3)     operate the [~~Banneker–Douglass~~] **BANNEKER–DOUGLASS–TUBMAN**  
2 Museum in Annapolis to house and display photographs, objects, oral history tapes,  
3 artifacts, and other materials of African American historic and cultural significance;

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

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

8           (b)     The Commission may provide operational funding to a museum that  
9 specializes in African American history and culture.

10 9–3708.

11           (a)     (1)    The Commission may seek money from the federal government,  
12 foundations, and private sources in addition to State financing.

13           (2)     The Commission may accept gifts, grants, donations, bequests, or  
14 endowments for any of its purposes.

15           (b)     Money received under subsection (a) of this section, income from the operation  
16 of the [~~Banneker–Douglass~~] **BANNEKER–DOUGLASS–TUBMAN** Museum, and money  
17 from educational materials and activities of the Commission are not subject to § 7–302 of  
18 the State Finance and Procurement Article.

19           (c)     For each fiscal year, the Governor shall include in the annual budget bill an  
20 appropriation of \$1,600,000 for the Commission.

21           (d)     Money maintained under this section is subject to audit by the State, including  
22 the Legislative Auditor.

23           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2024.