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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Economic Development - Science and High Technology Coordinator**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of the Department of Business and  
4 Economic Development to designate a certain science and high technology  
5 coordinator; specifying the duties of the coordinator; defining a certain term;  
6 requiring the coordinator to make a certain report to the General Assembly; and  
7 generally relating to economic development and science and technology.

8 BY adding to

9 Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development  
10 Section 2-107  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1995 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

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

15 **Article 83A - Department of Business and Economic Development**

16 2-107.

17 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION" MEANS:

18 (1) THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
19 MARYLAND SYSTEM;

20 (2) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY;

21 (3) ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND;

22 (4) ANY COMMUNITY COLLEGE IN THE STATE; AND

23 (5) PRIVATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE.

24 (B) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE A SCIENCE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY  
25 COORDINATOR.

26 (C) THE SCIENCE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY COORDINATOR SHALL:

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1 (1) MAINTAIN LIAISON BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT, INSTITUTIONS OF  
2 HIGHER EDUCATION, FEDERAL LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES, AND  
3 TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES IN THE STATE;

4 (2) EDUCATE DEPARTMENT STAFF ON SCIENCE AND HIGH  
5 TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES FOR TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES AT INSTITUTIONS  
6 OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND FEDERAL LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH  
7 INSTITUTES;

8 (3) INVENTORY TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES; AND

9 (4) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON:

10 (I) THE RESEARCH, EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, OR EMPLOYMENT  
11 PLACEMENT NEEDS OF TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE STATE  
12 OR CONSIDERING RELOCATION TO THE STATE;

13 (II) THE MISSION OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
14 RELATING TO SCIENCE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY;

15 (III) THE RESOURCES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
16 AND FEDERAL LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES FOR WORKFORCE  
17 TRAINING, RESEARCH INITIATIVES, AND INTERN PLACEMENTS IN SCIENCE OR HIGH  
18 TECHNOLOGY;

19 (IV) CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN TECHNOLOGY-BASED  
20 BUSINESSES, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND FEDERAL LABORATORIES  
21 AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES;

22 (V) THE RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST  
23 TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES; AND

24 (VI) INFORMATION ABOUT LICENSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
25 TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPED BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND  
26 FEDERAL LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES.

27 (D) THE COORDINATOR SHALL REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE GENERAL  
28 ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE  
29 ON:

30 (1) THE NATURE AND NUMBER OF TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES IN  
31 THE STATE; AND

32 (2) RELEVANT ISSUES FACING TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
34 October 1, 1997.