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CHAPTER ____

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;

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

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

3 (B) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE A SCIENCE AND HIGH TECHNOLOGY
4 COORDINATOR.

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

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

9 (2) EDUCATE DEPARTMENT STAFF ON SCIENCE AND HIGH
10 TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES FOR TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES AT INSTITUTIONS
11 OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND FEDERAL LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH
12 INSTITUTES;

13 (3) INVENTORY TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES; AND

14 (4) PROVIDE INFORMATION ON:

15 (I) THE RESEARCH, EMPLOYMENT TRAINING, OR EMPLOYMENT
16 PLACEMENT NEEDS OF TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES LOCATED IN THE STATE
17 OR CONSIDERING RELOCATION TO THE STATE;

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

20 (III) THE RESOURCES OF INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
21 AND FEDERAL LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES FOR WORKFORCE
22 TRAINING, RESEARCH INITIATIVES, AND INTERN PLACEMENTS IN SCIENCE OR HIGH
23 TECHNOLOGY;

24 (IV) CURRENT PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN TECHNOLOGY-BASED
25 BUSINESSES, INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION, AND FEDERAL LABORATORIES
26 AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES;

27 (V) THE RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSIST
28 TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES; AND

29 (VI) INFORMATION ABOUT LICENSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
30 TECHNOLOGIES DEVELOPED BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION AND
31 FEDERAL LABORATORIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES.

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

35 (1) THE NATURE AND NUMBER OF TECHNOLOGY-BASED BUSINESSES IN
36 THE STATE; AND

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

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