

SENATE BILL 710

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By: **Senator Fry**  
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                                   **Higher Education - Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary**  
3                                   **Medicine**

4 FOR the purpose of furthering the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary  
5 Medicine; providing that the College is subject to provisions relating to the  
6 Maryland Higher Education Commission; establishing the terms under which  
7 the College will operate; providing for the composition of the student body;  
8 establishing a Budget and Program Review Board; providing for the  
9 membership of the Board; stating the functions of the Board; providing for the  
10 fiscal support of the Board; providing for how the actual costs of the professional  
11 instructional program of the College will be determined; requiring that the  
12 Board receive certain data in order to determine the actual costs of the  
13 professional instructional program of the College; establishing how the general  
14 fund contributions requested from each state will be calculated; and generally  
15 relating to the Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine.

16 BY adding to  
17 Article - Education  
18 Section 13-801 through 13-804, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle  
19 8. Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine"  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

22                                   Preamble

23       WHEREAS, The State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Virginia agreed  
24 in 1980 to establish a regional college of veterinary medicine with campuses at both  
25 Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and University of Maryland,  
26 College Park; and

27       WHEREAS, The Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine  
28 represents a unique partnership which builds on the strengths of each state while  
29 reducing the financial burden of the costs of veterinary professional education; and

1 WHEREAS, Over 1,000 veterinarians have graduated from the  
2 Virginia-Maryland Regional College of Veterinary Medicine, many of whom are  
3 employed throughout Maryland in key positions for the protection and improvement  
4 of animal and human health; now, therefore,

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

7 **Article - Education**

8 SUBTITLE 8. VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY MEDICINE.  
9 13-801.

10 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
11 INDICATED.

12 (B) "BOARD" MEANS THE BUDGET AND PROGRAM REVIEW BOARD CREATED  
13 UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.

14 (C) "COLLEGE" MEANS THE VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE OF  
15 VETERINARY MEDICINE.

16 13-802.

17 (A) THERE IS A VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY  
18 MEDICINE.

19 (B) IN ADDITION TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE THE COLLEGE IS  
20 SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 11 (MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION  
21 COMMISSION) OF THIS ARTICLE.

22 (C) THE COLLEGE SHALL BE OPERATED UNDER THE TERMS AGREED TO BY  
23 THE VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE  
24 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK.

25 (D) THE COLLEGE SHALL BE OPERATED AS ONE SCHOOL WITH AN  
26 ADMINISTRATIVE HEAD AT EACH UNIVERSITY.

27 (E) THE STUDENT BODY OF THE COLLEGE SHALL CONSIST OF 50 VIRGINIA  
28 RESIDENTS, 30 MARYLAND RESIDENTS, AND 10 AT-LARGE.

29 13-803.

30 (A) THERE IS A BUDGET AND PROGRAM REVIEW BOARD.

31 (B) THE BOARD IS RESPONSIBLE FOR DETERMINING ANNUALLY THE  
32 RESOURCE NEEDS OF THE PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM OF THE  
33 COLLEGE.

1 (C) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING SEVEN MEMBERS:

2 (1) THE DEAN OF THE VIRGINIA-MARYLAND REGIONAL COLLEGE OF  
3 VETERINARY MEDICINE, WHO SHALL SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD;

4 (2) THE DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL  
5 RESOURCES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK;

6 (3) THE SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST OF THE VIRGINIA  
7 POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY;

8 (4) THE VICE PRESIDENT AND PROVOST OF THE UNIVERSITY OF  
9 MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK;

10 (5) THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER OF  
11 THE VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY;

12 (6) AN APPOINTEE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC  
13 INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

14 (7) THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE OF THE  
15 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND OR THE VICE CHANCELLOR'S SUCCESSOR.

16 (D) THE BOARD SHALL:

17 (1) DETERMINE THE COST SHARE FOR EACH STATE;

18 (2) SET THE PROPORTION OF COSTS TO BE FUNDED BY TUITION; AND

19 (3) PERIODICALLY REVIEW AND ADJUST THE BUILDING USE FEES  
20 CHARGED TO THE STUDENTS OF THE COLLEGE.

21 (E) THE APPROPRIATE FISCAL SUPPORT STAFF OF EACH UNIVERSITY, WHICH  
22 SHALL INCLUDE A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF  
23 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND THE VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ADMINISTRATION  
24 AND FINANCE OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, SHALL PROVIDE FISCAL  
25 SUPPORT TO THE BOARD.

26 13-804.

27 (A) TO CALCULATE THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROFESSIONAL  
28 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM OF THE COLLEGE, COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH GRADUATE  
29 EDUCATION, CONTINUING EDUCATION, THE AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT  
30 STATIONS, COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICES, AND EXPENDITURES ASSOCIATED  
31 WITH CONTRACTUAL GRANT RESEARCH SHALL BE EXCLUDED.

32 (B) THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF BUSINESS OFFICER OF THE  
33 VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY SHALL BE  
34 RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING THE BOARD WITH THE COST DATA UPON WHICH THE  
35 ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM OF THE COLLEGE  
36 SHALL BE DETERMINED AFTER CONSULTING WITH THE FISCAL SUPPORT STAFF OF

1 THE VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE AND STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE  
2 UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK.

3 (C) TO DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GENERAL FUND  
4 CONTRIBUTIONS FOR MEETING THE ACTUAL COSTS OF THE PROFESSIONAL  
5 INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM OF THE COLLEGE TO BE REQUESTED FROM THE  
6 EXECUTIVES AND LEGISLATURES OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND THE  
7 COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, RESPECTIVELY, REVENUES ESTIMATED TO BE  
8 GENERATED BY TUITION FEES AND CHARGES, APPROPRIATE FEDERAL FUNDS,  
9 INSTRUCTIONAL FEES, AND OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL SOURCES OF INCOME SHALL BE  
10 SUBTRACTED FROM THE CALCULATIONS.

11 (D) UPON VERIFICATION BY THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND  
12 DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT OF THE ACCURACY OF THE ACTUAL  
13 COSTS OF THE PROFESSIONAL INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM OF THE COLLEGE, THE  
14 STATE OF MARYLAND SHALL PROVIDE THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL OF GENERAL  
15 FUNDS TO MEET THAT REQUIREMENT.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall  
17 separately identify the college's budget within the University of Maryland, College  
18 Park's budget.

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Governor shall  
20 include in the State operating budget funds that increase the College's State General  
21 Fund budget by the estimated actual costs, as determined by the Board and verified  
22 by the Department of Budget and Management.

23 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 July 1, 1998.