

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 8

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-- Economic and Environmental Affairs/Appropriations --

Introduced by **Senators Miller, Blount, Boozer, and Hoffman**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Maryland Higher Education - Maryland Charter for Higher Education**
3 **Governance, Coordination, and Funding of the University System of**
4 **Maryland**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing a task force to study the governance, coordination,
6 and funding of the University System of Maryland; providing for the
7 membership of the task force; providing for certain notice procedures for
8 meetings of the task force; providing for a certain report; and generally relating
9 to a task force to study the governance, coordination, and funding of the
10 University System of Maryland.

11 WHEREAS, Nearly 10 years have passed since the General Assembly and
12 Governor created the Maryland Charter for Higher Education; and

13 WHEREAS, A major State recession in the early 1990's dramatically affected
14 funding for higher education and only now, despite the strong efforts of the Governor
15 and General Assembly for four years, is public higher education funding back to its
16 pre-recession level and a more stable funding source is necessary to meet the goals of
17 the Charter; and

1 WHEREAS, The duties and potential overlap of the Maryland Higher Education
2 Commission, the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, and the
3 presidents of the constituent institutions of the University System, deserve review in
4 light of the experience gained since 1988 and the State's continuing interest in a
5 public higher education system with the accountability necessary to achieve a highly
6 skilled and productive workforce; and

7 WHEREAS, An examination of the State's funding priorities to broaden and
8 sustain the national reputation of public higher education in Maryland, including its
9 flagship university, historically Black institutions, research institutions, and the
10 comprehensive institutions, should be undertaken; and

11 ~~WHEREAS, In order to meet the changing role of higher education for Maryland~~
12 ~~citizens, it is necessary to review the State's fiscal and licensure policies towards~~
13 ~~emerging electronic education, distance education, and other nontraditional delivery~~
14 ~~mechanisms of instruction and training in both credit and noncredit, profit and~~
15 ~~nonprofit, public and private colleges and universities; and~~

16 WHEREAS, The University System of Maryland was founded in order to reduce
17 unnecessary expenditures and duplication and to enhance both management
18 accountability and academic achievement; and

19 WHEREAS, The University System of Maryland today costs more than \$10
20 million per year and potentially duplicates many of the functions existing within its
21 constituent institutions, and may require changes to enhance the ability of the
22 institutions to respond efficiently and effectively to the needs of the workforce in a
23 high technology environment; and

24 WHEREAS, Within this context of changing technology and educational needs it
25 is critical to review those functions and costs of the Maryland Higher Education
26 Commission and the University System of Maryland; and

27 WHEREAS, There is a marked disparity in funding per full-time equivalent
28 undergraduate students among the University System of Maryland institutions as
29 well as between University System of Maryland institutions and other public
30 comprehensive institutions outside the University System of Maryland; and

31 WHEREAS, Subsequent to the formation of the University System of Maryland,
32 two research institutions have been established, general fund support for University
33 College and a revised community college formula have been enacted, and student
34 financial aid programs have been enhanced without major funding increases to other
35 undergraduate institutions; and

36 WHEREAS, The system and base level funding required to afford all *University*
37 *System of* Maryland undergraduate students a quality education should be reviewed;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, It is necessary that each of our public universities are held
40 accountable to students, parents, taxpayers, and those who make educational policy;
41 and

1 WHEREAS, Streamlining the organizational chart of the University System of
 2 Maryland may result in greater efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability; now,
 3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
 5 General Assembly and Governor establish a task force to study the governance,
 6 coordination, and funding of the University System of Maryland; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the task force consider methods to increase the prominence of
 8 the University System of Maryland's constituent institutions nationally and
 9 internationally, the efficiency of the delivery of higher education services to Maryland
 10 citizens, and other issues related generally to governance, coordination, and funding
 11 of the University System of Maryland; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the task force be composed of:

13 (1) ~~Three~~ Four members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
 14 President of the Senate;

15 (2) ~~Three~~ Four members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
 16 Speaker of the House;

17 (3) The Secretary of Higher Education;

18 (4) The President of the University of Maryland, College Park or a
 19 designee of that President;

20 (5) The President of Towson University or a designee of that President;

21 (6) The President of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore or a
 22 designee of that President;

23 (7) The President of Frostburg State University or a designee of that
 24 President;

25 (8) One member of the University System of Maryland Board of Regents;

26 (9) Two members of the Board of Visitors of the constituent institutions
 27 of the University System of Maryland, appointed jointly by the President of the
 28 Senate and the Speaker of the House; and

29 ~~(10) One representative of the American Association of State Colleges and~~
 30 ~~Universities;~~

31 ~~(11) One representative of the National Association of State Universities~~
 32 ~~and Land Grant Colleges; and~~

33 ~~(12) One representative of the Southern Regional Education Board; and~~

34 ~~(12)~~ ~~(13)~~ (10) ~~Five~~ Four-Five members of the public appointed by the
 35 Governor; and be it further

1 RESOLVED, That the chairman of the task force shall be appointed by the
2 Governor after consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
3 House; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That the task force shall solicit the views of the Board of Regents of
5 the University System of Maryland, the members of the Board of Visitors of the
6 constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland, the members of the
7 Maryland Higher Education Commission, and leading national experts in higher
8 education, including the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, the
9 National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges, and the Southern
10 Regional Education Board; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That the task force shall engage the services of the Association of
12 Governing Boards of Colleges and Universities to report on: (1) the governance
13 structure of the University System of Maryland; (2) the governance structure of other
14 public university systems around the country, particularly those with flagship
15 institutions; and (3) what changes in the governance structure may be necessary to
16 bring the University System of Maryland into national eminence among public
17 university systems; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That the task force shall engage the services of the Education
19 Commission of the States to conduct a study of the current and future funding needs of
20 the constituent institutions of the University System of Maryland to assist each
21 institution in reaching its stated mission and goals, including a history of State
22 funding prior to the formation of the University System of Maryland in 1988 and
23 during the ten years of its existence; and be it further

24 RESOLVED, That the task force report its findings and recommendations to the
25 ~~General Assembly and Governor~~ and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
26 Government Article, to the General Assembly by ~~October 15, 1998~~ January 1, 1999;
27 and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That staff for the task force shall be provided by the Department of
29 Legislative Services, and that notice of each meeting of the task force be made public
30 by delivering a copy of the meeting notice to the Legislative Information Officer, Room
31 B-6, Department of Legislative Services, Legislative Services Building, 90 State
32 Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991. The notice should be delivered no later than
33 Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for inclusion in the weekly Hearing Schedule; and be
34 it further

35 RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
36 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
37 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
38 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.

