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By: **Senator Miller**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Institutions of Higher Education - Affiliated Foundations**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that certain affiliated foundations
4 operate subject to policies adopted by the governing boards of public institutions
5 of higher education; authorizing the presidents of the University System of
6 Maryland constituent institutions to establish certain foundations under certain
7 circumstances; requiring a certain report by a certain date; and generally
8 relating to public institutions of higher education.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Education
11 Section 15-104
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1997 Replacement Volume and 1998 Supplement)

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

16 **Article - Education**

17 15-104.

18 (a) It is the public policy of the State that endowment funds of public
19 institutions of higher education and gifts, donations, bequests, private endowments,
20 and private grants received by public institutions of higher education or their
21 governing boards, including any income therefrom:

22 (1) Shall be used in accordance with the wishes of the donors; and

23 (2) May not be used as a substitute for State General Fund
24 appropriations.

25 (b) (1) The public institutions of higher education are encouraged to
26 promote private fundraising by strengthening institutional development activities
27 and by maintaining relationships with affiliated foundations.

1 (2) Affiliated foundations that are independently established for this
2 purpose shall [operate subject to policies adopted by the governing boards and] BE
3 approved for form and legal sufficiency by the Attorney General.

4 (3) THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND
5 CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS MAY ESTABLISH CAMPUS-BASED FOUNDATIONS. EACH
6 FOUNDATION NEED NOT BE APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE
7 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND BUT SHALL OPERATE SUBJECT TO POLICIES
8 ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND
9 IN CONSULTATION WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
10 MARYLAND CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS.

11 [(3)] (4) Sections 15-501 through 15-504 of the State Government
12 Article do not bar an official or employee of a public institution of higher education
13 from becoming a director, official, or employee of an independent foundation
14 organized to foster fundraising and provide related services for the benefit of the
15 institution.

16 [(4)] (5) No funds shall be accepted from an affiliated foundation by a
17 public institution of postsecondary education unless the fiscal affairs of the affiliated
18 foundation are audited annually by an independent certified public accountant.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Board of Regents of
20 the University System of Maryland in consultation with the presidents of the
21 University System of Maryland constituent institutions shall report to the General
22 Assembly on or before September 1, 1999, in accordance with Section 2-1246 of the
23 State Government Article, on a plan to transfer to any foundation established under
24 this Act the assets held on behalf of any University System of Maryland constituent
25 institution.

26 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 1999.