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By: **Delegates Edwards, K. Kelly, and Taylor**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Disposition of Settlement Proceeds - Frostburg State University and the**
3 **Washington Redskins**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring Frostburg State University to deposit certain proceeds
5 from the settlement of a contract dispute between the University and the
6 Washington Redskins into a certain endowment for the benefit of the
7 University; requiring the University System of Maryland to manage the
8 proceeds for the benefit of the University; making this Act an emergency
9 measure; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the disposition of
10 proceeds from a contract dispute between Frostburg State University and the
11 Washington Redskins.

12 Preamble

13 WHEREAS, On or about June 30, 1995, Frostburg State University, an
14 institution of the University System of Maryland, and Pro-football, Inc. doing
15 business as the Washington Redskins entered into a contract under which the
16 University would provide summer training facilities for the Redskins for a period of
17 10 years; and

18 WHEREAS, In May, 2000 the Redskins moved their summer training activities
19 from the University to Ashburn, Virginia; and

20 WHEREAS, The University and the Redskins subsequently entered into a
21 settlement agreement to resolve all matters between them with regard to the
22 contract; and

23 WHEREAS, The settlement agreement provided for the payment by the
24 Redskins to the University of \$750,000 on or before April 15, 2001; now, therefore,

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 MARYLAND, That:

27 (a) (1) In this Act the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (2) "Endowment" means the endowment funds managed and maintained
2 by the University System of Maryland under § 12-104 of the Education Article.

3 (3) "Settlement agreement" means the agreement of February, 2001
4 between Frostburg State University and Pro-football, Inc. doing business as the
5 Washington Redskins to settle all matters concerning a contract under which the
6 University provided summer training facilities for the Redskins.

7 (4) "Settlement proceeds" means \$750,000 to be paid by the Redskins to
8 the University under the settlement agreement.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, on receipt of the settlement
10 proceeds the University shall deposit the settlement proceeds directly into the
11 endowment.

12 (c) The University System of Maryland shall maintain, manage, invest, and
13 expend the settlement proceeds and any investment earnings from the settlement
14 proceeds exclusively for the benefit of Frostburg State University.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
16 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,
17 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
18 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
19 the date it is enacted.