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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - University System of Maryland - Practical Masters**
3 **Program**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing certain constituent institutions of the University
5 System of Maryland that offer certain undergraduate degree programs that
6 meet certain educational requirements established by certain licensing or
7 certifying entities under certain provisions of law to establish a Practical
8 Masters Program under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; making
9 this Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act; and generally relating to
10 the establishment of a Practical Masters Program within the University System
11 of Maryland.

12 BY adding to
13 Article - Education
14 Section 11-206.2
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article - Education**

20 11-206.2.

21 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
22 INDICATED.

23 (2) "EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS" MEANS THE PREREQUISITE
24 COURSE OF STUDY, ACADEMIC CREDIT HOURS, AND FORMAL DEGREE AWARDS
25 NECESSARY TO SATISFY THE MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR LICENSURE OR
26 CERTIFICATION IN A PROFESSION OR AN OCCUPATION ESTABLISHED BY A
27 LICENSING OR CERTIFYING ENTITY UNDER THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND
28 PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.

1 (3) "PRACTICAL MASTERS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM THAT OFFERS
2 GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES TO SATISFY THE EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS
3 BEYOND THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL TO QUALIFY FOR LICENSURE OR
4 CERTIFICATION IN A PROFESSION OR AN OCCUPATION.

5 (B) SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE INSTITUTION'S GOVERNING BOARD
6 AS PROVIDED IN § 11-206.1(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE, A CONSTITUENT INSTITUTION OF
7 THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND THAT OFFERS A COURSE OF
8 UNDERGRADUATE STUDY IN A DEGREE PROGRAM THAT SATISFIES THE
9 EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS UP TO THE BACCALAUREATE LEVEL OF A
10 PROFESSION OR OCCUPATION, MAY ESTABLISH A PRACTICAL MASTERS PROGRAM.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
12 effect October 1, 2002, contingent on the taking effect of Chapter _____ (S.B. 85) of the
13 Acts of the General Assembly of 2002, and if Chapter _____ does not become effective,
14 this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of further action by the General
15 Assembly.