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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - Maryland Digital Library - Established**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Digital Library in the Maryland  
4 Higher Education Commission; providing for the purpose of the Maryland  
5 Digital Library; establishing the composition of the Maryland Digital Library;  
6 authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to encourage certain  
7 institutions to meet certain goals; authorizing the Maryland Digital Library, in  
8 collaboration with certain libraries, to develop certain programs; establishing a  
9 Maryland Digital Library Advisory Council; and generally relating to the  
10 establishment of the Maryland Digital Library.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article - Education  
13 Section 11-106  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

16 BY adding to  
17 Article - Education  
18 Section 11-801 through 11-803, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle  
19 8. Maryland Digital Library"  
20 Annotated Code of Maryland  
21 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

24 **Article - Education**

25 11-106.

26 (a) (1) The Commission shall establish:  
27 (i) A Faculty Advisory Council;

- 1 (ii) A Student Advisory Council;
- 2 (iii) A Segmental Advisory Council; [and]
- 3 (iv) A Financial Assistance Advisory Council; AND
- 4 (V) A MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

5 (2) These Councils shall meet periodically for the purpose of reviewing  
6 such matters as are referred by the Commission or the Secretary for their  
7 consideration and advice.

8 (3) The Councils may make reports and recommendations to the  
9 Commission.

10 (b) (1) The Commission may appoint continuing advisory committees that  
11 represent various groups in the higher education community.

12 (2) Advisory committees may make recommendations to the Commission  
13 on matters of statewide importance that affect their constituencies.

14 SUBTITLE 8. MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY.

15 11-801.

16 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY IN THE COMMISSION.

17 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY IS TO:

18 (1) STRENGTHEN THE ACADEMIC LIBRARY COOPERATION IN THE  
19 STATE; AND

20 (2) CREATE FISCAL EFFICIENCIES THROUGH ENHANCED COOPERATION  
21 AMONG ACADEMIC LIBRARIES.

22 (C) THE MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY CONSISTS OF THE ACADEMIC  
23 LIBRARIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY  
24 EDUCATION THAT HOLD A CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL FROM THE COMMISSION.

25 11-802.

26 ON RECEIPT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY  
27 ADVISORY COUNCIL THE COMMISSION MAY ENCOURAGE EACH ACADEMIC LIBRARY  
28 AT A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
29 TO:

30 (1) INCREASE SHARED ACCESS TO INFORMATION OF CRITICAL VALUE IN  
31 INTERNET-ACCESSIBLE ELECTRONIC FORM AND IN LIBRARY COLLECTIONS OF  
32 BOOKS, JOURNALS, SOUND RECORDINGS, AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FORMS OF  
33 MATERIAL;

1           (2)     OPTIMIZE EFFECTIVE USE OF FUNDING IN THE ACQUISITION AND  
2 CREATION OF DIGITAL RESOURCES;

3           (3)     DIGITIZE UNIQUE COLLECTIONS IN THE ACADEMIC LIBRARY TO  
4 CREATE INTERNET AND OTHER ON-LINE RESOURCES BENEFICIAL TO ELEMENTARY,  
5 SECONDARY, AND HIGHER EDUCATION;

6           (4)     TRAIN LIBRARIANS AND STAFF TO IMPROVE SERVICES IN THE  
7 INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ENVIRONMENT; AND

8           (5)     DEVELOP PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT TRAINING LIBRARY USERS TO  
9 ACCESS INTERNET AND ELECTRONIC MATERIALS.

10 11-803.

11     THE MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY  
12 LIBRARIES, ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY, AND ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY  
13 SCHOOL LIBRARIES, MAY DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT ALL RESIDENTS OF THE  
14 STATE.

15     SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2004.