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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

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~~ entities, to develop certain programs;  
9 establishing a Maryland Digital Library Advisory Council; requiring the  
10 Maryland Digital Library Advisory Council to submit a certain report to the  
11 Commission on or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to the  
12 establishment of the Maryland Digital Library.

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
14 Article - Education  
15 Section 11-106  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

18 BY adding to  
19 Article - Education  
20 Section 11-801 through ~~11-803~~ 11-804, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle  
21 "Subtitle 8. Maryland Digital Library"  
22 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

4 **Article - Education**

5 11-106.

6 (a) (1) The Commission shall establish:

7 (i) A Faculty Advisory Council;

8 (ii) A Student Advisory Council;

9 (iii) A Segmental Advisory Council; [and]

10 (iv) A Financial Assistance Advisory Council; AND

11 (V) A MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

15 (3) The Councils may make reports and recommendations to the  
16 Commission.

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

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

21 **SUBTITLE 8. MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY.**

22 11-801.

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

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

25 (1) STRENGTHEN THE ACADEMIC LIBRARY COOPERATION IN THE  
26 STATE; AND

27 (2) CREATE FISCAL EFFICIENCIES THROUGH ENHANCED COOPERATION  
28 AMONG ACADEMIC LIBRARIES.

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

1 11-802.

2 ON RECEIPT OF RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY  
3 ADVISORY COUNCIL THE COMMISSION MAY ENCOURAGE EACH ACADEMIC LIBRARY  
4 AT A PUBLIC OR PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION  
5 TO:

6 (1) INCREASE SHARED ACCESS TO INFORMATION OF CRITICAL VALUE IN  
7 INTERNET-ACCESSIBLE ELECTRONIC FORM AND IN LIBRARY COLLECTIONS OF  
8 BOOKS, JOURNALS, SOUND RECORDINGS, AND OTHER TRADITIONAL FORMS OF  
9 MATERIAL;

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

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

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

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

19 11-803.

20 THE MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COUNTY  
21 LIBRARIES, ENOCH PRATT FREE LIBRARY, THE MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES, AND  
22 ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL LIBRARIES, MAY DEVELOP PROGRAMS TO  
23 SUPPORT ALL RESIDENTS OF THE STATE.

24 11-804.

25 ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY  
26 ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT REGARDING THE FINANCIAL STATUS  
27 AND OPERATIONS OF THE MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY OVER THE PAST FISCAL  
28 YEAR TO THE COMMISSION.

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

