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By: **Senators Hollinger, Britt, Colburn, Conway, Dyson, Grosfeld, and Stone**
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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
23 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

3 **Article - Education**

4 11-106.

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

6 (i) A Faculty Advisory Council;

7 (ii) A Student Advisory Council;

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

9 (iv) A Financial Assistance Advisory Council; AND

10 (V) A MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL.

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

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

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

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

20 **SUBTITLE 8. MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY.**

21 11-801.

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

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

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

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

28 (C) THE MARYLAND DIGITAL LIBRARY CONSISTS OF THE ACADEMIC
29 LIBRARIES IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF POSTSECONDARY
30 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.

