

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 893 (Chairman, Appropriations Committee)  
(By Request – Departmental – University System of Maryland)  
Appropriations Education, Health, and Environmental  
Affairs

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**Higher Education - Coppin State University - Renaming**

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This emergency departmental bill changes the name of Coppin State College to Coppin State University.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The name change could be accomplished with the existing resources of Coppin State College and the University System of Maryland (USM).

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** USM has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Coppin State College is the official name of the institution.

**Background:** Coppin State College and USM advise that changing the name of the school to Coppin State University would better reflect the institution's diverse educational programs. In addition, designation as a university could enhance private support and partnerships with the private sector.

**State Fiscal Effect:** Although some costs would be incurred to change campus signage and institutional letterhead and forms, USM advises that these costs could be met with existing budgeted resources.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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