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Senate Bill 85 (Senator Conway, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Appropriations

Higher Education - Morgan State University - Board of Regents Qualifications

This bill reduces from 11 to 10 the number of Morgan State University Regents who must be Maryland residents. The bill also clarifies that the student member may be an in-state or out-of-state student.

The bill is effective July 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Allowing an additional non-state resident to sit on the Board of Regents of Morgan State University would not materially impact State or university finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Board of Regents of Morgan State University consists of 15 members, including one student member. At least 11 of the 14 nonstudent members of the board must be Maryland residents.

Background: The Board of Regents of Morgan State University is generally responsible for setting the policies and procedures for Morgan State University (MSU), one of four historically black institutions in Maryland. The board sets tuition at the university, approves the implementation of new academic programs and the elimination of existing

academic programs, sets policies and guidelines for university personnel, and adopts admission policies for students who apply to the university. The board also appoints a university president, who acts as the chief executive officer of the university and the chief of staff for the board.

The proposed fiscal 2005 State budget includes a State appropriation of \$48.2 million for MSU, the same as the fiscal 2004 appropriation. However, the overall budget allowance for MSU, which includes the State appropriation as well as tuition revenues and revenues from other sources, increases 3.9% from \$156.7 million in fiscal 2004 to \$162.8 million in fiscal 2005.

Additional Information

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