

BY: Senator Hogan

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 731
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Quadrennial Review” and substitute “Commission to Study Maryland’s Commitment to Higher Education”; in line 8, after “statement;” insert “establishing a commission to study the coordination, funding, educational delivery, and State commitment to higher education in the State; providing for the membership and appointment of the chair of the Commission; requiring the Commission to solicit the views of certain groups in its deliberations; requiring the Commission to engage certain services to conduct a certain study; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly; providing for the staffing of the Commission; providing for the effective dates of this Act;”; and in line 9, strike “the State Plan for Higher Education” and substitute “higher education in the State”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 31, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The General Assembly and the Governor shall establish a commission to study the coordination, funding, educational delivery, and State commitment to higher education in Maryland.

(b) The Commission consists of the following members:

(1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

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- (3) the Secretary of Higher Education;
- (4) the Secretary of Budget and Management;
- (5) the President of the University of Maryland, College Park, or a designee of that President;
- (6) the President of the University of Maryland University College, or a designee of that President;
- (7) the President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, or a designee of that President;
- (8) the President of Morgan State University, or a designee of that President;
- (9) the President of Towson University, or a designee of that President;
- (10) the President of The Johns Hopkins University, or a designee of that President;
- (11) the President of the Maryland Independent College and University Association;
- (12) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or a designee of the Chancellor;
- (13) one community college president, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;
- (14) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges;
- (15) four members of the business community, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, from among the following organizations:
 - (i) the Technology Council of Maryland;
 - (ii) the Maryland Business Roundtable for Education;
 - (iii) the Maryland Chamber of Commerce;

(iv) the Greater Washington Board of Trades; and

(v) the Greater Baltimore Committee; and

(16) three members of the public, appointed by the Governor, one of whom must have experience in business, finance, or management.

(c) The chair of the commission shall be appointed jointly by the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House.

(d) (1) The staff for the commission shall be provided and coordinated by the Department of Legislative Services.

(2) The Department of Budget and Management, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and the University System of Maryland shall also assign staff to assist the commission.

(e) The commission shall:

(1) consider methods to provide a combined level of State funding support and tuition revenue to enable Maryland's public institutions of higher education to meet the goals of the Maryland Charter for Higher Education, including enhancement of the flagship campus, and the 2004 State Plan for Postsecondary Education, and compete successfully with designated peer institutions across the country;

(2) consider other issues related to State funding and tuition revenue for public institutions of higher education;

(3) solicit the views of the public, stakeholders in higher education in Maryland, and leading national experts in higher education;

(4) engage the services of a consultant to conduct a study of the linkage of tuition policy, State support to higher education institutions, and institutional and State financial aid in order

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to develop a postsecondary education model to meet the goals established in the 2004 State Plan for Postsecondary Education to maintain the accessibility and affordability of Maryland's higher education institutions; and

(5) review options and make recommendations relating to the establishment of a consistent and stable funding mechanism to ensure accessibility and affordability while at the same time promoting policies to achieve national eminence at Maryland's public institutions of higher education.

(f) The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on or before July 1, 2006.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 2005. The General Assembly and the Governor shall establish the commission on or before July 1, 2005.”;

in line 32, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and in the same line, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act.”.