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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education - State Plan - Mission Statements - Quadrennial Review**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the cycle for the periodic review by the Maryland Higher  
4 Education Commission of the State Plan for Higher Education and submission  
5 of its review to the Governor and General Assembly; altering the time period for  
6 the president of each public institution of higher education to update the  
7 institution's mission statement; altering the time period for the regional higher  
8 education centers to update the center's mission statement; and generally  
9 relating to the State Plan for Higher Education.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article - Education  
12 Section 11-105(b) and 11-302  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2004 Supplement)

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

17 **Article - Education**

18 11-105.

19 (b) (1) The Commission shall coordinate the overall growth and  
20 development of postsecondary education in the State.

1                   (2)   (i)       In consultation with the governing boards and agencies  
2 concerned with postsecondary education in the State, the Commission shall develop  
3 and periodically update an overall plan consistent with the Charter, known as the  
4 State Plan for Higher Education, that shall identify:

5                                   1.       The present and future needs for postsecondary education  
6 and research throughout the State;

7                                   2.       The present and future capabilities of the different  
8 institutions and segments of postsecondary education in the State; and

9                                   3.       The long-range and short-range objectives and priorities  
10 for postsecondary education and methods and guidelines for achieving and  
11 maintaining them.

12                               (ii)       The Commission shall ensure that the State Plan for Higher  
13 Education complies with the State's equal educational opportunity obligations under  
14 State and federal law, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

15                               (iii)       In developing the State Plan for Higher Education, the  
16 Commission shall incorporate the goals and priorities for higher education identified  
17 in this Division III and, for the University System of Maryland, including those  
18 identified in §§ 10-209 and 12-106 of this article.

19                   (3)   (i)       The Commission shall submit to the Governor and, subject to §  
20 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly a [biennial]  
21 QUADRENNIAL review of the plan by July 1, [1995] 2008 and by July 1 of each  
22 [alternate] FOURTH year thereafter.

23                               (ii)       The [biennial] QUADRENNIAL review shall include a report on  
24 the status and needs of postsecondary education in the State.

25                   (4)       In THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE QUADRENNIAL  
26 REVIEW OF THE STATE PLAN FOR HIGHER EDUCATION AND IN accordance with  
27 Subtitle 3 of this title, the Commission shall review, negotiate as necessary, and  
28 approve the appropriate role, function, and mission of each public institution of  
29 postsecondary education in the State.

30                   (5)   (i)       With respect to the College Park campus of the University of  
31 Maryland, the Commission shall direct the Board of Regents of the University of  
32 Maryland to develop and implement a plan for the enhancement of that campus as  
33 the State's flagship campus with programs and faculty nationally and internationally  
34 recognized for excellence in research and the advancement of knowledge.

35                               (ii)       With respect to the constituent institutions of the University  
36 System of Maryland in the Baltimore region, the Commission shall direct the Board of  
37 Regents of the University of Maryland to maintain and enhance a coordinated Higher  
38 Education Center for Research and Graduate and Professional Study in the Baltimore  
39 area.

1 (iii) With respect to Morgan State University, the Commission shall  
2 direct the Board of Regents of Morgan State University to develop and implement a  
3 plan for the enhancement of that institution as the State's public urban university  
4 with the appropriate programs, faculty, and facilities.

5 (6) The Commission has statewide coordinating responsibility for the  
6 community colleges and shall establish general policies for their operation.

7 (7) The Commission has statewide coordinating responsibility for  
8 regional higher education centers.

9 (8) The Commission may distribute strategic incentive funds to an  
10 institution of higher education or a regional higher education center to encourage  
11 attainment of the goals and priorities set forth in the State Plan for Higher  
12 Education.

13 11-302.

14 (a) (1) The president of each public institution of higher education is  
15 responsible for developing a mission statement.

16 (2) The president shall submit the mission statement to the institution's  
17 governing board.

18 (3) Upon the direction of the governing board, the president shall update  
19 the mission statement [at least] every 4 years IN THE YEAR IMMEDIATELY  
20 FOLLOWING THE QUADRENNIAL REVIEW OF THE STATE PLAN FOR HIGHER  
21 EDUCATION AS SET FORTH IN § 11-105 OF THIS TITLE.

22 (b) (1) The governing board:

23 (i) Shall review the mission statement and may require the  
24 president to prepare a revised mission statement;

25 (ii) May adopt the mission statement as submitted or with  
26 amendments; and

27 (iii) Shall submit the statement to the Commission.

28 (2) (i) In the case of constituent institutions of the University System  
29 of Maryland, the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland shall review the  
30 statement prior to its consideration by the Board of Regents and make  
31 recommendations.

32 (ii) Before adopting the mission statements, the Board of Regents  
33 shall review the statements individually and on a systemwide basis to assure that:

34 1. They are consistent with the Charter and the systemwide  
35 plan; and



