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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland, College Park - Campus Traffic Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the President and the Administration of the University
4 of Maryland, College Park to undertake a study and to recommend measures to
5 eliminate or reduce vehicular traffic on the University campus; requiring the
6 study to include certain matters; requiring the University to hold public
7 hearings and provide for public input during its deliberations and to submit a
8 final report in a certain manner on or before a certain date; prohibiting the
9 Department of Transportation and Prince George's County from spending funds
10 or granting certain permits and approvals for a certain road until the study is
11 completed; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a
12 campus traffic study at the University of Maryland, College Park.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) The President and the Administration of the University of Maryland,
16 College Park shall undertake a study to recommend measures to eliminate or reduce
17 vehicular traffic on the University campus.

18 (b) The study shall include:

19 (1) a review of the current and projected levels of vehicular traffic on the
20 campus;

21 (2) the impact of current and projected vehicular traffic patterns on
22 pedestrian and bicycle access, usage, and safety on the campus;

23 (3) strategies to promote greater pedestrian activity and bicycle usage on
24 campus, including the establishment and enhancement of pedestrian and bicycle
25 facilities;

26 (4) a determination of the convenience and accessibility of buses and
27 other mass transit facilities to persons using the campus;

28 (5) strategies to encourage carpooling;

1 (6) recommendations on potential strategies, including roadway and
2 mass transit improvements, that might reduce vehicular traffic congestion on the
3 campus;

4 (7) an assessment of the barriers to implementing roadway and mass
5 transit improvements and recommendations to address those barriers; and

6 (8) recommendations regarding the funding amount required and the
7 funding mechanisms that might be utilized to improve traffic flow and reduce the
8 amount of vehicular traffic on the campus.

9 (c) During its deliberations, the University shall hold public hearings and
10 provide ample opportunity for public input.

11 (d) The President and the Administration of the University of Maryland,
12 College Park shall submit a final report of the findings and recommendations
13 resulting from the study to the Governor and the House Environmental Matters
14 Committee and the Senate Finance Committee and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State
15 Government Article, to the members of the General Assembly on or before January
16 15, 2006.

17 (e) The Maryland Department of Transportation and Prince George's County
18 may not spend any funds or grant any approvals or permits for right-of-way
19 acquisition for, or the design or construction of, the proposed road known as the
20 Campus Connector at the University of Maryland, College Park until the final report
21 required under this section is completed and submitted as specified under subsection
22 (d) of this section.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
25 2006, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
26 abrogated and of no further force and effect.