
By: **Chairman, Appropriations Committee (By Request - Departmental -
Higher Education Commission)**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Education
13 Section 11-105(b) and 11-302
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

18 **Article - Education**

19 11-105.

20 (b) (1) The Commission shall coordinate the overall growth and
21 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 authority to approve regional higher education
8 centers to operate in the State and has statewide coordinating responsibility for
9 regional higher education centers.

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

14 11-302.

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

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

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

23 (b) (1) The governing board:

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

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

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

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

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

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

