
By: **Delegate Marriott**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government - State Advisory Council on the Maryland State**
3 **Department of Education and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a State Advisory Council on the Maryland State
5 Department of Education and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland
6 African American History and Culture Partnership; providing for the
7 membership of the advisory council and specifying the terms of the members;
8 prohibiting compensation for members of the Advisory Council but authorizing
9 certain reimbursements; specifying the duties of the Advisory Council; defining
10 certain terms; and generally relating to the State Advisory Council on the
11 Maryland State Department of Education and the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of
12 Maryland African American History and Culture Partnership.

13 BY adding to
14 Article - State Government
15 Section 9-2613
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
19 Article - State Government
20 Section 9-2613 and 9-2614
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

23 Preamble

24 WHEREAS, The foundations of lifelong learning are based on well rounded and
25 inclusive experiences throughout a child's schooling; and

26 WHEREAS, Maryland has invested in many programs to improve the
27 experiences of the State's children; and

1 WHEREAS, The Maryland State Department of Education recognizes the need
2 to address African American contributions in all programs that nurture and educate
3 all of Maryland's children; and

4 WHEREAS, The Maryland State Department of Education has established a
5 cutting edge partnership with the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African
6 American History and Culture to demonstrate the strong commitment of both parties
7 to fulfill the mission of sharing Maryland's African American experience; and

8 WHEREAS, The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American
9 History and Culture opened to the public in June 2005 after more than 10 years of
10 planning, hard work, and dedication; and

11 WHEREAS, The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American
12 History and Culture will be a place to remember struggle, celebrate accomplishment,
13 and experience culture as a beacon of pride and inspiration for all people; and

14 WHEREAS, The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American
15 History and Culture will serve as the premier experience and best resource for
16 information and inspiration about the lives of African American Marylanders; and

17 WHEREAS, The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American
18 History and Culture seeks to realize its mission by collecting, preserving,
19 interpreting, documenting, and exhibiting the rich contributions of African American
20 Marylanders from the State's earliest history to the present and the future; and

21 WHEREAS, The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American
22 History and Culture will invest strongly in the future to close the African American
23 achievement gap and foster greater understanding and tolerance among all students
24 through a partnership with the Maryland State Department of Education to reach
25 more than 860,000 students and 56,000 teachers; and

26 WHEREAS, The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American
27 History and Culture will ensure that every Maryland child will understand the role
28 African Americans played in our past and appreciate its implication for our future;
29 now, therefore,

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

32 **Article - State Government**

33 9-2613.

34 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
35 INDICATED.

36 (2) "DEPARTMENT" MEANS THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF
37 EDUCATION.

1 (3) "MUSEUM" MEANS THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND
2 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

3 (4) "STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL" MEANS THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL
4 ON THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE REGINALD F.
5 LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE
6 PARTNERSHIP.

7 (B) THERE IS A STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON THE MARYLAND STATE
8 DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND
9 AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE PARTNERSHIP.

10 (C) (1) THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL CONSIST OF AT LEAST 17 BUT
11 NOT MORE THAN 20 MEMBERS.

12 (2) (I) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND THE CHAIR OF
13 THE MUSEUM JOINTLY SHALL APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE ADVISORY
14 COUNCIL.

15 (II) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES
16 SHALL ENSURE THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ARE
17 REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.

18 (D) (1) THE MEMBERS OF THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE:

19 (I) A CHAIR APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

20 (II) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS OR THE STATE
21 SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

22 (III) THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MUSEUM OR
23 THE CHAIR'S DESIGNEE;

24 (IV) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MUSEUM;

25 (V) THE STATE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT FOR INSTRUCTION
26 OR THE ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE;

27 (VI) THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM LIAISON WITHIN THE
28 DEPARTMENT;

29 (VII) THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION OF THE MUSEUM;

30 (VIII) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE
31 OF DELEGATES;

32 (IX) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
33 SENATE;

34 (X) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF
35 DIRECTORS OF THE MUSEUM TO INCLUDE:

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2 CULTURE;

1. AN EXPERT IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND

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4 AND

2. A REPRESENTATIVE OF ANOTHER MARYLAND MUSEUM;

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3. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY;

6 (XI) THREE MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE STATE
7 SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS TO INCLUDE:

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1. A REPRESENTATIVE OF HIGHER EDUCATION;

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2. A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY;

10 AND

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3. A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY; AND

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(XII) A MAXIMUM OF THREE ADDITIONAL PUBLIC MEMBERS.

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(2) (I) A MEMBER MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION; BUT

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(II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
15 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

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(3) A MEMBER SERVES UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND
17 QUALIFIES.

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(E) THE STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL SHALL:

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(1) FURTHER REFINE, ASSURE, AND MAINTAIN THE STATE ADVISORY
20 COUNCIL ON THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE
21 REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM OF MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND
22 CULTURE PARTNERSHIP;

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(2) ESTABLISH AN EDUCATION TASK FORCE TO ASSIST THE ADVISORY
24 COUNCIL IN ITS ACTIVITIES;

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(3) OVERSEE THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPLEMENTATION, AND EVALUATION
26 OF THE PRE-K TO 12 CURRICULUM FOR ALL MARYLAND STUDENTS, ENTITLED
27 AFRICAN AMERICAN JOURNEY; AND

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(4) MAINTAIN COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THE PRESERVATION OF
29 MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.

30 [9-2613.] 9-2614.

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This subtitle shall be liberally construed to effect its purposes.

1 [9-2614.] 9-2615.

2 This subtitle may be cited as the Maryland African American Museum
3 Corporation Act.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
5 effect October 1, 2006.