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By: **Senators Hollinger and Dyson**  
 Requested: September 7, 2005  
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 Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Agriculture - University of Maryland Agricultural Internship Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a University of Maryland Agricultural Internship  
4 Program at the University of Maryland, College Park; providing that the  
5 internship is unpaid; requiring the Department of Agriculture to adopt certain  
6 regulations; and generally relating to promoting careers in agriculture in the  
7 State.

8 BY adding to  
9 Article - Education  
10 Section 12-115  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (2004 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

15 **Article - Education**

16 12-115.

17 (A) THERE IS A UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL INTERNSHIP  
18 PROGRAM.

19 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL  
20 INTERNSHIP PROGRAM IS TO:

21 (1) PROVIDE STUDENTS IN THE COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND  
22 NATURAL RESOURCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK WITH AT  
23 LEAST ONE SEMESTER OF HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE WORKING ON A FARM IN THE  
24 STATE;

25 (2) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO FARMERS IN THE STATE; AND

26 (3) PROMOTE CAREERS IN AGRICULTURE IN THE STATE.

1 (C) THE INTERNSHIP SHALL BE UNPAID.

2 (D) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK OR THE DEAN OF THE  
3 COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
4 MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
5 AGRICULTURE TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION.

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