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House Bill 787
Appropriations

(Delegate Jones, *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

Higher Education - University System of Maryland and Morgan State University
- Financial Management

This bill allows Morgan State University and University System of Maryland institutions to use internal financial management information systems with State-approved interfaces for their accounting, budgeting, personnel, and payroll systems rather than the statewide Financial Management Information System (FMIS).

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill codifies current practice at MSU and USM institutions.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: MSU and USM must use FMIS as their accounting, budgeting, personnel, and payroll system.

Background: By law, all State agencies are required to use FMIS; however, MSU and USM institutions have never used the system and instead use management systems that interface daily with FMIS. In the last three audits of both MSU and the USM office, the Office of Legislative Audits has recommended that the institutions either comply with the law or seek a change in the law that allows them to use their own management systems. This bill would align State law with the current practices at MSU and USM institutions.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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