

HOUSE BILL 133

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Bohanan**

Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2008

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education –**
3 **Membership and Extension of Sunset**

4 FOR the purpose of modifying the membership of the Commission to Develop the
5 Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education; altering the date by which the
6 Commission must submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly;
7 extending the termination date of the Commission; making this Act an
8 emergency measure; and generally relating to the Commission to Develop the
9 Maryland Model for Funding Higher Education.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
11 Chapter 57 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006
12 Section 3 and 4

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

15 **Chapter 57 of the Acts of 2006**

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

17 (a) There is a Commission to Develop the Maryland Model for Funding
18 Higher Education.

19 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

20 (1) **THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR;**

21 (2) Four members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
22 President of the Senate;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 [(2)] (3) Four members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
2 Speaker of the House;
- 3 [(3)] (4) The Secretary of Higher Education;
- 4 [(4)] (5) The Secretary of Budget and Management;
- 5 [(5)] (6) The President of the University of Maryland, College Park,
6 or a designee of that President;
- 7 [(6)] (7) The President of the University of Maryland University
8 College or a designee of that President;
- 9 [(7)] (8) The President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, or a
10 designee of that President;
- 11 [(8)] (9) The President of Morgan State University or a designee of
12 that President;
- 13 [(9)] (10) The President of Towson University or a designee of that
14 President;
- 15 [(10)] (11) The President of The Johns Hopkins University or a
16 designee of that President;
- 17 [(11)] (12) The President of the Maryland Independent College and
18 University Association;
- 19 [(12)] (13) The Chancellor of the University System of Maryland or a
20 designee of the Chancellor;
- 21 [(13)] (14) One community college president, appointed jointly by the
22 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;
- 23 [(14)] (15) The Executive Director of the Maryland Association of
24 Community Colleges;
- 25 [(15)] (16) Four members of the business community, appointed jointly
26 by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, from among the
27 following organizations:
- 28 (i) The Technology Council of Maryland;
- 29 (ii) The Maryland Business Roundtable for Education;
- 30 (iii) The Maryland Chamber of Commerce;

1 (iv) The Greater Washington Board of Trades;

2 (v) The Greater Baltimore Committee; and

3 (vi) The President's Roundtable, Inc.; and

4 [(16)] (17) Three members of the public, appointed jointly by the
5 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, one of whom must have
6 experience in business, finance, or management.

7 (c) The chairman of the Commission shall be appointed jointly by the
8 President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

9 (d) The Commission shall review the report issued by Van de Water
10 Consulting, Inc., hired by the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop an
11 effective statewide framework for higher education funding as recommended in the
12 2004 Maryland State Plan for Postsecondary Education.

13 (e) The Commission shall review options and make recommendations
14 relating to the establishment of a consistent and stable funding mechanism to ensure
15 accessibility and affordability while at the same time promoting policies to achieve
16 national eminence at all of Maryland's public institutions of higher education.

17 (f) The Commission shall review options and make recommendations
18 relating to the appropriate level of funding for the State's Historically Black
19 Institutions to ensure that they are comparable and competitive with other public
20 institutions.

21 (g) The Commission shall **SUBMIT AN INTERIM** report **OF** its findings and
22 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
23 Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2007.

24 **(H) THE COMMISSION SHALL SUBMIT A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS**
25 **AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
26 **2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY**
27 **ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2008.**

28 [(h)] (I) The staff for the Commission shall be provided and coordinated by
29 the Department of Legislative Services. The Department of Budget and Management,
30 the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and the University System of Maryland
31 shall also assign staff to assist the Commission.

32 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall
33 take effect July 1, 2006, and shall remain effective for a period of [1 year] **2 YEARS** and
34 [10] **11** months and, at the end of [May 1, 2008] **JUNE 1, 2009**, with no further action

1 required by the General Assembly, Section 3 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no
2 further force and effect.

3 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
4 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public healthy or safety,
5 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
6 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
7 the date it is enacted.