

HOUSE BILL 508

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By: **Delegates Cane, Benson, Burns, Conway, Elmore, Holmes, Howard, Mathias, Nathan-Pulliam, Proctor, and Walker**

Introduced and read first time: January 30, 2008

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Virtual Environmental Science Center**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Virtual Environmental Science Center; establishing
4 the purpose of the Center; establishing the composition and management of the
5 Center; requiring the Center to use certain existing facilities and personnel to
6 carry out certain recommendations; establishing a certain intent that the
7 Center be funded by a Minority Environmental and Land Trust; and generally
8 relating to a Virtual Environmental Science Center.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Natural Resources

11 Section 3–2B–01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 2B. Virtual
12 Environmental Science Center”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Natural Resources**

18 **SUBTITLE 2B. VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CENTER.**

19 **3–2B–01.**

20 (A) **THERE IS AN INTERNET-BASED VIRTUAL ENVIRONMENTAL**
21 **SCIENCE CENTER TO FOSTER MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN ENVIRONMENTAL**
22 **TRAINING, CAREERS, PUBLIC POLICY, AND PERSONAL CHOICES, THROUGH**
23 **ACTIVITIES IN THE AREAS OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, UNIVERSITY**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 EDUCATION, JOB FORCE TRAINING, MENTORING, AND OUTREACH AND
2 COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAMS.

3 (B) THE CENTER SHALL BE:

4 (1) A COOPERATIVE EFFORT BY EXISTING OR FUTURE
5 ENVIRONMENTAL CENTERS AT:

6 (I) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;

7 (II) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;

8 (III) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY;

9 (IV) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE;

10 (V) OTHER UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND
11 CAMPUSES;

12 (VI) PRIVATE UNIVERSITIES IN THE STATE; AND

13 (VII) MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE;

14 (2) MANAGED BY AN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND

15 (3) GOVERNED BY A CHARTER THAT OUTLINES THE PRINCIPLES,
16 FUNCTIONS, AND ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE FOR THE MANAGEMENT AND
17 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CENTER.

18 (C) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE CENTER SHALL UTILIZE
19 EXISTING FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL WITHIN THE EXISTING CENTERS SET
20 FORTH IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION TO CARRY OUT THE
21 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TASK FORCE ON MINORITY PARTICIPATION IN
22 THE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNITY.

23 (D) IT IS THE INTENT OF THIS SECTION THAT THE CENTER BE FUNDED
24 BY A MINORITY ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND TRUST.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2008.