

HOUSE BILL 1347

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By: **Delegate Bohanan**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Southern Maryland Higher Education Council**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Southern Maryland Higher Education Council;
4 providing for the composition of the Council; requiring the Governor to appoint
5 a chair from among the Council members; ~~requiring the Maryland Higher~~
6 ~~Education Commission to provide staff for the Council;~~ prohibiting a member
7 from receiving compensation but entitling a member to reimbursement for
8 certain expenses; providing for the duties of the Council; requiring the Council
9 to submit an interim and a final report on its findings and recommendations on
10 or before certain dates; providing for the termination of the Council; and
11 generally relating to the Southern Maryland Higher Education Council.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Southern Maryland Higher Education Council.

15 (b) The Council consists of the following 12 members:

16 (1) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;

17 (2) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the
18 Chancellor's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (3) the President of St. Mary's College of Maryland, or the President's
2 designee;

3 (4) the President of the College of Southern Maryland, or the
4 President's designee;

5 (5) the President of the Maryland Independent College and University
6 Association, or the President's designee;

7 (6) the Chair of the Board of Governors of the Southern Maryland
8 Higher Education Center, or the Chair's designee;

9 (7) the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Manpower and Reserve
10 Affairs, or the Assistant Secretary's designee;

11 (8) the Chair of the Governor's Southern Maryland Workforce
12 Investment Board, or the Chair's designee;

13 (9) the President of the Board of Directors of the Patuxent
14 Partnership, or the President's designee;

15 (10) the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Calvert
16 County, or the President's designee;

17 (11) the President of the Board of County Commissioners of Charles
18 County, or the President's designee; and

19 (12) the President of the Board of County Commissioners of St. Mary's
20 County, or the President's designee.

21 (c) (1) The Governor shall appoint a chair from among the members of the
22 Council.

23 (2) The members may elect other officers and establish committees,
24 including advisory committees, as needed.

25 ~~(d) The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the~~
26 ~~Council.~~

27 ~~(e)~~ (d) A member of the Council:

28 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Council; but

29 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
30 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

1 ~~(e)~~ (e) (1) The Council shall develop a strategy for improving access to higher
2 education for the residents of Southern Maryland.

3 (2) In developing a strategy for improving access to higher education
4 for the residents of Southern Maryland, the Council shall:

5 (i) examine the need for higher education in Southern
6 Maryland;

7 (ii) examine whether or not the current higher education
8 institutions and centers in Southern Maryland, including the Southern Maryland
9 Higher Education Center, are meeting the higher education needs of the region;

10 (iii) if a determination is made that additional higher education
11 needs exist in Southern Maryland, recommend the best way to meet the additional
12 educational needs; and

13 (iv) develop plans that include short-term and long-term
14 strategies for improving access to higher education in Southern Maryland.

15 ~~(f)~~ (f) On or before December 1, 2011, the Council shall present an interim
16 report of its findings and recommendations, including a short-term strategy for
17 improving access to higher education in Southern Maryland, to the Governor and, in
18 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

19 ~~(g)~~ (g) On or before December 1, 2012, the Council shall present a final report
20 of its findings and recommendations, including a long-term strategy for improving
21 access to higher education in Southern Maryland, to the Governor and, in accordance
22 with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 July 1, 2011. It shall remain effective for a period 2 of years and, at the end of June 30,
25 2013, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
26 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.