

# HOUSE BILL 392

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By: **Delegates Rudolph and James**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Northeastern Maryland Higher Education Advisory Board – Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Northeastern Maryland Higher  
4 Education Advisory Board; repealing a provision that requires the Board to  
5 ensure that certain academic programs and policies of the University Center  
6 and sites are in compliance with certain policies of the Maryland Higher  
7 Education Commission; authorizing the Board to make certain agreements with  
8 certain entities under certain circumstances; altering certain definitions;  
9 making stylistic changes; and generally relating to the Northeastern Maryland  
10 Higher Education Advisory Board.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Education  
13 Section 24–901, 24–903, and 24–904  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Education**

19 24–901.

20 (a) In this subtitle the following terms have the meanings indicated.

21 (b) “Board” means the Northeast Maryland Higher Education Advisory  
22 Board.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) "Center" means the [Higher Education and Conference] UNIVERSITY  
2 Center at HEAT.

3 (d) "Commission" means the Maryland Higher Education Commission.

4 (e) "Site" means a LOCATION WHERE A 4-year institution of higher  
5 education [that] offers Commission-approved undergraduate and graduate programs  
6 in Cecil County [and] OR Harford County [and is affiliated with the Center].  
7 24-903.

8 (a) The Board consists of the following voting members:

9 (1) One representative of each of the 4-year institutions of higher  
10 education offering a Commission-approved program at the Center [and] OR at a site,  
11 appointed by the institution; and

12 (2) The following 10 representatives, appointed in accordance with  
13 the bylaws of the Board:

14 (i) Three representatives of regional businesses, industries, or  
15 corporations;

16 (ii) One representative of the Cecil County Office of Economic  
17 Development;

18 (iii) One representative of the Harford County Office of Economic  
19 Development;

20 (iv) One representative of Cecil College;

21 (v) One representative of Harford Community College;

22 (vi) One representative of the Northeast Maryland University  
23 Research Park; and

24 (vii) Two representatives chosen from the community at large.

25 (b) (1) Each member serves for a term of 3 years and until a successor is  
26 appointed and qualifies.

27 (2) A member may not serve more than two full consecutive terms.

28 (3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves  
29 only for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

1 (c) (1) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, the chair of  
2 the Board shall be elected by the Board from among its members.

3 (ii) A member who is a representative of an out-of-state  
4 institution may not serve as chair.

5 (2) The voting members may elect other officers and establish  
6 committees, including advisory committees, as needed.

7 (d) In addition to the voting members, the following individuals shall serve  
8 as ex officio, nonvoting members:

9 (1) The Senior Mission Commander of the Aberdeen Proving Ground,  
10 or the Commander's designee;

11 (2) The Garrison Commander of the Aberdeen Proving Ground, or the  
12 Commander's designee; and

13 (3) The Center [Coordinator] **DIRECTOR**.

14 (e) Each member of the Board:

15 (1) Serves without compensation; and

16 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the  
17 Standard State Travel Regulations.

18 24-904.

19 (a) In addition to the other powers expressly granted and duties imposed by  
20 this title, and subject to the authority of the Commission, the Board has only the  
21 powers and duties set forth in this section.

22 (b) The Board shall:

23 (1) Assist and support the development of higher education in Cecil  
24 County and Harford County;

25 (2) Assist in setting the missions of and accomplishing the goals and  
26 objectives of the sites in Cecil County and Harford County;

27 (3) Advise the Center, site coordinators, and the supervisory staff to  
28 whom the coordinators report on programs offered and facility utilization;

29 (4) Provide guidance and support in identifying institutions and  
30 programs to serve higher education and workforce needs in Cecil County and Harford  
31 County;

1           (5) Assist with the marketing and promotion of programs offered at  
2 the Center and sites;

3           (6) Facilitate interactions among the business, nonprofit, education,  
4 and military communities;

5           (7) Keep separate records and minutes; and

6           (8) Adopt reasonable rules, regulations, or bylaws to carry out the  
7 provisions of this subtitle.

8           (c) [The Board shall ensure that all academic programs and policies of the  
9 Center and sites are in compliance with the policies of and approved by the  
10 Commission.

11           (d)] The Board may apply, accept, and expend any gift, appropriation, or  
12 grant from the State, county, or federal government or any other person.

13           [(e)] (D) The Board may make agreements with the federal, State, or a  
14 county government or any other person, if it considers the agreement advisable for the  
15 [operation of the Center] **SUPPORT OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

16           [(f)] (E) The Board may adopt a corporate seal.

17           [(g)] (F) In addition to other reports that may be required by the  
18 Commission, the Board shall:

19           (1) Keep records that are consistent with sound business practices and  
20 accounting records using generally accepted accounting principles;

21           (2) Cause an audit by an independent certified public accountant to be  
22 made of the accounts and transactions of the Center at the conclusion of each fiscal  
23 year; and

24           (3) For any State money, be subject to an audit by the Office of  
25 Legislative Audits, in accordance with §§ 2–1220 through 2–1227 of the State  
26 Government Article.

27           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 July 1, 2014.