

# HOUSE BILL 941

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## ENROLLED BILL

— *Economic Matters and Appropriations/Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs* —

Introduced by **The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission) and Delegates Beitzel, Davis, ~~and Jones~~ Jones, Adams, Barkley, Branch, Brooks, Carey, Chang, Clippinger, Fisher, Frick, Glenn, Haynes, Hettleman, Jackson, Jameson, Kramer, Lisanti, Mautz, A. Miller, B. Robinson, Valderrama, Vaughn, Waldstreicher, and C. Wilson**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Exemptions from Higher Education Ethics Requirements**  
3 **and Procurement Rules to Facilitate Technology Transfer**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Exemptions from Higher  
5 Education Ethics Requirements and Procurement Rules to Facilitate Technology  
6 Transfer; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force;  
7 prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but  
8 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to  
9 review, study, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the

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#### 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.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the  
2 General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this  
3 Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study Exemptions from Higher  
4 Education Ethics Requirements and Procurement Rules to Facilitate Technology  
5 Transfer.

6 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
7 That:

8 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Exemptions from Higher Education Ethics  
9 Requirements and Procurement Rules to Facilitate Technology Transfer.

10 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

11 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
12 the Senate;

13 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
14 the House;

15 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the  
16 Secretary's designee;

17 (4) the Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development  
18 Corporation, or the Executive Director's designee;

19 (5) four representatives, appointed by the Chancellor of the University  
20 System of Maryland, with experience and expertise in:

21 (i) technology transfer and commercialization;

22 (ii) ethics and intellectual property and licensing;

23 (iii) economic development; and

24 (iv) State and university procurement practices;

25 (6) the President of Morgan State University, or the President's designee;

26 (7) the President of St. Mary's College of Maryland, or the President's  
27 designee; ~~and~~

28 (8) one representative of a technology incubator that is affiliated with a  
29 university and located in the State; *and*

30 (9) the Executive Director of the State Ethics Commission, or the Executive  
31 Director's designee.

1 (c) The Task Force shall elect a chair from among its members.

2 (d) The University System of Maryland shall provide staff for the Task Force.

3 (e) A member of the Task Force:

4 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

7 (f) The Task Force shall:

8 (1) review the effect of existing State ethics requirements and procurement  
9 rules on technology transfer at universities, including:

10 (i) the participation of faculty in economic development activities;

11 (ii) the purchase of research equipment and supplies; and

12 (iii) the hiring of research personnel;

13 (2) study options for creating exemptions from, or other modifications of,  
14 State ethics requirements and procurement rules to:

15 (i) meet the complex needs of universities;

16 (ii) maintain the necessary protections provided by ethics  
17 requirements and procurement rules; and

18 (iii) facilitate technology transfer at universities; ~~and~~

19 (3) review and recommend possible procurement and operational  
20 exemptions for all University of Maryland University College operations, including  
21 extending existing exemptions for the University of Maryland University College's overseas  
22 programs to all University operations; and

23 (4) make recommendations regarding the relaxation of ethics requirements  
24 and procurement rules to facilitate technology transfer at universities in the State.

25 (g) On or before December 1, 2015, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
26 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
27 Government Article, the General Assembly.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
29 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June

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1 30, 2016, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.