

SENATE BILL 51

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By: **Senators Shank, Benson, and Edwards**
Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2015
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on African American History and Culture – Duties**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Commission on African American History and Culture
4 to provide operational funding to certain museums; and generally relating to the
5 duties of the Commission on African American History and Culture.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – State Government
8 Section 9.5–401
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2014 Replacement Volume)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 9.5–407
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2014 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – State Government**

19 9.5–401.

20 In this subtitle, “Commission” means the Commission on African American History
21 and Culture.

22 9.5–407.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A)** The Commission shall:

2 (1) initiate, direct, and coordinate projects that further the understanding
3 of African American history and culture;

4 (2) receive and administer any available federal, State, or private money
5 to plan and execute projects or educational activities that further the understanding of
6 African American history and culture;

7 (3) operate the Banneker–Douglass Museum in Annapolis to house and
8 display photographs, objects, oral history tapes, artifacts, and other materials of African
9 American historic and cultural significance;

10 (4) locate, preserve, and disseminate to the public information about
11 significant buildings and sites relating to African American history and culture; and

12 (5) publish an annual report and any other material that the Commission
13 considers necessary.

14 **(B) THE COMMISSION MAY PROVIDE OPERATIONAL FUNDING TO A MUSEUM**
15 **THAT SPECIALIZES IN AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
17 October 1, 2015.