

Chapter 421

**(House Bill 561)**

AN ACT concerning

**Higher Education – St. Mary’s College of Maryland – Governing Authority**

FOR the purpose of providing that the authority of the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s College of Maryland may not be superseded by any State agency or office in certain management affairs except by a provision of law that specifically references the College; and generally relating to the governing authority of St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Education  
Section 14–402(a) and 14–404(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education**

14–402.

(a) The government of St. Mary’s College of Maryland is vested in the Board of Trustees of St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

14–404.

(a) In addition to any other powers granted and duties imposed by this title, and subject to the provisions of Title 11 of this article and any other restrictions [expressly] imposed by law **BY SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND** or by any trust agreement involving a pledge of property or money, the Board of Trustees is responsible for the governance and management of the College, and has all the powers, rights, and privileges that go with that responsibility, including the powers and duties set forth in this section.

(b) The Board of Trustees:

(1) Has the care, control, and management of the College and all of its property and assets;

(2) May not be superseded in its authority by any State agency or office in managing the affairs of the College except as provided for in this article or any other provision of law by specific reference to the College; and

(3) May appoint a President of the College who shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the College and the Chief of Staff for the Board.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

**Approved by the Governor, May 4, 2017.**