

SENATE BILL 615

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By: **Senator Robinson**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Coppin State University and Morgan State University – Cyber Warrior Diversity**
3 **Program – Established**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Cyber Warrior Diversity Program at Coppin State
5 University and Morgan State University; providing for the purpose of the Program;
6 exempting the Program from a certain process for proposing a new program or a
7 substantial modification of an existing program; requiring that certain governing
8 entities are responsible for administering the Program; prohibiting certain
9 institutions of postsecondary education from establishing programs broadly similar
10 to the Program; prohibiting the Maryland Higher Education Commission from
11 approving programs that are broadly similar to the Program at certain institutions;
12 requiring the Program to provide students with training necessary to achieve certain
13 certifications; requiring the Commission to compare successful completers of the
14 Program to similarly situated students with regard to certain characteristics;
15 requiring the Commission to report its findings to the Governor and the General
16 Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain
17 fiscal year, to include in the annual State operating budget an appropriation from
18 the General Fund of the State at least equal to a certain amount to certain
19 institutions; requiring certain governing entities to provide certain information to
20 the Governor on or before a certain date each year; providing that certain funding
21 shall be in addition to certain base funding appropriated to Coppin State University
22 and Morgan State University and requiring certain funding to be specified as a
23 certain line item in each university's budget; requiring Coppin State University and
24 Morgan State University to hold a National Cyber Warrior Diversity Conference on
25 their campuses on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally
26 relating to the Cyber Warrior Diversity Program at Coppin State University and
27 Morgan State University.

28 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
29 Article – Education
30 Section 11–206(a)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

3 BY adding to
4 Article – Education
5 Section 11–1401 through 11–1406 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14. Cyber
6 Warrior Diversity Program”
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

11 **Article – Education**

12 11–206.

13 (a) This section does not apply to:

14 (1) New programs proposed to be implemented by public and private
15 nonprofit institutions of higher education using existing program resources in accordance
16 with § 11–206.1 of this subtitle; [and]

17 (2) Programs offered by institutions of higher education that operate in the
18 State without a certificate of approval in accordance with § 11–202.1(b) of this subtitle;
19 AND

20 **(3) THE CYBER WARRIOR DIVERSITY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED**
21 **UNDER SUBTITLE 14 OF THIS TITLE.**

22 **SUBTITLE 14. CYBER WARRIOR DIVERSITY PROGRAM.**

23 **11–1401.**

24 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
25 **INDICATED.**

26 **(B) “COMPTIA” MEANS THE COMPUTING TECHNOLOGY INDUSTRY**
27 **ASSOCIATION.**

28 **(C) “GOVERNING ENTITY” MEANS:**

29 **(1) THE PRESIDENT OF COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND**

30 **(2) THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.**

1 (D) "PROGRAM" MEANS A CYBER WARRIOR DIVERSITY PROGRAM.

2 (E) "SUCCESSFUL COMPLETER" MEANS A STUDENT WHO ENROLLED IN AND
3 SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE PROGRAM.

4 11-1402.

5 (A) THERE IS A CYBER WARRIOR DIVERSITY PROGRAM AT:

6 (1) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

7 (2) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.

8 (B) THE PURPOSE OF EACH PROGRAM IS TO TRAIN STUDENTS IN
9 COMPUTER NETWORKING AND CYBERSECURITY.

10 (C) THE GOVERNING ENTITY AT EACH INSTITUTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR
11 ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM AT THAT INSTITUTION.

12 (D) (1) AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION THAT IS
13 CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER § 11-202 OF THIS TITLE OTHER THAN
14 COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY OR MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MAY NOT ESTABLISH
15 A PROGRAM THAT IS BROADLY SIMILAR TO A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS
16 SUBTITLE.

17 (2) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT APPROVE A PROGRAM THAT IS
18 BROADLY SIMILAR TO A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AT ANY
19 INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

20 11-1403.

21 EACH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE TRAINING NECESSARY
22 TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING COMPTIA CERTIFICATIONS:

23 (1) COMPTIA A+;

24 (2) COMPTIA NETWORK+; AND

25 (3) COMPTIA SECURITY+.

26 11-1404.

1 **(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL COMPARE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETERS OF**
2 **EACH PROGRAM TO SIMILARLY SITUATED STUDENTS WHO DID NOT ENROLL IN**
3 **EITHER PROGRAM WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:**

4 **(1) EMPLOYMENT RATE;**

5 **(2) WAGE EARNINGS; AND**

6 **(3) JOB RETENTION RATE.**

7 **(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2021, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT**
8 **ITS FINDINGS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE**
9 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

10 **11-1405.**

11 **(A) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**
12 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE OPERATING BUDGET FOR**
13 **COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY AN APPROPRIATION**
14 **FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE PROGRAM**
15 **FUNDS COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ESTIMATE TO**
16 **SPEND ON THE PROGRAM DURING THAT FISCAL YEAR.**

17 **(B) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2018, AND EACH NOVEMBER 1**
18 **THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNING ENTITIES SHALL NOTIFY THE GOVERNOR OF THE**
19 **AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUNDS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
20 **FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR.**

21 **(C) (1) THE FUNDING PROVIDED IN EACH FISCAL YEAR IN ACCORDANCE**
22 **WITH THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE BASE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO**
23 **COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE**
24 **BUDGET FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.**

25 **(2) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY**
26 **SHALL REPORT FUNDING PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AS A**
27 **SEPARATE LINE ITEM IN EACH UNIVERSITY'S BUDGET.**

28 **11-1406.**

29 **THE GOVERNING ENTITIES MAY ADOPT POLICIES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT**
30 **THIS SUBTITLE.**

31 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,**

1 2019, Coppin State University and Morgan State University shall each hold a National
2 Cyber Warrior Diversity Conference on their campuses.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
4 1, 2018.