

Chapter 765

(Senate Bill 897)

AN ACT concerning

University of Maryland Joint Steering Council – Renaming ~~and~~, Duties, and Funding

FOR the purpose of renaming the University of Maryland Joint Steering Council to be the MPowering Joint Steering Council; requiring the Council to explore opportunities to create certain apprenticeship programs; requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual State budget for the Council and the University of Maryland Baltimore County; requiring a certain appropriation to be used to supplement, and not supplant, funding otherwise appropriated for the Council and the University of Maryland Baltimore County; requiring the Council to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before a certain date; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the University of Maryland Joint Steering Council.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section 12–301(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Education
 Section 12–301(c) and 12–304
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Education

12–301.

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

(c) “Council” means the [University of Maryland] MPOWERING Joint Steering Council established under § 12–304 of this subtitle.

12–304.

(a) There is [a University of Maryland] **AN MPOWERING** Joint Steering Council.

(b) The Council consists of members appointed by the President of the College Park Campus and the President of the Baltimore Campus.

(c) The Council shall:

(1) Develop guidelines for faculty appointments that are joint between the College Park Campus and the Baltimore Campus;

(2) Make recommendations to the presidents on joint faculty appointments;

(3) Make recommendations to the presidents identifying competitor state peers for the University of Maryland;

(4) Establish a process by which undergraduate and graduate programs are evaluated to determine whether the students, the University of Maryland, and the State would benefit from alignment and collaboration and make recommendations to the presidents;

(5) Carry out the programs and policies established under the MPower program as directed by the presidents;

(6) EXPLORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS IN NURSING AND OTHER FIELDS THAT INCLUDE INTEGRATION OF HIGH SCHOOL CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION PROGRAMS AND UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND GRADUATE AND UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS; and

~~(6)~~ **(7)** Perform any other duties assigned by the presidents.

(D) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET FOR THE COUNCIL A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

~~(I) \$2,500,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2020;~~

~~(II) \$5,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2021;~~

~~(III) \$7,500,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2022; AND~~

~~(IV) \$10,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.~~

(I) \$2,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2021;

(II) \$4,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2022;

(III) \$6,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2023;

(IV) \$8,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2024; AND

(V) \$10,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER.

(2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET FOR THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY, TO FURTHER ITS MISSION AS A RESEARCH UNIVERSITY AND TO COMPLEMENT THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES OF THE MPOWERING JOINT STEERING COUNCIL, A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

(I) \$400,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2021;

(II) \$800,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2022;

(III) \$1,200,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2023;

(IV) \$1,600,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2024; AND

(V) \$2,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH YEAR THEREAFTER.

~~(2)~~ (3) THE MONEY APPROPRIATED UNDER PARAGRAPH ~~(1)~~ PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND MAY NOT TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR THE COUNCIL OR THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before July 1, 2020, the MPowering Joint Steeryng Council shall report on its research into opportunities to create registered apprenticeship programs as required by § 12-304(c)(6) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.