

SENATE BILL 943

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By: **Senator Guzzone**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland Strategic Partnership Act of 2016 – Appropriations and**
3 **Degree and Credential Programs – Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of increasing, beginning in a certain fiscal year, certain appropriations to
5 the Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures at the University of Maryland;
6 requiring the University of Maryland Center for Economic and Entrepreneurship
7 Development (UMCEED) to develop degree and credential programs in a field of
8 study related to certain technologies; requiring, beginning in a certain fiscal year,
9 the Governor to include in the annual budget bill certain appropriations to UMCEED
10 for a certain purpose; requiring the Governor, in certain fiscal years, to include in
11 the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the University System of Maryland
12 Office to be distributed to certain institutions for a certain purpose; specifying that
13 certain funds distributed under this Act are in addition to certain appropriations and
14 must be included in a certain budget; making conforming and stylistic changes; and
15 generally relating to the Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures at the University
16 of Maryland, UMCEED, and the University System of Maryland Office.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
18 Article – Education
19 Section 12–305(a)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Education
24 Section 12–305(f) and 12–306
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Education

12–305.

(a) (1) There is a Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures at the University of Maryland.

(2) The Center shall be located on the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus in Baltimore City.

(f) (1) **(I)** [Beginning in] **FOR EACH OF** fiscal [year] **YEARS 2018** [and in each fiscal year thereafter,] **THROUGH 2022**, the Governor shall [appropriate] **INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF** at least \$3,000,000 [in general funds] to the Center.

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$4,000,000 TO THE CENTER.

(2) **(I)** [Beginning in] **FOR EACH OF** fiscal [year] **YEARS 2018** [and in each fiscal year thereafter,] **THROUGH 2022**, the Governor shall [appropriate] **INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF** at least \$1,000,000 [in general funds] to the Center to be used to encourage the development and location of University created or sponsored technology companies in Baltimore City.

(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$1,500,000 TO THE CENTER TO BE USED TO ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT AND LOCATION OF UNIVERSITY CREATED OR SPONSORED TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES IN BALTIMORE CITY.

12–306.

(a) (1) There is a University of Maryland Center for Economic and Entrepreneurship Development (UMCEED).

(2) UMCEED shall be located on the College Park Campus.

(b) Following all State law, regulations, and processes for program review and approval, UMCEED shall advance the education of students by developing degree and credential programs in the following fields of study:

(1) Virtual and augmented reality;

(2) Neurosciences;

1 (3) Biomedical devices;

2 (4) Data analytics; [and]

3 (5) Cybersecurity; **AND**

4 **(6) QUANTUM TECHNOLOGIES, ADVANCED DATA COMPUTING, AND**
5 **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGIES.**

6 (c) (1) The presidents shall appoint an Executive Director of UMCEED.

7 (2) The Executive Director shall:

8 (i) Ensure that the provisions of this section are carried out;

9 (ii) Develop a plan to appropriately staff UMCEED in order to
10 effectively carry out the duties of UMCEED; and

11 (iii) Annually report to the presidents and to the General Assembly,
12 in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the number of:

13 1. New certificate and degree programs created;

14 2. University of Maryland graduates who are employed in
15 Maryland–based businesses;

16 3. Patents or other intellectual property created within the
17 new certificate or degree programs;

18 4. New companies that are developed from the new
19 certificate or degree programs; and

20 5. New grant or contract funding that is awarded to faculty
21 of the new certificate or degree programs.

22 (d) **(1)** The Governor shall [appropriate] **INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET**
23 **BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF** at least the following amounts [in general funds] to
24 UMCEED for the following fiscal years:

25 [(1)] **(I)** \$2,000,000 for fiscal year 2018;

26 [(2)] **(II)** \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2019; and

27 [(3)] **(III)** \$6,000,000 for fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter.

1 **(2) IN ADDITION TO THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED UNDER**
2 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023 AND EACH FISCAL**
3 **YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL**
4 **AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$1,500,000 TO UMCEED TO BE USED TO**
5 **ENCOURAGE THE DEVELOPMENT AND LOCATION OF UNIVERSITY CREATED OR**
6 **SPONSORED TECHNOLOGY COMPANIES IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.**

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

8 (a) For each of fiscal years 2023 through 2027, the Governor shall appropriate in
9 the annual budget at least an additional \$4,000,000 to the University System of Maryland
10 Office for the purpose of increasing the estimated funding guideline attainment levels of
11 the primarily residential institutions in the System with the lowest estimated funding
12 guideline attainment levels in fiscal year 2021.

13 (b) The University System of Maryland shall allocate the funds each year in a
14 manner that brings the primarily residential institutions with the lowest estimated
15 funding guideline attainment levels in fiscal year 2021 as close as possible to a 68%
16 estimated funding guideline attainment level by fiscal year 2027.

17 (c) The funds distributed under this section each year are in addition to the
18 annual appropriation for each institution, and shall be included in each institution’s base
19 budget for all fiscal years after the distribution.

20 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2021.