

HOUSE BILL 530

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By: **Delegate Ivey**

Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2022

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Historically Black Colleges and Universities – Disparities Within and**
3 **Independence From University System of Maryland – Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the University System of Maryland to contract with an
5 independent consultant to study certain elements of the relationship between
6 historically black colleges and universities in the State and the University System of
7 Maryland and their continued relationship; and generally relating to historically
8 black colleges and universities in the State and the University System of Maryland.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That:

11 (a) The University System of Maryland shall contract with an independent
12 consultant to study and make recommendations on:

13 (1) the existence of disparities between the historically black colleges and
14 universities and other universities within the University System of Maryland, including:

15 (i) patterns of discrimination by the University System of Maryland
16 towards historically black colleges and universities within the University System of
17 Maryland;

18 (ii) evidence of disparities in the allocation of funding and resources
19 to historically black colleges and universities compared to other institutions within the
20 University System of Maryland;

21 (iii) evidence of the exclusion of historically black colleges and
22 universities in the decision making of the University System of Maryland; and

23 (iv) other evidence that suggests a benefit to historically black
24 colleges and universities within the System to seek independence from the University

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 System of Maryland;

2 (2) processes by which historically black colleges and universities could
3 become independent from the University System of Maryland while still maintaining
4 funding from the State; and

5 (3) the impact on Morgan State University of gaining independence from
6 the University System of Maryland.

7 (b) On or before December 1, 2022, the University System of Maryland shall
8 report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the
9 House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government
10 Article, on the findings and recommendations required under subsection (a) of this section.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2023, this
13 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no
14 further force and effect.