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By: **Delegate Buckel** Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2022 Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

Economic Development – Maryland E–Nnovation Initiative Program – Qualifying Donations

- FOR the purpose of altering, under certain circumstances, the minimum threshold for a
 qualified donation or pledge made to a research endowment of a certain institution
 of higher education for purposes of the Maryland E–Nnovation Initiative Program;
- 7 and generally relating to the Maryland E–Nnovation Initiative Program.
- 8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 9 Article Economic Development
- 10 Section 6–613(a)
- 11 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)
- 13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 14 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 15 Article Economic Development
- 16 6-613.
- 17 (a) Private donations to a research endowment shall be considered a qualified 18 donation if:
- 19 (1) the donation or pledge is expressly or specifically restricted by the donor 20 for one or more of the eligible uses under § 6–614 of this subtitle;
- 21 (2) (I) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN ITEM (II) OF THIS ITEM, the 22 individual donation or pledge is a minimum of \$500,000 or is bundled with other qualified 23 donations to meet the \$500,000 threshold; [and] OR



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1 (II) FOR AN INDIVIDUAL DONATION OR PLEDGE MADE TO A 2 RESEARCH ENDOWMENT OF A NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION 3 THAT HAS AN ANNUAL UNRESTRICTED CURRENT FUNDS BUDGET OF LESS THAN 4 \$250,000,000, THE INDIVIDUAL DONATION OR PLEDGE IS A MINIMUM OF \$200,000 5 OR IS BUNDLED WITH OTHER QUALIFIED DONATIONS TO MEET THE \$200,000 6 THRESHOLD; AND

7 (3) the nonprofit institution of higher education accepts the donation from 8 individuals, partnerships, associations, public or private for-profit and nonprofit 9 corporations, or nongovernmental foundations.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 11 1, 2022.