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By: **Delegate Henson**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2022

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission on African American History and Culture – Alterations**
3 **(Senator Verda Welcome Act)**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Historical Trust to provide certain support to
5 capital projects that received funding from the African American Heritage
6 Preservation Program; establishing the Commission on African American History
7 and Culture as an independent agency; requiring the Governor to include certain
8 appropriations in the annual State budget bill; and generally relating to the
9 Commission on African American History and Culture.

10 BY renumbering

11 Article – State Government
12 Section 9.5–401 through 9.5–408, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 4.
13 Commission on African American History and Culture”
14 to be Section 9–3501 through 9–3508, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 35.
15 Commission on African American History and Culture”
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2021 Replacement Volume)

18 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

19 Article – State Finance and Procurement
20 Section 5A–301(a) and (m)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2021 Replacement Volume)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

24 Article – State Finance and Procurement
25 Section 5A–330(b)
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2021 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 2 Article – State Government
 3 Section 9–3502, 9–3506(c), and 9–3508
 4 Annotated Code of Maryland
 5 (2021 Replacement Volume)
 6 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 8 Article – State Government
 9 Section 9.5–101(b)
 10 Annotated Code of Maryland
 11 (2021 Replacement Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 13 That Section(s) 9.5–401 through 9.5–408, respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 4.
 14 Commission on African American History and Culture” of Article – State Government of
 15 the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 9–3501 through 9–3508,
 16 respectively, and the subtitle “Subtitle 35. Commission on African American History and
 17 Culture”.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
 19 as follows:

20 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

21 5A–301.

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

23 (m) “Trust” means the Maryland Historical Trust.

24 5A–330.

25 (b) (1) There is an African American Heritage Preservation Program in the
 26 Trust.

27 (2) The purpose of the Program is to identify and preserve buildings,
 28 communities, and sites of historical and cultural importance to the African American
 29 experience in the State.

30 (3) The Trust shall develop and administer the Program in partnership
 31 with the Commission.

32 **(4) THE TRUST SHALL PROVIDE OPERATIONAL AND PROGRAM**
 33 **SUPPORT FOR ALL CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT RECEIVED FUNDING FROM THE**
 34 **PROGRAM.**

1 9.5–101.

2 (b) The Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives shall include the following
3 units:

4 (1) the Governor’s Office on Service and Volunteerism, under Subtitle 2 of
5 this title;

6 (2) the Commission on Indian Affairs, under Subtitle 3 of this title;

7 (3) [the Commission on African American History and Culture, under
8 Subtitle 4 of this title;

9 (4)] the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs, under Subtitle 5 of this title; and

10 [(5)] (4) any other unit as authorized by law or executive order.

11 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2022.