

# SENATE BILL 841

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Morgan State University – Carnegie Classification – Doctoral University With**  
3 **Very High Research Activity**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a goal for Morgan State University to achieve a certain  
5 research status by sustaining certain annual research expenditures and  
6 emphasizing research on certain issues; and generally relating to the research status  
7 of Morgan State University.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

9 Article – Education

10 Section 11–105(b)(5)(iii), 14–101(b), and 14–104(n)(1)

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 – Education**

16 11–105.

17 (b) (5) (iii) With respect to Morgan State University, the Commission shall  
18 direct the Board of Regents of Morgan State University to develop and implement a plan  
19 for [the enhancement]:

20 1. **THE ENHANCEMENT** of that institution; and  
21 [designation]

22 2. **THE DESIGNATION OF THAT INSTITUTION** as [the]:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **A. THE State's preeminent public urban research university**  
2 with the appropriate programs, faculty, and facilities; **AND**

3                   **B. A DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY WITH VERY HIGH**  
4 **RESEARCH ACTIVITY AS IDENTIFIED BY THE CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION OF**  
5 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

6 14–101.

7           (b) Morgan State University:

8                   (1) Has the responsibility, with other educational institutions, for  
9 providing higher education research and graduate study in the Baltimore area;

10                   (2) Is designated as the State's preeminent public urban research  
11 university with a mission of instruction, research, and service;

12                   (3) Offers baccalaureate and graduate degrees in the arts and sciences;

13                   (4) Emphasizes an education addressing urban concerns;

14                   (5) Offers the professional and graduate programs approved by its Board  
15 of Regents and the Maryland Higher Education Commission;

16                   (6) Shall be dedicated to [the]:

17                   **(I) THE** development and delivery of comprehensive and  
18 high-quality academic programs and services to its university community and the citizens  
19 of Maryland, particularly the citizens of the Baltimore region **AND OTHER URBAN**  
20 **COMMUNITIES IN THE STATE;**

21                   **(II) SUSTAINED ANNUAL RESEARCH EXPENDITURES OF**  
22 **BETWEEN \$50,000,000 AND \$75,000,000; AND**

23                   **(III) THE EMPHASIS OF RESEARCH TO ADDRESS ISSUES THAT**  
24 **DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, INCLUDING:**

25                   **1. HEALTH DISPARITIES; AND**

26                   **2. SUSTAINED MULTIGENERATIONAL ECONOMIC**  
27 **DISPARITIES; and**

28                   (7) Shall serve a diverse citizenry in an innovative and collaborative  
29 manner, all the while exercising its responsibilities with uncompromising integrity through  
30 strong, but compassionate, leadership.

1 14–104.

2 (n) (1) The President shall develop an overall plan that is consistent with the  
3 statewide plan for higher education and the Charter that:

4 (i) Sets forth both long–range and short–range goals, objectives, and  
5 priorities for postsecondary education, research, and service provided by the University;

6 (ii) Subject to § 11–105 of this article, identifies the role, function,  
7 and mission of the University;

8 (iii) Provides for the enhancement of the University as [the]:

9 1. **THE State’s preeminent public urban research university;**

10 **AND**

11 **2. A DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY WITH VERY HIGH**  
12 **RESEARCH ACTIVITY AS IDENTIFIED BY THE CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION OF**  
13 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;**

14 (iv) Encourages and supports high quality undergraduate and  
15 graduate programs on its campuses; and

16 (v) Stimulates outreach to the community and State through close  
17 relationships with public elementary and secondary schools, business and industry, and  
18 governmental agencies.

19 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
20 **October 1, 2022.**