

SENATE BILL 841

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By: ~~Senator Ferguson~~ **Senators Ferguson and Washington**

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CHAPTER _____

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]**:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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

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

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

6 **B. A DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY WITH VERY HIGH**
 7 **RESEARCH ACTIVITY AS IDENTIFIED BY THE CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION OF**
 8 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION.**

9 14–101.

10 (b) Morgan State University:

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

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

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

16 (4) Emphasizes an education addressing urban concerns;

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

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

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

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

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

28 **1. HEALTH DISPARITIES; AND**

1 **2. SUSTAINED MULTIGENERATIONAL ECONOMIC**
 2 **DISPARITIES;** and

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

6 14–104.

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

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

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

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

14 **1. THE State’s preeminent public urban research university;**
 15 **AND**

16 **2. A DOCTORAL UNIVERSITY WITH VERY HIGH**
 17 **RESEARCH ACTIVITY AS IDENTIFIED BY THE CARNEGIE CLASSIFICATION OF**
 18 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION;**

19 (iv) Encourages and supports high quality undergraduate and
 20 graduate programs on its campuses; and

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

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 25 October 1, 2022.