

HOUSE BILL 334

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CF SB 376

By: **Delegates Solomon, Amprey, Conaway, Kaufman, Korman, Love, Shetty, Wells, and Wolek**

Introduced and read first time: January 17, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – MPowering Joint Steering Council – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual
4 State budget bill for the MPowering Joint Steering Council to use exclusively on the
5 University of Maryland Institute for Health Computing; and generally relating to
6 the MPowering Joint Steering Council.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article – Education

9 Section 12–301(a) and (c)

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

13 Article – Education

14 Section 12–304

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Education**

20 12–301.

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

22 (c) “Council” means the MPowering Joint Steering Council established under §
23 12–304 of this subtitle.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 12-304.

2 (a) There is an MPowering Joint Steering Council.

3 (b) The Council consists of members appointed by the President of the College
4 Park Campus and the President of the Baltimore Campus.

5 (c) The Council shall:

6 (1) Develop guidelines for faculty appointments that are joint between the
7 College Park Campus and the Baltimore Campus;

8 (2) Make recommendations to the presidents on joint faculty
9 appointments;

10 (3) Make recommendations to the presidents identifying competitor state
11 peers for the University of Maryland;

12 (4) Establish a process by which undergraduate and graduate programs
13 are evaluated to determine whether the students, the University of Maryland, and the
14 State would benefit from alignment and collaboration and make recommendations to the
15 presidents;

16 (5) Carry out the programs and policies established under the MPower
17 program as directed by the presidents;

18 (6) Explore opportunities to create registered apprenticeship programs in
19 nursing and other fields that include integration of high school career and technology
20 education programs and University of Maryland graduate and undergraduate programs;
21 and

22 (7) Perform any other duties assigned by the presidents.

23 (d) (1) The Governor shall include in the annual State budget for the Council
24 a General Fund appropriation in the following amounts:

25 (i) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2021;

26 (ii) \$4,000,000 in fiscal year 2022;

27 (iii) \$6,000,000 in fiscal year 2023;

28 (iv) \$8,000,000 in fiscal year 2024; and

29 (v) \$10,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter.

1 (2) The Governor shall include in the annual State budget for the
2 University of Maryland Baltimore County, to further its mission as a research university
3 and to complement the economic development and research activities of the MPowering
4 Joint Steering Council, a General Fund appropriation in the following amounts:

- 5 (i) \$400,000 in fiscal year 2021;
6 (ii) \$800,000 in fiscal year 2022;
7 (iii) \$1,200,000 in fiscal year 2023;
8 (iv) \$1,600,000 in fiscal year 2024; and
9 (v) \$2,000,000 in fiscal year 2025 and each year thereafter.

10 (3) **THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET**
11 **FOR THE COUNCIL TO USE EXCLUSIVELY ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**
12 **INSTITUTE FOR HEALTH COMPUTING A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION IN THE**
13 **FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:**

- 14 **(I) \$1,500,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2026;**
15 **(II) \$3,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2027;**
16 **(III) \$4,500,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2028; AND**
17 **(IV) \$6,000,000 IN FISCAL YEAR 2029 AND EACH YEAR**
18 **THEREAFTER.**

19 (4) The money appropriated under paragraphs (1), (2), and [(2)] (3) of this
20 subsection is supplemental to and may not take the place of funding that otherwise would
21 be appropriated for the Council or the University of Maryland Baltimore County.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2024.