

HOUSE BILL 46

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Delegate Queen**

Requested: November 1, 2025

Introduced and read first time: January 14, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Sports Wagering – Gambling Prevention Technology Pilot Program**
3 **– Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Gambling Prevention Technology Pilot Program in the
5 State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission; requiring Bowie State University
6 and Morgan State University to participate in the Pilot Program; requiring the
7 Commission, in collaboration with certain entities, to designate certain no gambling
8 zones on each campus, develop certain informational signage, and identify and
9 implement certain technologies; and generally relating to the Gambling Prevention
10 Technology Pilot Program.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – State Government
13 Section 9–1E–18
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – State Government**

19 **9–1E–18.**

20 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
21 **INDICATED.**

22 **(2) “GEOFENCE” MEANS A VIRTUAL PERIMETER AROUND A PHYSICAL**
23 **LOCATION.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



3 (B) (1) THERE IS A GAMBLING PREVENTION TECHNOLOGY PILOT
4 PROGRAM IN THE COMMISSION.

5 (2) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY
6 SHALL PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

7 (c) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO:

8 (1) IDENTIFY STRATEGIES FOR REDUCING OR MITIGATING THE
9 NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF PROBLEM GAMBLING BY STUDENTS ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES
10 IN THE STATE;

16 (D) THE COMMISSION, IN COLLABORATION WITH BOWIE STATE
17 UNIVERSITY, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE MARYLAND CENTER OF
18 EXCELLENCE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING, SHALL:

21 (2) DEVELOP INFORMATIONAL SIGNAGE TO BE POSTED AROUND
22 EACH ZONE; AND

26 (E) (1) EACH ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR SHALL:

6 (I) PREVENTED FROM ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING; AND

7 (II) SHOWN A WARNING THAT CONTAINS INFORMATION ON:

1 (F) THE COMMISSION SHALL DETERMINE THE TIME FRAME AND
2 NECESSARY STEPS TO ESTABLISH THE PILOT PROGRAM.

3 (G) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT FINE, PENALIZE, OR OTHERWISE SANCTION
4 AN ONLINE SPORTS WAGERING OPERATOR FOR UNFORESEEABLE TECHNOLOGICAL
5 FAILURES THAT OCCUR WITHIN THE GEOFENCED BOUNDARIES DURING THE PILOT
6 PROGRAM.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2031,
25 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
26 of no further force and effect.