



**SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Senate Bill 620**  
**Institutions of Higher Education - Sports Wagering Contracts - Prohibition**  
**February 22, 2023**  
**Information**

Chair Feldman, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to share information regarding Senate Bill 620. The bill prohibits institutions of higher education from entering into a contract with certain regulated gaming entities or agents if the institution of higher education receives compensation for student participation in sports wagering.

Chapter 492 of 2020 authorized sports and event wagering generally, subject to voter referendum, which was approved by Maryland voters in November 2020.

The institutions comprising the University System of Maryland (USM) have no plans or intention to enter into the types of agreements or contracts with any regulated gaming entities cited in the bill and therefore do not object to the prohibition called for in the bill.

Additionally, as advised in the fiscal note, this bill has no fiscal impact on the USM and our institutions.

Thank you for allowing the USM to share this information on Senate Bill 620.



### **About the University System of Maryland**

The University System of Maryland (USM)—one system made up of twelve institutions, three regional centers, and a central office—awards eight out of every ten bachelor’s degrees in the State of Maryland. The USM is governed by a Board of Regents, comprised of twenty-one members from diverse professional and personal backgrounds. The chancellor, Dr. Jay Perman, oversees and manages the operations of USM. However, each constituent institution is run by its own president who has authority over that university. Each of USM’s 12 institutions has a distinct and unique approach to the mission of educating students and promoting the economic, intellectual, and cultural growth of its surrounding community. These institutions are located throughout the state, from western Maryland to the Eastern Shore, with the flagship campus in the Washington suburbs. The USM includes Historically Black Colleges and Universities, comprehensive institutions, research universities, and the country’s largest public online institution.

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