

vetoed House Bill 1501 – *Higher Education – Morgan State University and St. Mary's College of Maryland – Authority.*

This bill authorizes the Maryland Higher Education Commission to review and comment on the operating and capital budgets of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University only within the broad context of the State Plan for Higher Education; prohibits the Commission from recommending against a specified budget item except under specified circumstances; and exempts specified capital improvements made by Morgan State University and St. Mary's College of Maryland from the Capital Improvement Program.

Senate Bill 444, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1501.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1501

AN ACT concerning

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FOR the purpose of authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to review and comment on the operating and capital budgets of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University only within a certain context; prohibiting the Commission from recommending against a certain budget item except under certain circumstances; designating Morgan State University as a certain entity; authorizing the University to adopt a certain seal, maintain a certain office, enter into certain contracts, and, in accordance with a certain requirement under certain circumstances, acquire, hold, lease, use, encumber, transfer, exchange, or dispose of certain property; authorizing the Board of Regents to establish, invest in, finance, and operate certain businesses or certain business entities under certain circumstances; clarifying the status of certain business entities and certain financial obligations; requiring the Board of Regents to submit a certain report; exempting certain public improvements made by Morgan State University and St. Mary's College of Maryland from the Capital Improvement Program; repealing a certain provision regarding the responsibility of the Department of General Services to advise Morgan State University and St. Mary's College of Maryland on certain engineering questions or certain public improvements; requiring the Department of General Services to advise the Board of Public Works on certain contracts for Morgan State University and St. Mary's College of Maryland that exceed a certain dollar amount under certain circumstances; requiring certain procurements for St. Mary's College of Maryland to comply with certain policies and procedures; requiring certain procurements of St. Mary's College of Maryland to be subject to review and approval by the Board of Public Works; ~~providing that a public~~