

WHEREAS, With the exception of Morgan State University, the governing boards of all other 4-year Maryland public colleges and universities have been granted expanded authority for managing procurement matters; and

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly to grant the Governing Board of Morgan State University broader management authority and flexibility; and

WHEREAS, Granting the Governing Board of Morgan State University the authority for managing procurement matters will assist the University in meeting its educational mission, allow for more efficient and effective management of the University's operation, and assist the University in meeting the goals established in the 1988 reorganization legislation; now, therefore,

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

Article - State Finance and Procurement

4-402.

(a) (1) Except as provided in § 4-409 of this subtitle, this subtitle does not apply to any public improvement made by:

- (i) the Department of Transportation or a unit in that Department;
- (ii) any housing authority created under Article 44A of the Code;
- (iii) the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
- (iv) the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission;
- (v) the Baltimore County Metropolitan District; or
- (vi) a county, municipal corporation, or unit of a county or municipal corporation.

(2) Except as provided in §§ 4-406, 4-410, and 4-410.1 of this subtitle or as otherwise provided by law, the University of Maryland System, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, and St. Mary's College of Maryland are subject to the provisions of this subtitle.

(b) The Board of Public Works may exempt specific projects of a unit of the State government from the provisions of this subtitle.

(c) The Board of Public Works shall adopt regulations in accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article establishing procedures for the exemption of specific projects of units of State government under subsection (b) of this section.

4-406.

(a) (4) With respect to any engineering question or a matter concerning a public improvement, the Department shall advise the University of Maryland System AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY in accordance with the provisions of § 4-410 of this subtitle.