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THE PATUXENT RIVER STONE IS THE STATE GEM.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2004.

Approved May 11, 2004.

CHAPTER 273

(Senate Bill 430)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education - Morgan State University - Coordination and Governance

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; providing that the powers of the Board of Regents regarding the management of Morgan State University are subject to restrictions imposed by law if the law makes specific reference to the University; designating Morgan State University as a certain body, a certain instrumentality, a certain corporation, and a certain unit of State government; authorizing the University to exercise certain corporate powers, adopt a certain seal, maintain a certain office, enter certain contracts, acquire, hold, lease, use, encumber, transfer, exchange, or dispose of certain property, and borrow certain money; repealing a certain limitation on the number of positions that may be created; authorizing the Board of Regents to sue and be sued and to carry certain liability insurance; authorizing the Board of Regents to make a certain determination regarding certain insurance; providing for a certain application of the Maryland Tort Claims Act; providing for the construction of certain immunity of the University; authorizing the Board of Regents to acquire, lease, encumber, sell, or dispose of certain real or personal property; specifying that all property of the University is property of the State; exempting the University from a certain division of the State Finance and Procurement Article; requiring the Board of Regents to develop certain policies and procedures that govern certain procurements; requiring the Board of Regents to develop a certain information technology plan; authorizing the Board of Regents to establish, invest in, finance, and operate certain businesses or certain business entities under certain circumstances; clarifying a certain business entity; clarifying a certain financial obligation; requiring the Board of Regents to submit a certain report; exempting the University from certain changes relating to information technology; requiring the University and St. Mary's College of Maryland to include a certain list of certain expenditures for certain capital improvements; exempting the University from certain provisions relating to certain