

HOUSE BILL 184

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By: **Delegate Ivey**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College**
3 **of Maryland – Board Membership – Alterations**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Board of Regents of the University
5 System of Maryland to increase the number of members, require that certain
6 members have backgrounds in certain activities, and require that certain members
7 attended certain institutions of higher education; altering the membership of the
8 Board of Regents of Morgan State University and the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's
9 College of Maryland to increase the number of members and require that certain
10 members have backgrounds in certain activities; providing for the initial
11 appointment of certain members of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University
12 and the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland; and generally relating
13 to the membership of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland,
14 the Board of Regents of Morgan State University, and the Board of Trustees of St.
15 Mary's College of Maryland.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
17 Article – Education
18 Section 12–102(b) and (d) through (f), 14–102(a), and 14–402(a)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
22 Article – Education
23 Section 12–102(c), 14–102(b) and (c), and 14–402(b)
24 Annotated Code of Maryland
25 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Education**

2 12–102.

3 (b) The government of the University System of Maryland is vested in the Board
4 of Regents of the University System of Maryland.

5 (c) The Board of Regents consists of [~~21~~] **28** members as follows:

6 (1) (i) Except as provided in item (ii) of this item, two members shall be
7 full–time students in good academic standing at an institution under the jurisdiction of the
8 Board; and

9 (ii) A student member who is in good academic standing at the
10 University of Maryland Global Campus shall be exempt from the full–time student
11 requirement in item (i) of this item;

12 (2) One member shall be the Secretary of Agriculture ex officio;

13 (3) One member shall be the Secretary of Commerce ex officio;

14 (4) One member shall be appointed by the President of the Senate;

15 (5) One member shall be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

16 (6) The remaining members of the Board shall be residents of the State,
17 shall be appointed from the general public, and shall include:

18 (i) One individual with a background in higher education
19 administration;

20 (ii) One individual with a background in finance; [and]

21 (iii) One individual with a background in diversity and workplace
22 inclusion;

23 **(IV) TWO INDIVIDUALS WITH A BACKGROUND IN LABOR UNION**
24 **ORGANIZING;**

25 **(V) ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH A BACKGROUND IN IMMIGRATION**
26 **ADVOCACY;**

27 **(VI) ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH A BACKGROUND IN CIVIL RIGHTS**
28 **ADVOCACY;**

1 (VII) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO ATTENDED BOWIE STATE
2 UNIVERSITY;

3 (VIII) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO ATTENDED COPPIN STATE
4 UNIVERSITY; AND

5 (IX) ONE INDIVIDUAL WHO ATTENDED THE UNIVERSITY OF
6 MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.

7 (d) In making appointments to the Board, the Governor, the President of the
8 Senate, and the Speaker of the House shall consider representation from all parts of the
9 State.

10 (e) (1) Each member of the Board appointed under subsection (c)(1) and (6) of
11 this section shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate.

12 (2) After the 40th day, and before the 80th day, from the commencement of
13 each regular session of the General Assembly, the Senate shall consider each year's
14 appointees to the Board collectively to ensure adequate balance of membership.

15 (f) (1) Except for the student members, each appointed member serves for a
16 term of 5 years from July 1 of the year of appointment and until a successor is appointed
17 and qualifies. These members may be reappointed.

18 (2) The student members shall be appointed for a term of 2 years, from July
19 1, and may be reappointed if the student remains a student at any campus of the University
20 System of Maryland.

21 (3) A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves only
22 for the remainder of that term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

23 14-102.

24 (a) The government of the University is vested in the Board of Regents.

25 (b) The Board of Regents consists of [15] 19 members appointed by the Governor
26 with the advice and consent of the Senate.

27 (c) (1) (I) One member of the Board of Regents shall be a student in good
28 academic standing at the University who:

29 [(i)] 1. Is at least 18 years old; and

30 [(ii)] 2. Has the qualifications required to be student body
31 president.

1 **[(2)] (II)** The student member serves for a term of 1 year and until a
2 successor is appointed and qualifies.

3 **[(3)] (III)** The student may be a resident of a state other than Maryland,
4 but the residency status of the student may not be considered in determining the number
5 of resident or nonresident regents as provided for in subsection (d)(2) of this section.

6 **(2) THE REMAINING MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL**
7 **INCLUDE:**

8 **(I) TWO INDIVIDUALS WITH A BACKGROUND IN LABOR UNION**
9 **ORGANIZING;**

10 **(II) ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH A BACKGROUND IN IMMIGRATION**
11 **ADVOCACY; AND**

12 **(III) ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH A BACKGROUND IN CIVIL RIGHTS**
13 **ADVOCACY.**

14 14-402.

15 (a) The government of St. Mary's College of Maryland is vested in the Board of
16 Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland.

17 (b) (1) The Board of Trustees consists of **[26] 30** members.

18 (2) Of the **[26] 30** members:

19 (i) **[23] 27** members shall be appointed by the Governor upon the
20 recommendation of the Board of Trustees, with the advice and consent of the Senate,
21 **INCLUDING:**

22 1. **TWO INDIVIDUALS WITH A BACKGROUND IN LABOR**
23 **UNION ORGANIZING;**

24 2. **ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH A BACKGROUND IN**
25 **IMMIGRATION ADVOCACY; AND**

26 3. **ONE INDIVIDUAL WITH A BACKGROUND IN CIVIL**
27 **RIGHTS ADVOCACY;**

28 (ii) 1 member shall be the Chairman of the Historic St. Mary's City
29 Commission, or the Chairman's designee;

30 (iii) 1 member shall be the President of the St. Mary's Alumni

1 Association; and

2 (iv) 1 member shall be a student in good academic standing at the
3 College.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

5 (a) The Governor shall appoint the following members to the Board of Regents of
6 Morgan State University in accordance with § 14–102 of the Education Article, as enacted
7 by Section 1 of this Act:

8 (1) two individuals with a background in labor union organizing;

9 (2) one individual with a background in immigration advocacy; and

10 (3) one individual with a background in civil rights advocacy.

11 (b) The members appointed in accordance with this section shall serve for a term
12 of 5 years beginning July 1, 2022, until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

13 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

14 (a) The Governor shall appoint the following members to the Board of Trustees of
15 St. Mary’s College of Maryland in accordance with § 14–402 of the Education Article, as
16 enacted by Section 1 of this Act:

17 (1) two individuals with a background in labor union organizing;

18 (2) one individual with a background in immigration advocacy; and

19 (3) one individual with a background in civil rights advocacy.

20 (b) The members appointed in accordance with this section shall serve for a term
21 of 6 years beginning July 1, 2022, until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

22 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2021.