

# HOUSE BILL 1640

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By: **Delegates Anderson, Attar, C. Branch, T. Branch, Conaway, Haynes, McIntosh, and Rosenberg**

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Morgan State University – Police Force Powers – Authorization**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Morgan State University Police Force to exercise  
4 certain powers when requested or authorized to do so by the Mayor of Baltimore City  
5 or the Commissioner of the Baltimore Police Department; and generally relating to  
6 the Morgan State University Police Force.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
8 Article – Education  
9 Section 14–106(a)  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
13 Article – Education  
14 Section 14–106(b)  
15 Annotated Code of Maryland  
16 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 14–106.

21 (a) There is a Morgan State University Police Force.

22 (b) (1) A University police officer has the powers granted to a peace and police  
23 officer.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) However, a University police officer may exercise these powers only on property that is owned, leased, operated by, or under the control of the University. The police officer may not exercise these powers on any other property unless:

(i) Engaged in fresh pursuit of a suspected offender;

**(II) REQUESTED OR AUTHORIZED TO DO SO BY THE MAYOR OF BALTIMORE CITY OR THE COMMISSIONER OF THE BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT;**

**[(ii)] (III)** Necessary to facilitate the orderly flow of traffic to and from property owned, leased, operated by, or under the control of the University; or

**[(iii)] (IV)** Ordered to do so by the Governor.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.