

# SENATE BILL 1085

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By: **Senator Conway**

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Assigned to: Rules

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Morgan State University – Designation as the State’s Preeminent Public Urban**  
3 **Research Institution**

4 FOR the purpose of designating Morgan State University as the State’s preeminent public  
5 urban research institution; requiring Morgan State University to be dedicated to the  
6 development and delivery of certain programs and services and to serve certain  
7 people in a certain manner; and generally relating to the designation of Morgan State  
8 University as the State’s preeminent public urban research institution.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Education  
11 Section 11–105(b)(5)(iii), 14–101(b), and 14–104(n)(1)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Education**

17 11–105.

18 (b) (5) (iii) With respect to Morgan State University, the Commission shall  
19 direct the Board of Regents of Morgan State University to develop and implement a plan  
20 for the enhancement of that institution **AND DESIGNATION** as the State’s **PREEMINENT**  
21 public urban [university] **RESEARCH INSTITUTION** with the appropriate programs,  
22 faculty, and facilities.

23 14–101.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) Morgan State University:

(1) Has the responsibility, with other educational institutions, for providing higher education research and graduate study in the Baltimore area;

(2) Is **DESIGNATED AS** the State's **PREEMINENT** public urban [university] **RESEARCH INSTITUTION** with a mission of instruction, research, and service;

(3) Offers baccalaureate and graduate degrees in the arts and sciences;

(4) Emphasizes an education addressing urban concerns; [and]

(5) Offers the professional and graduate programs approved by its Board of Regents and the Maryland Higher Education Commission;

**(6) SHALL BE DEDICATED TO THE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF COMPREHENSIVE AND HIGH-QUALITY ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND SERVICES TO ITS UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY AND THE CITIZENS OF MARYLAND, PARTICULARLY THE CITIZENS OF THE BALTIMORE REGION; AND**

**(7) SHALL SERVE A DIVERSE CITIZENRY IN AN INNOVATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE MANNER, ALL THE WHILE EXERCISING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES WITH UNCOMPROMISING INTEGRITY THROUGH STRONG, BUT COMPASSIONATE, LEADERSHIP.**

14–104.

(n) (1) The President shall develop an overall plan that is consistent with the statewide plan for higher education and the Charter that:

(i) Sets forth both long-range and short-range goals, objectives, and priorities for postsecondary education, research, and service provided by the University;

(ii) Subject to § 11–105 of this article, identifies the role, function, and mission of the University;

(iii) Provides for the enhancement of the University as the State's **PREEMINENT** public urban [university] **RESEARCH INSTITUTION**;

(iv) Encourages and supports high quality undergraduate and graduate programs on its campuses; and

(v) Stimulates outreach to the community and State through close relationships with public elementary and secondary schools, business and industry, and governmental agencies.

1       SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
2   October 1, 2017.