

SENATE BILL 5

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Augustine**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – University System of Maryland, Morgan State University,**
3 **and St. Mary’s College of Maryland – Guaranteed Admissions**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the University System of Maryland, Morgan State
5 University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland to develop admission policies that
6 require the institutions to admit as freshmen certain high school applicants in the
7 State; and generally relating to admissions in the University System of Maryland,
8 Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Education
11 Section 10–215
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

15 Article – Education
16 Section 12–101(b)(1) and (6)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 **10–215.**

23 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 INDICATED.

2 (2) "CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN §
3 12-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.

4 (3) "UNIVERSITY" INCLUDES THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF
5 MARYLAND, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF
6 MARYLAND.

7 (B) EACH UNIVERSITY SHALL DEVELOP AN ADMISSION POLICY THAT
8 REQUIRES THE UNIVERSITY AND, IF APPLICABLE, THE CONSTITUENT INSTITUTIONS
9 OF THE UNIVERSITY TO ADMIT AS FRESHMEN APPLICANTS WHO:

10 (1) GRADUATE FROM A PUBLIC OR NONPUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE
11 STATE; AND

12 (2) ARE IN THE TOP 10% OF THE APPLICANT'S HIGH SCHOOL CLASS.

13 12-101.

14 (b) (1) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

15 (6) "Constituent institutions", "institutions", or "campuses" means the
16 following public senior higher education institutions under the jurisdiction of the Board of
17 Regents:

18 (i) University of Maryland, which is a strategic partnership between
19 the following two distinct campuses within the University System of Maryland:

20 1. The University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus; and

21 2. The University of Maryland, College Park Campus;

22 (ii) University of Maryland Baltimore County;

23 (iii) University of Maryland Eastern Shore;

24 (iv) University of Maryland Global Campus;

25 (v) Bowie State University;

26 (vi) Coppin State University;

27 (vii) Frostburg State University;

- 1 (viii) Salisbury University;
- 2 (ix) Towson University; and
- 3 (x) University of Baltimore.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2024.