Chapter 454

(Senate Bill 432)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Cyber Warrior Diversity Program – Revisions

FOR the purpose of altering the locations of the Cyber Warrior Diversity Program in the State; requiring certain governing entities to use a certain curriculum and to award certain contracts or memoranda of understanding to certain businesses; requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations in the annual State operating budget to provide grants to certain entities and to hold a certain conference; specifying the amounts and uses of certain grants provided under the Program; altering the date by which certain governing entities must notify the Maryland Higher Education Commission regarding certain enrollment; requiring the Commission to allocate certain funds to certain entities on a certain basis; requiring a certain entity to hold a certain conference annually on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; altering a certain definition; and generally relating to the Cyber Warrior Diversity Program.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education
Section 11–1401, 11–1402 11–1402(a), and 11–1405
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education
Section 11–1407
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 567 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2018
Section 2

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Education
Section 11–1402(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

Article – Education
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11–1401.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “CompTIA” means the Computing Technology Industry Association.

(c) “Governing entity” means:

(1) The Board of Trustees of Baltimore City Community College;

(2) The President of Bowie State University;

(3) The President of Coppin State University;

(4) The Board of Regents of Morgan State University; [and]

(5) The President of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore; AND

(6) **THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY TRAINING CENTERS; AND**

(7) **THE PRESIDENT OF LANGSTON HUGHES COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND RESOURCE CENTER.**

(d) “Program” means a Cyber Warrior Diversity Program.

(e) (1) “SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN 13 C.F.R. § 124.1002.

(2) **A SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS:**

   (i) has its headquarters in a qualified opportunity zone, as defined in 26 U.S.C.A. § 1400Z–1 and as designated by the governor;

   (ii) **IS CERTIFIED BY THE COMP TIA ACADEMY; AND**

   (iii) **IS A COMP TIA PEARSON VUE TESTING CENTER WITH MORE THAN 3 YEARS OF TESTING EXPERIENCE.**

(f) “Successful completer” means a student who enrolled in and successfully completed the Program.

11–1402.
(a) There is a Cyber Warrior Diversity Program at:

(1) Baltimore City Community College;
(2) Bowie State University;
(3) Coppin State University;
(4) Morgan State University; [and]
(5) THE University of Maryland Eastern Shore; AND
(6) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY TRAINING CENTERS THAT ARE LOCATED IN THE STATE; AND
(7) LANGSTON–HUGHES COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND RESOURCE CENTER.

(b) The purpose of each Program is to train students in computer networking and cybersecurity.

(c) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE governing entity at each institution is responsible for administering the Program at that institution.

(2) THE PROGRAM SHALL USE THE CYBER WARRIOR–DIVERSITY PROGRAM CURRICULUM.

(3) IF A GOVERNING ENTITY ADMINISTERS A PROGRAM THROUGH A CONTRACTUAL ARRANGEMENT OR MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING, THE GOVERNING ENTITY SHALL AWARD THE CONTRACT OR MEMORANDUM TO A SMALL DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS.

11–1405.

(a) [For] SUBJECT TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, FOR fiscal year 2020 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall include in the annual State operating budget an appropriation of \$2,500,000 for the Commission to provide grants to Baltimore City Community College, Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, [and] the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY TRAINING CENTERS, AND LANGSTON–HUGHES COMMUNITY, BUSINESS AND RESOURCE CENTER for the Program established under this section.
(B) **Grants provided under subsection (A) of this section shall be in the amount of:**

(1) **At least $10,000 per student at:**

   (i) **Baltimore City Community College;**
   
   (ii) **Bowie State University;**
   
   (iii) **Coppin State University;**
   
   (iv) **Morgan State University; and**
   
   (v) **The University of Maryland Eastern Shore; and**
   
   (vi) **Langston Hughes Community, Business and Resource Center; and**

(2) **At least $500 per student at the University of Maryland Baltimore County Training Centers, for the purpose of participation in job apprenticeship events.**

[(b)] (C) On or before [November 1, 2018] **December 15, 2019**, and each [November 1] **December 15** thereafter, the governing entities shall notify the Commission of the number of students enrolled in each institution's Program for the current academic year.

[(c)] (D) (1) The funding provided in each fiscal year in accordance with this section shall supplement, but not supplant, any funds that would otherwise be provided for each institution.

(2) The Commission annually shall allocate funds to Baltimore City Community College, Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, **AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND BALTIMORE COUNTY TRAINING CENTERS, AND** **Langston Hughes Community, Business and Resource Center** on a pro rata basis according to the most recent enrollment data required under subsection [(b)] (C) of this section.

11–1407.

(A) **On or before December 1, 2019, and each December 1 thereafter, Langston Hughes Community, Business and Resource Center shall hold a National Cyber Warrior Diversity Conference.**
(B) For fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall include in the annual State operating budget an appropriation of at least $250,000 to Langston Hughes Community, Business and Resource Center to hold the conference described under subsection (A) of this section.

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[SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1, 2019, Baltimore City Community College, Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore shall jointly hold a National Cyber Warrior Diversity Conference.]

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.

Approved by the Governor, May 13, 2019.