

## Chapter 567

## (Senate Bill 615)

AN ACT concerning

**Coppin State University and Morgan State University Higher Education – Cyber Warrior Diversity Program – Established**

FOR the purpose of establishing the Cyber Warrior Diversity Program at ~~Coppin State University and Morgan State University~~ Baltimore City Community College, Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore; providing for the purpose of the Program; exempting the Program from a certain process for proposing a new program or a substantial modification of an existing program; requiring that certain governing entities are responsible for administering the Program; ~~prohibiting certain institutions of postsecondary education from establishing programs broadly similar to the Program; prohibiting the Maryland Higher Education Commission from approving programs that are broadly similar to the Program at certain institutions;~~ requiring the Program to provide students with training necessary to achieve certain certifications; requiring the Commission to compare successful completers of the Program to similarly situated students with regard to certain characteristics; requiring the Commission to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring the Governor, beginning in a certain fiscal year, to include in the annual State operating budget an appropriation ~~from the General Fund of the State at least equal to a certain amount to certain institutions~~ for the Commission to provide grants to institutions of higher education for the Program; requiring certain governing entities to provide certain information to the Governor on or before a certain date each year; providing that certain funding shall ~~be in addition to certain base funding appropriated to Coppin State University and Morgan State University~~ certain institutions of higher education and requiring certain funding to be specified as a certain line item in each university's institution's budget; supplement and not supplant certain funds; requiring the Commission annually to allocate certain funds to certain institutions of higher education on a certain basis; requiring ~~Coppin State University and Morgan State University~~ certain institutions of higher education to jointly hold a National Cyber Warrior Diversity Conference ~~on their campuses~~ on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Cyber Warrior Diversity Program ~~at Coppin State University and Morgan State University.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Education  
 Section 11–206(a)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY adding to

## Article – Education

Section 11–1401 through 11–1406 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 14. Cyber Warrior Diversity Program”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2014 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

**Article – Education**

11–206.

(a) This section does not apply to:

(1) New programs proposed to be implemented by public and private nonprofit institutions of higher education using existing program resources in accordance with § 11–206.1 of this subtitle; [and]

(2) Programs offered by institutions of higher education that operate in the State without a certificate of approval in accordance with § 11–202.1(b) of this subtitle; AND

**(3) THE CYBER WARRIOR DIVERSITY PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBTITLE 14 OF THIS TITLE.**

**SUBTITLE 14. CYBER WARRIOR DIVERSITY PROGRAM.**

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 PRESIDENT OF COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND~~

~~(2) THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.~~

**(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.**

**(D) "PROGRAM" MEANS A CYBER WARRIOR DIVERSITY PROGRAM.**

**(E) "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) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND**~~

~~**(2) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY.**~~

**(1) BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE;**

**(2) BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY;**

**(3) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY;**

**(4) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND**

**(5) UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE.**

**(B) THE PURPOSE OF EACH PROGRAM IS TO TRAIN STUDENTS IN COMPUTER NETWORKING AND CYBERSECURITY.**

**(C) THE GOVERNING ENTITY AT EACH INSTITUTION IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAM AT THAT INSTITUTION.**

~~**(D) (1) AN INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION THAT IS CERTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION UNDER § 11-202 OF THIS TITLE OTHER THAN COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY OR MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MAY NOT ESTABLISH A PROGRAM THAT IS BROADLY SIMILAR TO A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**~~

~~(2) THE COMMISSION MAY NOT APPROVE A PROGRAM THAT IS BROADLY SIMILAR TO A PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE AT ANY INSTITUTION OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.~~

11-1403.

EACH PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH THE TRAINING NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE FOLLOWING COMPTIA CERTIFICATIONS:

- (1) COMPTIA A+;
- (2) COMPTIA NETWORK+; AND
- (3) COMPTIA SECURITY+.

11-1404.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL COMPARE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETERS OF EACH PROGRAM TO SIMILARLY SITUATED STUDENTS WHO DID NOT ENROLL IN EITHER PROGRAM WITH REGARD TO THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:

- (1) EMPLOYMENT RATE;
- (2) WAGE EARNINGS; AND
- (3) JOB RETENTION RATE.

(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2021, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

11-1405.

(A) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE OPERATING BUDGET ~~FOR AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,500,000 FOR THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY~~ BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE ~~AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE PROGRAM FUNDS COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY~~ BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY

~~OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE ESTIMATE TO SPEND ON THE PROGRAM DURING THAT FISCAL YEAR~~ FOR THE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(B) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, 2018, AND EACH NOVEMBER 1 THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNING ENTITIES SHALL NOTIFY THE ~~GOVERNOR OF THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUNDS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR~~ COMMISSION OF THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS ENROLLED IN EACH INSTITUTION'S PROGRAM FOR THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR.

(C) (1) THE FUNDING PROVIDED IN EACH FISCAL YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION SHALL ~~BE IN ADDITION TO THE BASE FUNDS APPROPRIATED TO COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR.~~

~~(2) COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY, COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE SHALL REPORT FUNDING PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION AS A SEPARATE LINE ITEM IN EACH UNIVERSITY'S INSTITUTION'S BUDGET 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 ON A PRO RATA BASIS ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT ENROLLMENT DATA REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

11-1406.

THE GOVERNING ENTITIES MAY ADOPT POLICIES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBTITLE.

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

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.

**Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.**