

Department of Legislative Services  
 Maryland General Assembly  
 2022 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
 Enrolled - Revised

House Bill 1446  
 Appropriations

(Delegate Solomon)

Budget and Taxation

Universities at Shady Grove Regional Higher Education Center – Workforce  
 Development Programs – Funding

This bill requires the Governor to include a \$5.0 million appropriation in the fiscal 2024 budget for the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) Regional Higher Education Center (RHEC) to establish or support workforce development programs at the center. The funding is supplemental to and is not intended to take the place of funding that otherwise would be appropriated for USG RHEC. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** No effect in FY 2023. General fund expenditures increase by \$5.0 million in FY 2024 only; University System of Maryland (USM) higher education revenues and expenditures increase correspondingly. **This bill establishes a mandated appropriation for FY 2024.**

(\$ in millions)	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027
Higher Ed Rev.	\$0	\$5.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	\$0	\$5.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Higher Ed Exp.	\$0	\$5.0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Effect	\$0.0	(\$5.0)	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

## Analysis

**Current Law:** An RHEC is a facility at which at least two institutions of higher education offer classes, consisting of a variety of program offerings and multiple degree levels. RHECs are designed to ensure access to higher education in underserved areas of the State. They provide baccalaureate and graduate programs in places where students do not have access to higher education due to geographical distance, commute time, or the limited capacity of local four-year institutions. There are seven RHECs operating throughout Maryland. USM operates three RHECs (Shady Grove, Hagerstown, and Southern Maryland). The other four independent regional centers are coordinated by the Maryland Higher Education Commission, specifically, Arundel Mills, Eastern Shore, Laurel, and La Plata.

### *Universities at Shady Grove Regional Higher Education Center*

USG RHEC issued its 10-year vision USG 2.0 strategic [plan](#) in February 2022. Developing workforce development and career readiness programs are a part of its strategic plan. Addressing the workforce needs of Montgomery County and the State are also addressed in the [Quarterly Status Update on Implementation of the Universities at Shady Grove Financial Viability Report Recommendations](#) published March 1, 2022. The fiscal 2023 operating budget, as enacted (specifically in Supplemental Budget No. 5), includes \$5.0 million for USG to implement the new strategic plan (USG 2.0).

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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