

HOUSE BILL 1182

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland, College Park Campus – Plastics Innovation**
3 **Competition**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the University of Maryland, College Park Campus to hold a
5 certain plastics innovation competition and to establish and administer procedures
6 and rules for the competition; requiring the University to allocate a certain amount
7 of funds for the winners of the competition; and generally relating to a plastics
8 innovation competition at the University of Maryland, College Park Campus.

9 BY adding to
10 Article – Education
11 Section 13–705
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2022 Replacement Volume)

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, In an effort to protect the environment, Maryland must seek innovative
16 solutions; and

17 WHEREAS, Plastic bags, plastic bottles, and plastic straws are a significant source
18 of pollution; and

19 WHEREAS, Innovation should take precedence over banning plastics; and

20 WHEREAS, The United States has never encountered a problem that it could not
21 solve through innovation, science, and technology; now, therefore,

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Article – Education

2 13-705.

3 (A) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK CAMPUS SHALL:

4 (1) HOLD A PLASTICS INNOVATION COMPETITION TO CREATE A
5 BIODEGRADABLE BAG, BOTTLE, AND STRAW; AND6 (2) ESTABLISH AND ADMINISTER PROCEDURES AND RULES FOR THE
7 COMPETITION.8 (B) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, COLLEGE PARK CAMPUS SHALL
9 ALLOCATE \$3,000,000 FOR THE PLASTICS INNOVATION COMPETITION.10 (C) FROM THE FUNDS ALLOCATED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
11 SECTION FOR THE PLASTICS INNOVATION COMPETITION:12 (1) THE WINNER OF THE BIODEGRADABLE BAG COMPETITION SHALL
13 BE AWARDED \$1,000,000;14 (2) THE WINNER OF THE BIODEGRADABLE BOTTLE COMPETITION
15 SHALL BE AWARDED \$1,000,000; AND16 (3) THE WINNER OF THE BIODEGRADABLE STRAW COMPETITION
17 SHALL BE AWARDED \$1,000,000.18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2023.