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## **SENATE BILL 858 Higher Education - Coppin State University - Funding (Hayes)**

### **STATEMENT OF INFORMATION**

**DATE: March 3, 2021**

**COMMITTEE: Senate Budget & Taxation**

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** SB 858 mandates an annual appropriation in the operating or capital budget for FY 2023 to FY 2026 in the amount of \$3 million to build a new student union facility and two student dormitories at Coppin State University; and directs the University of Maryland System to prioritize a public private partnership to build the facilities.

**EXPLANATION:** Capital projects for auxiliary (revenue-producing) buildings at higher education institutions, such as dormitories and student unions, are typically funded with Auxiliary debt backed by enterprise revenues of the university (housing fees, parking fees, bookstore sales, etc.) Auxiliary debt is not backed by the State.

Instructional, administration and research facilities, on the other hand, are typically funded with state debt or with University Academic Revenue Debt (HB 1341 University System of Maryland-Academic Facilities Bonding Authority). Academic revenue debt is repaid with University revenues including tuition and the state appropriation.

Regarding State capital funds, between FY 2000 and FY 2021 the State has invested a total of 393.9 million for Coppin State University. This is equivalent to \$200,812 per full-time equivalent student, the most of any four-year institution between FY 2000 and FY 2021. Recent major projects include:

- **Science and Technology Center** - \$121.7 million – Completed in 2015, this project constructed a new 74,185 NASF/134,882 GSF academic building to support science-related disciplines, including the Departments of Natural Sciences and Mathematics and Computer Science.
- **Percy Julian Building Renovation for College of Business** - \$43.3 million – Expected to be completed in July 2022, this project will renovate the 30,410 NASF/52,190 GSF Percy Julian Science and Arts Building and construct a 7,892 NASF/10,428 GSF addition for the College of Business and the School of Graduate Studies.

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