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Senate Bill 540 (Senator Conway)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Morgan State University - Student Housing

This bill prohibits the Board of Regents of Morgan State University (MSU) from entering into any contract for student housing that is located in the 1500 block of Havenwood Road in Baltimore City unless the Hillen Road Improvement Association approves.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Prohibiting MSU from entering into a contract for student housing without approval from the Hillen Road Improvement Association may affect MSU revenues and expenditures. However, **MSU did not respond to requests for information to determine the impact of the bill.**

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

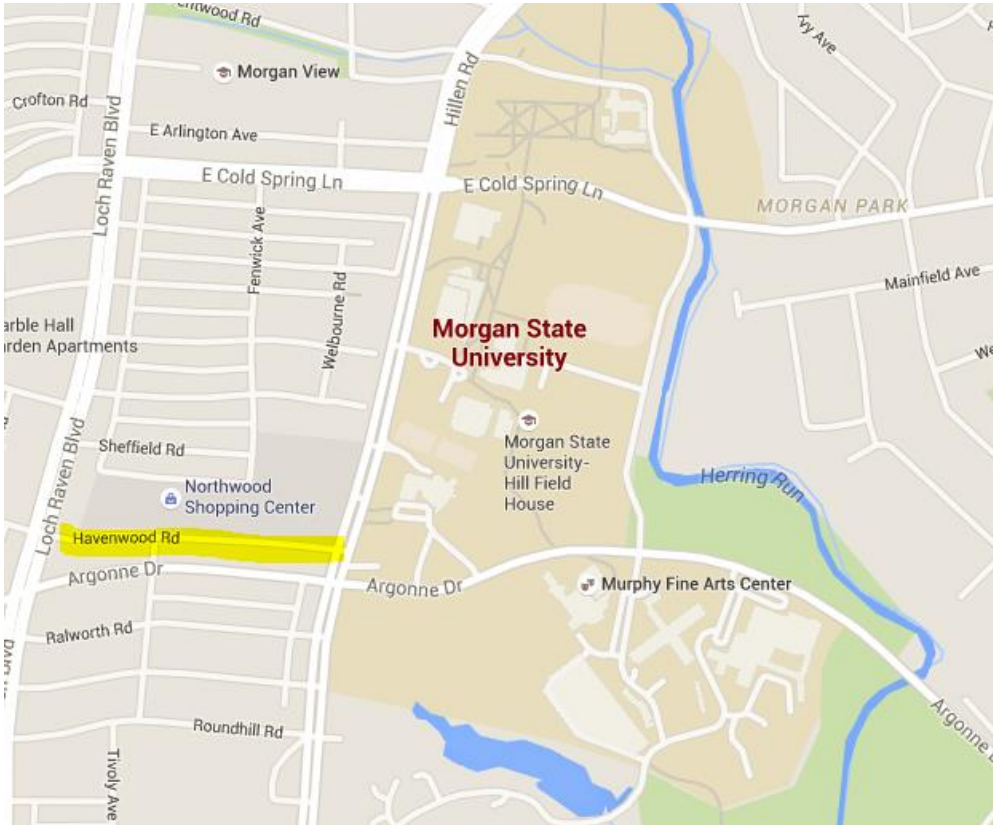
Analysis

Current Law: Subject to any applicable State law, rule, or regulation, the Board of Regents of MSU may contract with any person to receive or provide services, research, training, or demonstrations.

Background: According to Housing Policy Watch, a developer has expressed interest in redeveloping Northwood Plaza Shopping Center, which is located in the 1500 block of Havenwood Road and across Hillen Road from MSU's main campus, into mixed-use apartments and retail for MSU students. The Hillen Road Improvement Association is one

of the neighborhood associations from the area surrounding MSU. **Exhibit 1** shows the location of MSU and Havenwood Road in Baltimore City.

Exhibit 1
Location of Morgan State University and Havenwood Road



Source: Google Maps

State Fiscal Effect: MSU has not provided the Department of Legislative Services with any information regarding the bill or plans to enter into a contract for student housing. Even so, prohibiting MSU from entering into a contract for student housing without approval from the Hillen Road Improvement Association may affect MSU revenues and expenditures. MSU revenues may be affected if there is a plan for MSU to receive revenues through a student housing contract at the location in the bill, and if so, expenditures may increase due to the need for alternative student housing as a result of the bill's prohibition. However, since MSU did not provide any information regarding plans for a student housing contract, no further fiscal estimate can be made.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Housingpolicywatch.com, Google Maps, Department of Legislative Services

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