

# HOUSE BILL 482

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Maryland Football Act**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain public institution of higher education in the  
4 State categorized as a National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Football  
5 Bowl Subdivision (FBS) school to schedule and play a football game at least  
6 once every four years against each of certain public institutions of higher  
7 education in the State categorized as NCAA Football Championship Subdivision  
8 (FCS) schools; specifying where the games may be played; defining certain  
9 terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Football Act.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Education

12 Section 13–704

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2009 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Education**

18 **13–704.**

19 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE  
20 MEANINGS INDICATED.

21 (2) “FBS SCHOOL” MEANS THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND,  
22 COLLEGE PARK, A PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION THAT  
23 PARTICIPATES IN INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS IN THE FOOTBALL BOWL

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SUBDIVISION AS CATEGORIZED BY THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC  
2 ASSOCIATION.

3 (3) "FCS SCHOOL" MEANS THE FOLLOWING PUBLIC  
4 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE THAT PARTICIPATE IN  
5 INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETICS IN THE FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SUBDIVISION  
6 AS CATEGORIZED BY THE NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION:

7 (I) MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY; AND

8 (II) TOWSON UNIVERSITY.

9 (B) (1) EACH FBS SCHOOL SHALL SCHEDULE AND PLAY A REGULAR  
10 SEASON FOOTBALL GAME AT LEAST ONCE EVERY 4 YEARS AGAINST EACH FCS  
11 SCHOOL.

12 (2) THE FOOTBALL GAMES REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF  
13 THIS SUBSECTION MAY BE PLAYED:

14 (I) ON THE CAMPUS OF EITHER OF THE COMPETING  
15 INSTITUTIONS; OR

16 (II) AT A NEUTRAL SITE IN THE STATE MUTUALLY AGREED  
17 ON BY THE ATHLETIC DIRECTORS OF THE INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
19 July 1, 2010.