

SENATE BILL 745

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By: **Senator Jennings**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2024

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Virginia–Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of increasing the number of Maryland residents in the student body of
4 the Virginia–Maryland College of Veterinary Medicine, contingent on certain
5 agreements; and generally relating to the Virginia–Maryland College of Veterinary
6 Medicine.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
8 Article – Education
9 Section 13–801 through 13–803
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Education
14 Section 13–804
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Education**

20 13–801.

21 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

22 (b) “Board” means the Budget and Program Review Board.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (c) "College" means the Virginia–Maryland [Regional] College of Veterinary
2 Medicine.

3 13–802.

4 (a) There is a Virginia–Maryland [Regional] College of Veterinary Medicine.

5 (b) In addition to the provisions of this subtitle the College is subject to the
6 provisions of Title 11 (Maryland Higher Education Commission) of this article.

7 (c) The College shall be operated under the terms and conditions agreed to in:

8 (1) The Agreement of Regional Cooperation between the State of Maryland
9 and the Commonwealth of Virginia, dated February 14, 1980; and

10 (2) The Agreement between Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
11 University and the University of Maryland, College Park Campus for a regional program
12 in veterinary medical education, dated September 27, 1989.

13 (d) The College shall be operated as one school with an administrative head at
14 each university.

15 (e) The student body of the College shall consist of 50 Virginia residents, [30] 42
16 Maryland residents, and 10 at–large.

17 13–803.

18 (a) There is a Budget and Program Review Board.

19 (b) The Board is responsible for determining annually the resource needs of the
20 professional instructional program of the College.

21 (c) The Board shall consist of the following seven members:

22 (1) The Dean of the Virginia–Maryland [Regional] College of Veterinary
23 Medicine, who shall serve as Chairman of the Board;

24 (2) The Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources of the
25 University of Maryland, College Park Campus;

26 (3) The Senior Vice President and Provost of the Virginia Polytechnic
27 Institute and State University;

28 (4) The Vice President and Provost of the University of Maryland, College
29 Park Campus;

30 (5) The Executive Vice President and Chief Business Officer of the Virginia

1 Polytechnic Institute and State University;

2 (6) An appointee of the President of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and
3 State University; and

4 (7) The Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance of the University
5 System of Maryland or the Vice Chancellor's successor.

6 (d) The Board shall:

7 (1) Determine the cost share for each state;

8 (2) Set the proportion of costs to be funded by tuition; and

9 (3) Periodically review and adjust the building use fees charged to the
10 students of the College.

11 (e) The appropriate fiscal support staff of each university, which shall include the
12 Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance of the University System of Maryland,
13 shall provide fiscal support to the Board.

14 13-804.

15 (a) To calculate the actual costs of the professional instructional program of the
16 College, costs associated with graduate education, continuing education, the agricultural
17 experiment stations, cooperative extension services, and expenditures associated with
18 contractual grant research shall be excluded.

19 (b) The Executive Vice President and Chief Business Officer of the Virginia
20 Polytechnic Institute and State University shall be responsible for providing the Board with
21 the cost data on which the actual costs of the professional instructional program of the
22 College shall be determined after consulting with the fiscal support staff of the Virginia
23 Polytechnic Institute and State University and the University of Maryland, College Park
24 Campus.

25 (c) To determine the appropriate level of general fund contributions for meeting
26 the actual costs of the professional instructional program of the College to be requested
27 from the executives and legislatures of the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of
28 Virginia, respectively, revenues estimated to be generated by tuition fees and charges,
29 appropriate federal funds, instructional fees, and other instructional sources of income
30 shall be subtracted from the calculations.

31 (d) The State of Maryland shall provide the appropriate level of general funds to
32 meet the financial requirements of the professional instructional program of the College.

33 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

1 (a) This Act may not take effect until the Commonwealth of Virginia concurs with
2 revisions, in accordance with § 13–802(e) of the Education Article, as enacted by Section 1
3 of this Act, to the terms and conditions agreed to in:

4 (1) the Agreement of Regional Cooperation between the State of Maryland
5 and the Commonwealth of Virginia, dated February 14, 1980; and

6 (2) the Agreement between Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State
7 University and the University of Maryland, College Park Campus for a regional program
8 in veterinary medical education, dated September 27, 1989.

9 (b) The Department of Legislative Services shall notify the appropriate officials
10 of the Commonwealth of Virginia of the enactment of this Act.

11 (c) On or before July 1, 2024, the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural
12 Resources of the University of Maryland, College Park Campus shall request a
13 determination letter from the Executive Vice President and Provost of the Virginia
14 Polytechnic Institute and State University confirming the concurrence of the revisions
15 described in subsection (a) of this section.

16 (d) Within 5 days after receiving the determination letter requested under
17 subsection (c) of this section from the Executive Vice President and Provost of the Virginia
18 Polytechnic Institute and State University, the Dean of the College of Agriculture and
19 Natural Resources of the University of Maryland, College Park Campus shall forward a
20 copy of the letter to the Department of Legislative Services.

21 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of this
22 Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2024.