

# SENATE BILL 89

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By: **Senator Ellis**

Requested: November 1, 2021

Introduced and read first time: January 12, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University System of Maryland – Regional Higher Education Center – Charles**  
3 **County**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Regents for the University System of Maryland  
5 to adopt and implement a plan to establish a regional higher education center in  
6 Charles County on or before certain dates; and generally relating to regional higher  
7 education centers.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Education

10 Section 12–124

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 **12–124.**

17 **(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL**  
18 **ADOPT A PLAN TO ESTABLISH A REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER LOCATED**  
19 **IN CHARLES COUNTY.**

20 **(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER IS**  
21 **TO PROVIDE STUDENTS IN CHARLES COUNTY WITH ACCESS TO ESTABLISHED,**  
22 **CUTTING-EDGE, AND HIGH-DEMAND ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OF DEGREE-GRANTING**  
23 **INSTITUTIONS.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           **(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2028, THE BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL**  
2 **IMPLEMENT THE PLAN ADOPTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

3           **(2) FUNDING FOR THE REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER IN**  
4 **CHARLES COUNTY SHALL BE AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.**

5           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
6 1, 2022.