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LEGISLATIVE NEWSLETTER

February 2, 2018

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Each Friday afternoon the University System of Maryland (USM) Office of Government Relations produces a newsletter for individuals interested in the political and policy debates in Annapolis. The e-newsletter highlights selected briefings, hearings, and legislative activities while the General Assembly is in session. USM encourages recipients to share the Friday newsletter with those in your campus community who may have an interest in the deliberations in Annapolis.

Although the distribution list has grown during the years, campus officials are reminded that their first and best source of political information is the institution’s designated member to the State Relations Council (SRC). Please take advantage of this person’s expertise and experience should questions arise about the legislative session. If you need the contact information for your respective campus representative in Annapolis do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking for more information about a bill? The official website of the Maryland General Assembly is here:

<http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frm1st.aspx?tab=home>

**GOVERNOR HOGAN DELIVERS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS**

On Wednesday, Governor Hogan delivered his State of the State address before a packed House chamber. The governor displayed three overarching themes throughout his address – bipartisanship, business and a balanced budget.

***“We have risen above the fray of partisan politics, and we have chosen to seek common sense bipartisan solutions to the serious problems that faced us.***

***We are living up to the great potential and promise of our state, and together, we are changing Maryland for the better.***

***Because of that, I am pleased to report that today the state of our state is stronger than it has been in decades, and we are forging an even stronger and brighter future for Maryland.” – Governor Hogan***

You can read the full text of the Governor’s address here:

<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/maryland/politics/bs-md-state-of-state-20180131-story.html>

**LEGISLATION COMES POURING IN**

Today marks the last day that senators can introduce bills. All bills need to be given to the Secretary of the Senate’s office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 5. House members have until February 9 to introduce their bills.

All House bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 8.

As a result, the pace of the legislative session has picked up considerably. USM and campus government relations officials are seeing many bills with varying impacts on higher education. Pay close attention to the list below as the legislation appears by nearest hearing date. Once we have a full slate of legislation affecting the USM, the hearing date will be posted in this newsletter.

**Upcoming Bill Hearings**

HB 163

University of Maryland University College - Collective Bargaining - Adjunct Faculty

Delegate Barnes, B.

Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Appropriations

HB 199 (SB 560)

Higher Education - Collective Bargaining - Graduate Assistants (Graduate Assistant Collective Bargaining Fairness Act)

Delegate Korman

Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Appropriations

HB 335 (SB 338)

State Personnel - Grievance Procedures - Exclusive Representatives

Delegate Haynes

Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Appropriations

HB 451 (SB 655)

State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - State Institutions of Higher Education

Delegate Jackson

Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Appropriations

HB 368

Institutions of Higher Education - Hazing - Required Reporting and Education

Delegate Gibson

Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Appropriations

SB 252

(HB 350)

Achieving Computer Science Collaborations for Employing Students Statewide (ACCESS) Act of 2018 President

Hearing 2/07 at 12:45 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 317

Higher Education Degree and Job Certification Without Debt Act of 2018

Senator Pinsky

Hearing 2/07 at 12:45 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Budget and Taxation

SB 350

Morgan State University - Task Force on Reconciliation and Equity

Senator Nathan-Pulliam

Hearing 2/07 at 12:45 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

HB 281

Education - Computer Science - Curriculum and Professional Development (Securing the Future: Computer Science Education for All)

Delegate Miller, A.

Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.

Ways and Means

HB 371 (SB 175)

Emergency Medical Services - Emergency Medical Services Board – Appointments

Delegate Bromwell

Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.

Health and Government Operations

HB 505

Use of Public Funds - Playground and Athletic Field Surfaces - Preferences and Prohibitions

Delegate Miller, A.

Hearing 2/08 at 2:00 p.m.

Appropriations

HB 511

Public Institutions of Higher Education - Hate-Bias Incident Prevention

Delegate Angel

Hearing 2/08 at 2:00 p.m.

Appropriations

HB 527

Higher Education - Maryland Technology Internship Program – Alterations

Delegate Rosenberg

Hearing 2/08 at 2:00 p.m.

Appropriations

HB 546 (SB 278)

Prevailing Wage - Tax Increment Financing Developments - Application

Delegate Davis

Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.

Economic Matters

HB 593

Income Tax - Student Loan Tax Credit

Delegate Hettleman

Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.

Ways and Means

SB 396

Open Meetings Act - Training – Application

Senator Conway

Hearing 2/14 at 2:00 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 479

High School Credit for College Courses Act of 2018

Senator Rosapepe

Hearing 2/14 at 2:00 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 509 (HB 689)

Community Colleges - Veterans Advisors and Veterans Resource Centers – Established

Senator Waugh

Hearing 2/14 at 2:00 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

HB 350 (SB 300)

Achieving Computer Science Collaborations for Employing Students Statewide (ACCESS) Act of 2018

Speaker

Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.

Ways and Means

SB 235

Labor and Employment - Minimum Wage – Indexing

Senator Robinson

Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.

Finance

SB 502

Higher Education - University System of Maryland - Quasi-Endowment Funds

Senator Smith

Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.

Budget and Taxation

SB 525

Public Institutions of Higher Education – Discriminatory Harassment

Senator Ready

Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 532 (HB 420)

Higher Education - Financial Aid - In-State Students (The Jill Wrigley Memorial Scholarship Expansion Act)

Senator Pinsky

Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 546

Higher Education - Tuition Rates – Exemptions

Senator Conway

Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 607

Higher Education - Sexual Assault Policy - Disciplinary Proceedings Policy

Senator Conway

Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 615

Coppin State University and Morgan State University - Cyber Warrior Diversity Program – Established

Senator Robinson

Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

HB 98 (SB 135)

Paid Leave Compromise Act of 2018

Speaker

Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.

Economic Matters

HB 420 (SB 532)

Higher Education - Financial Aid - In-State Students (The Jill Wrigley Memorial Scholarship Expansion Act)

Delegate Lierman

First Reading

Ways and Means

HB 493 (SB 638)

Teachers and Teacher Preparation Programs - Research-Based Reading Instruction

Delegate Stein

First Reading

Ways and Means

HB 603

Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Disciplinary Proceedings - Students and Student Organizations

Delegate Hornberger

First Reading

Appropriations

HB 605

State Student Loan Refinancing Program - Market-Specific Consultant Study

Delegate Kaiser

First Reading

Ways and Means

HB 624

Public Institutions of Higher Education – Family Members of Killed or Disabled First Responders – Tuition Exemption (Sean Suiter Act)

Delegate Ali

First Reading

Ways and Means

HB 663

Higher Education – Academic Forgiveness Policy – Established

Delegate Healey

First Reading

Appropriations

HB 689 (SB 509)

Community Colleges - Veterans Advisors and Veterans Resource Centers – Established

Delegate McIntosh

First Reading

Ways and Means

HB 713

Higher Education - Transfer Student Education Records – Requirements

Delegate Morales

First Reading

Appropriations

HB 723

Education – Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC) Assessment – Administration

Delegate Ebersole

First Reading

Ways and Means

HB 732 (SB 675)

Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2018

Delegate Kramer

First Reading

Appropriations

HB 781

Higher Education - Educational Excellence Award Eligibility - High School Diploma by Examination

Delegate Mosby

First Reading

Ways and Means

HB 800

State Board of Dental Examiners - Licensure - Faculty Members at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry

Delegate Pena-Melnyk

First Reading

Health and Government Operations

SB 408 (HB 667)

Education - Community Colleges - Collective Bargaining

Senator Guzzone

First Reading

Finance

SB 560 (HB 199)

Higher Education - Collective Bargaining - Graduate Assistants (Graduate Assistant Collective Bargaining Fairness Act)

Senator Manno

First Reading

Finance

SB 596 (HB 516)

Higher Education - Community Colleges – Funding

Senator King

First Reading

Budget and Taxation

SB 631

Higher Education Outreach and College Access Program - Alterations and Repeal of Sunset

Senator Rosapepe

First Reading

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 638 (HB 493)

Teachers and Teacher Preparation Programs - Research-Based Reading Instruction

Senator Conway

First Reading

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 655 (HB 451)

State Personnel - Collective Bargaining - State Institutions of Higher Education

Senator Mathias

First Reading

Finance

SB 677

State Personnel – Collective Bargaining – Exclusive Representative Access to New Employee Orientation Senator Madaleno

First Reading

Finance

**Budget and Briefing Schedule**

Wednesday, February 7th

**University System of Maryland Overview**

House Appropriations Committee; Education and Economic Development Subcommittee

1 p.m.

Room 120 Lowe House Office Building

Monday, February 12th

**University of Maryland, Baltimore (Briefing)**

**University of Maryland, College Park (Briefing)**

**USM Overview**

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee; Subcommittee on Education, Business and Administration Subcommittee

1 p.m.