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House Bill 756 (Delegate Nathan-Pulliam, *et al.*)
Health and Government Operations

Finance

Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Provider Competency Program

This bill establishes a voluntary Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Provider Competency Program to offer classes to health care providers on cultural and linguistic competency as it relates to providing health care. The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, the State Medical Society, the Maryland Nurses Association, the Maryland State Dental Association, the Maryland Society for Clinical Social Work, the National Association of Social Workers-Maryland Chapter, the Maryland Psychological Association, or any other health professional association in the State is encouraged to identify cultural and linguistic competency training programs, or, if feasible, to develop or collaborate in the development of such training programs. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) must develop a method by which each licensing board may recognize the training received by health care providers.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: DHMH can coordinate with State societies and develop a method by which each licensing board may recognize the training received by health care providers with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 443 of 2004 created the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities within DHMH to advocate for the improvement of minority health care and

help the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene identify, coordinate, and establish priorities for programs, services, and resources that the State should provide for minority health and health disparities issues.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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