

HOUSE BILL 1405

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By: **Delegates Nathan–Pulliam, Cullison, Donoghue, Hubbard, A. Kelly, Murphy, Oaks, Pena–Melnyk, and V. Turner**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2014

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Establishment of a Sickle Cell**
3 **Disease Outreach Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to
5 establish, before a certain date, a certain sickle cell disease outreach program;
6 requiring that the outreach program provide certain programs, support, and
7 services; requiring, beginning with a certain fiscal year, the Governor to include
8 in the State budget a certain appropriation for the outreach program; and
9 generally relating to the establishment of a sickle cell disease outreach program
10 by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Health – General

13 Section 18–507

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 **18–507.**

20 **(A) BEFORE JUNE 1, 2015, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A**
21 **SICKLE CELL DISEASE OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT:**

22 **(1) HAS A GOAL OF DECREASING THE USE OF ACUTE CARE**
23 **SERVICES BY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SICKLE CELL DISEASE; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) IS COORDINATED THROUGH A COMMUNITY-BASED**
2 **ORGANIZATION.**

3 **(B) THE SICKLE CELL DISEASE OUTREACH PROGRAM ESTABLISHED**
4 **UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE:**

5 **(1) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS REGARDING SICKLE CELL DISEASE**
6 **TO INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY THE DISEASE, INCLUDING:**

7 **(I) INDIVIDUALS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE;**

8 **(II) FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE;**

9 **(III) CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SICKLE CELL**
10 **DISEASE;**

11 **(IV) SCHOOL PERSONNEL; AND**

12 **(V) HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS;**

13 **(2) SOCIAL SERVICES SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SICKLE**
14 **CELL DISEASE PROVIDED BY SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE AWARE OF SERVICES**
15 **AVAILABLE TO THE INDIVIDUALS; AND**

16 **(3) ANY OTHER PROGRAMS OR SERVICES THAT ARE NECESSARY**
17 **TO DECREASE THE USE OF ACUTE CARE SERVICES BY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE**
18 **SICKLE CELL DISEASE.**

19 **(C) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2016 AND FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR**
20 **THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AN**
21 **APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$250,000 FOR THE SICKLE CELL DISEASE**
22 **OUTREACH PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 June 1, 2014.