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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity –**  
3 **Workgroup on Health in All Policies**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center  
5 for Health Equity, in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental  
6 Hygiene, to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations to units of  
7 State and local government on laws and policies to implement that will positively  
8 impact the health of residents of the State; requiring the workgroup, using a certain  
9 framework, to examine certain matters, make certain recommendations, and foster  
10 collaboration among units of State and local government; requiring the workgroup  
11 to include certain members; requiring, to the extent practicable, the workgroup to  
12 reflect a certain diversity; prohibiting a member of the workgroup from receiving  
13 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;  
14 requiring a unit of State government to provide information requested by the  
15 workgroup in a certain manner; requiring a unit of State government represented on  
16 the workgroup to provide certain staff support; requiring, on or before a certain date,  
17 the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, to  
18 report certain findings ~~and~~ recommendations, and draft legislation to certain  
19 committees of the General Assembly; defining a certain term; providing for the  
20 termination of this Act; and generally relating to a workgroup convened by the  
21 University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, to study  
22 and make recommendations relating to the health of residents of the State.

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

24 That:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) In this section, “Health in All Policies framework” means a public health  
2 framework through which policymakers and stakeholders in the public and private sectors  
3 use a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in  
4 the State by incorporating health considerations into decision making across sectors and  
5 policy areas.

6 (b) The University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity,  
7 in consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, shall convene a  
8 workgroup to study and make recommendations to units of State and local government on  
9 laws and policies to implement that will positively impact the health of residents of the  
10 State.

11 (c) The workgroup shall examine:

12 (1) the health of residents of the State to the extent necessary to carry out  
13 the requirements of this section;

14 (2) ways for units of State and local government to collaborate to  
15 implement policies that will positively impact the health of residents of the State; and

16 (3) the impact of the following factors on the health of residents of the  
17 State:

18 (i) access to safe and affordable housing;

19 (ii) educational attainment;

20 (iii) opportunities for employment;

21 (iv) economic stability;

22 (v) inclusion, diversity, and equity in the workplace;

23 (vi) barriers to career success and promotion in the workplace;

24 (vii) access to transportation and mobility;

25 (viii) social justice;

26 (ix) environmental factors; and

27 (x) public safety, including the impact of crime, citizen unrest, the  
28 criminal justice system, and governmental policies that affect individuals who are in prison  
29 or released from prison.

30 (d) The workgroup, using a Health in All Policies framework, shall:

1 (1) examine and make recommendations regarding how health  
2 considerations may be incorporated into the decision-making processes of government  
3 agencies and private stakeholders who interact with government agencies;

4 (2) foster collaboration among units of State and local government and  
5 develop laws and policies to improve health and reduce health inequities; and

6 (3) make recommendations on how laws and policies to improve health and  
7 reduce health inequities may be implemented.

8 (e) The workgroup required under this section shall include:

9 (1) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

10 (2) the State Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

11 (3) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the  
12 Secretary's designee;

13 (4) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;

14 (5) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;

15 (6) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's  
16 designee;

17 (7) the Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee;

18 ~~(7)~~ (8) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State  
19 Superintendent's designee;

20 ~~(8)~~ (9) the Commissioner of Correction, or the Commissioner's  
21 designee; ~~and~~

22 (10) the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, or the Deputy  
23 Secretary's designee;

24 (11) the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, or the Deputy Secretary's  
25 designee; and

26 ~~(9)~~ (12) the following members:

27 (i) one representative of the Office of Minority Health and Health  
28 Disparities;

1 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Higher Education  
2 Commission; ~~and~~

3 (iii) one representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;

4 (iv) one representative who has knowledge about and expertise in  
5 advocacy for consumers; and

6 (v) one representative who is a licensed dietitian–nutritionist.

7 (f) To the extent practicable, the members of the workgroup shall reflect the  
8 geographic, racial, ethnic, cultural, and gender diversity of the State.

9 (g) A member of the workgroup:

10 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the workgroup; but

11 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
12 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

13 (h) (1) A unit of State government shall provide information requested by the  
14 workgroup in a timely manner.

15 (2) A unit of State government represented on the workgroup shall provide  
16 staff support requested by the workgroup.

17 (i) On or before ~~December 31, 2017~~ January 31, 2018, the University of Maryland  
18 School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, shall report the findings and  
19 recommendations of the workgroup and any draft legislation necessary to carry out the  
20 recommendations, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the  
21 Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health  
22 and Government Operations Committee.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
24 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June  
25 30, 2019, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
26 abrogated and of no further force and effect.