

SENATE BILL 340

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senators Nathan–Pulliam, Benson, Currie, Feldman, Ferguson, Guzzone, Kelley, Lee, McFadden, Ramirez, Robinson, Rosapepe, Smith, Young, ~~and Zucker~~ Zucker, Astle, Hershey, Jennings, Klausmeier, Mathias, Middleton, and Reilly**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

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

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 reflect a certain diversity; prohibiting a member of the workgroup from receiving
2 certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses;
3 requiring a unit of State government to provide information requested by the
4 workgroup in a certain manner; requiring a unit of State government represented on
5 the workgroup to provide certain staff support; requiring, on or before a certain date,
6 the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, to
7 report certain findings ~~and~~, recommendations, and draft legislation to certain
8 committees of the General Assembly; defining a certain term; providing for the
9 termination of this Act; and generally relating to a workgroup convened by the
10 University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, to study
11 and make recommendations relating to the health of residents of the State.

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

13 That:

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

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

24 (c) The workgroup shall examine:

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

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

29 (3) the impact of the following factors on the health of residents of the
30 State:

31 (i) access to safe and affordable housing;

32 (ii) educational attainment;

33 (iii) opportunities for employment;

34 (iv) economic stability;

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

- 1 (vi) barriers to career success and promotion in the workplace;
- 2 (vii) access to transportation and mobility;
- 3 (viii) social justice;
- 4 (ix) environmental factors; and
- 5 (x) public safety, including the impact of crime, citizen unrest, the
6 criminal justice system, and governmental policies that affect individuals who are in prison
7 or released from prison.

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

- 9 (1) examine and make recommendations regarding how health
10 considerations may be incorporated into the decision-making processes of government
11 agencies and private stakeholders who interact with government agencies;
- 12 (2) foster collaboration among units of State and local government and
13 develop laws and policies to improve health and reduce health inequities; and
- 14 (3) make recommendations on how laws and policies to improve health and
15 reduce health inequities may be implemented.

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

- 17 (1) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
- 18 (2) the State Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;
- 19 (3) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the
20 Secretary's designee;
- 21 (4) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
- 22 (5) the Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;
- 23 (6) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's
24 designee;
- 25 (7) the Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee;
- 26 ~~(7)~~ (8) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's
27 designee;
- 28 ~~(8)~~ (9) the Commissioner of Correction, or the Commissioner's designee; ~~and~~

1 ~~(9)~~ (10) the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, or the Deputy
 2 Secretary's designee;

3 ~~(10)~~ (11) the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, or the Deputy
 4 Secretary's designee; and

5 ~~(9)~~ ~~(11)~~ (12) the following members:

6 (i) one representative of the Office of Minority Health and Health
 7 Disparities;

8 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Higher Education
 9 Commission; ~~and~~

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

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

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

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

16 (g) A member of the workgroup:

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

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

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

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

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

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
 31 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 1 month and, at the end of June

1 30, 2019, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
2 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.