

SENATE BILL 1029

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By: **Senators Hershey and Eckardt**

Introduced and read first time: March 1, 2019

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Rural Public Institutions of Higher Education – Nurse Practitioner and**
3 **Physician Assistant Students – Recruitment**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each public institution of higher education located in a rural
5 area of the State to develop and implement a program to recruit nurse practitioner
6 students and physician assistant students; requiring the program to include an
7 implementation strategy and a certain timeline; requiring each institution to submit
8 a summary of the program to the governing body of the institution for review on or
9 before a certain date each year; requiring the governing body of the institution to
10 submit a certain progress report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission on
11 or before a certain date each year; and generally relating to the recruitment of nurse
12 practitioner students and physician assistant students to public institutions of
13 higher education located in rural areas.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Education
16 Section 11–405.1
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Education**

22 **11–405.1.**

23 **(A) (1) EACH PUBLIC INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION LOCATED IN**
24 **A RURAL AREA OF THE STATE SHALL DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PROGRAM TO**
25 **RECRUIT NURSE PRACTITIONER STUDENTS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT STUDENTS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) A PROGRAM DEVELOPED AND IMPLEMENTED UNDER THIS**
2 **SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE AN IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AND A TIMELINE FOR**
3 **MEETING THE GOALS OF THE PROGRAM.**

4 **(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR, EACH INSTITUTION SHALL**
5 **SUBMIT A SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS**
6 **SECTION TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE INSTITUTION FOR THE GOVERNING**
7 **BODY'S REVIEW.**

8 **(2) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNING BODY**
9 **OF AN INSTITUTION SHALL SUBMIT A PROGRESS REPORT REGARDING THE**
10 **INSTITUTION'S IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS PROGRAM TO THE COMMISSION.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
12 1, 2019.