

HOUSE BILL 950

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By: **Delegate Washington**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2021

Assigned to: Judiciary

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Judges – Community and Cultural Awareness Training**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Court Administrator to ensure that each judge in
4 the State receives certain annual training to increase community and cultural
5 awareness; and generally relating to judges and community and cultural awareness
6 training.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings

9 Section 13–101.2

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume)

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

14 **Article – Courts and Judicial Proceedings**

15 **13–101.2.**

16 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “JUDGE” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 1–101 OF
17 THIS ARTICLE.

18 (B) THE STATE COURT ADMINISTRATOR SHALL ENSURE THAT EACH JUDGE
19 RECEIVES ANNUAL TRAINING TO INCREASE COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL
20 AWARENESS THAT INCLUDES:

21 (1) ANTIDISCRIMINATION TRAINING;

22 (2) ANTIRACIAL BIAS TRAINING;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(3) IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING;**
- 2 **(4) PROCEDURAL JUSTICE TRAINING;**
- 3 **(5) TRAINING ON RECONCILIATION TECHNIQUES; AND**
- 4 **(6) ANTIBLACKNESS TRAINING.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 October 1, 2021.