



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Maryland Council on Health in All Policies - Establishment - HB 1528 - Factsheet

What Does HB1528 Do?

- Creates a Maryland Council on Health in All Policies (HiAP Council) that will consider human health in all future decision making
- HiAP Council will recommend policy in all legislative areas that prioritizes human health, reduces inequities, and improves Maryland health outcomes.

Why Is This Legislation Important?

- Marylanders experience negative health outcomes due to a variety of sources, including:
 - Lack of affordable housing that is associated with higher exposures to environmental pollution.
 - Poor quality education that restricts future employment opportunities. This results in lower incomes and makes healthcare costs even more burdensome.
 - Failures in public transport that delay patients from seeing their doctors and accessing pharmacies.
 - Barriers to career promotion and success that compound these challenges.
- Incorporating health into all sectors of policy will enable Maryland to better anticipate and mitigate the human health consequences of legislative decision making.

Who Will Be On This Council?

- The Council will be composed of a broad coalition of elected officials, state agency members and health experts who reflect the racial, ethnic, cultural, geographic, and gender diversity of Maryland.
- The Council will consist of the following individuals or their designees:
 - One State Senator
 - One House Delegate
 - Secretary of Human Services
 - Secretary of Transportation
 - Secretary of Housing and Community Development
 - Secretary of Environment
 - Secretary of Agriculture
 - Secretary of Labor
 - Secretary of Disabilities
 - State Superintendent of Schools
 - Commissioner of Corrections
 - Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services
 - Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health
 - Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities
 - Maryland Higher Education Commission
 - Maryland Hospital Association
 - One Registered Dietician
 - One Consumer Advocacy Expert