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By: **Senator Collins**
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Institutions of Higher Education - Students - Vaccination for Meningococcal**
3 **Disease**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain students enrolled in institutions of higher
5 education to receive a certain vaccination or sign a certain waiver; requiring the
6 Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation
7 with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to adopt certain regulations;
8 providing that certain institutions of higher education are not required to
9 provide or pay for vaccinations for meningococcal disease; requiring the
10 Commission to assist in implementing certain requirements; and generally
11 relating to vaccination against infectious and contagious diseases.

12 BY renumbering
13 Article - Education
14 Section 11-105(s) and (t), respectively
15 to be Section 11-105(t) and (u), respectively
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (1999 Replacement Volume)

18 BY adding to
19 Article - Education
20 Section 11-105(s)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (1999 Replacement Volume)

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

1 Article - Health - General
 2 Section 18-102
 3 Annotated Code of Maryland
 4 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

5 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 6 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 11-105(s) and (t), respectively, of Article - Education of
 7 the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 11-105(t) and (u),
 8 respectively.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
 10 read as follows:

11 **Article - Education**

12 11-105.

13 (S) THE COMMISSION SHALL ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
 14 MENTAL HYGIENE IN IMPLEMENTING THE VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS ADOPTED
 15 UNDER § 18-102(B) OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

16 **Article - Health - General**

17 18-102.

18 (a) The Secretary shall adopt rules and regulations necessary to prevent:

19 (1) The introduction of an infectious or contagious disease into this
 20 State; or

21 (2) The spread of an infectious or contagious disease in this State.

22 (b) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN
 23 INDIVIDUAL ENROLLED IN AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION WHO RESIDES
 24 IN ON-CAMPUS STUDENT HOUSING SHALL BE VACCINATED AGAINST
 25 MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE.

26 (2) AN INDIVIDUAL IS EXEMPT FROM THE VACCINATION REQUIREMENT
 27 IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF:

28 (I) THE INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROVIDES ~~THE~~
 29 ~~INDIVIDUAL WITH~~ DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE RISKS ASSOCIATED WITH
 30 MENINGOCOCCAL DISEASE AND THE AVAILABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ANY
 31 VACCINE TO:

32 1. THE INDIVIDUAL, IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS 18 YEARS OF AGE
 33 OR OLDER; OR

