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CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health - Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Prevention - Public Awareness**  
3 **Campaign**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring, to the extent that funds are available for this purpose,  
5 the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with other State  
6 agencies, to establish and promote a certain public awareness campaign relating  
7 to the prevention of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome; providing for the components of the  
8 campaign; authorizing the Secretary to use certain resources to carry out the  
9 provisions of this Act; and generally relating to a public awareness campaign to  
10 prevent Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article - Health - General  
13 Section 18-309  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

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

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**Article - Health - General**

2 18-309.

3 (A) (1) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE,  
4 THE SECRETARY, IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES, SHALL  
5 ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE A STATEWIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AWARENESS, AND  
6 EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON FETAL ALCOHOL SYNDROME AND OTHER EFFECTS OF  
7 PRENATAL ALCOHOL EXPOSURE.

8 (2) THE CAMPAIGN SHALL:

9 (I) REACH OUT TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND SPECIFIC  
10 POPULATIONS DETERMINED TO BE AT HIGH RISK FOR CONTRACTING FETAL  
11 ALCOHOL SYNDROME;

12 (II) DISSEMINATE THE INFORMATION ABOUT FETAL ALCOHOL  
13 SYNDROME THROUGH WRITTEN MATERIALS, TELEVISION, RADIO, POSTERS, OR ANY  
14 OTHER MEDIUM THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE FOR  
15 CONVEYING THE INFORMATION;

16 (III) DISTRIBUTE INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS FREE OF CHARGE TO  
17 PRENATAL CLINICS AND TO ESTABLISHMENTS THAT SERVE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;  
18 AND

19 (IV) INCLUDE ANY OTHER MATTER THAT THE SECRETARY  
20 CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

21 (B) TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY:

22 (1) ON REQUEST, SHALL RECEIVE AID OR INFORMATION FROM ANY  
23 AGENCY OF THIS STATE, OR FROM A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION;

24 (2) MAY REQUEST THE SERVICES OF INTERESTED ADVOCACY GROUPS;  
25 AND

26 (3) MAY CONTRACT FOR ANY NECESSARY SERVICES.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
28 October 1, 2004.