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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Adult Sickle Cell Anemia -**  
3 **Study and Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Office for Genetics and Children with Special  
5 Health Care Needs in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in  
6 consultation with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and  
7 interested stakeholders, to submit a certain report to certain committees on or  
8 before a certain date; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill  
9 for certain fiscal years a certain amount of general fund State support for the  
10 sickle cell anemia population; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
11 generally relating to a study of adult sickle cell anemia and funding for adult  
12 sickle cell anemia.

13 BY adding to

14 Article - Health - General  
15 Section 20-1101 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11. Adult Sickle Cell  
16 Anemia"  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

21 **Article - Health - General**

22 **SUBTITLE 11. ADULT SICKLE CELL ANEMIA.**

23 20-1101.

24 (A) THE OFFICE FOR GENETICS AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE  
25 NEEDS, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH  
26 DISPARITIES AND INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE  
27 SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE  
28 HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE

1 DECEMBER 1, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT  
2 ARTICLE CONCERNING:

3 (1) RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE  
4 DELIVERY TO ADULTS IN THE STATE WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH SICKLE CELL  
5 ANEMIA;

6 (2) RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE THE MORTALITY RATE OF ADULTS  
7 IN THE STATE WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH SICKLE CELL ANEMIA;

8 (3) RECOMMENDATIONS TO ASSIST HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS IN THE  
9 STATE THAT HAVE CLINICS FOR ADULTS WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH SICKLE CELL  
10 ANEMIA;

11 (4) THE AMOUNT OF GENERAL FUND STATE SUPPORT REQUIRED FOR  
12 FISCAL YEARS 2008, 2009, AND 2010 TO ADDRESS THE RECOMMENDATIONS MADE  
13 UNDER ITEMS (1), (2), AND (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

14 (5) ANY AVAILABLE FUNDING SOURCES TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF  
15 HEALTH CARE DELIVERED TO ADULTS DIAGNOSED WITH SICKLE CELL ANEMIA.

16 (B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL FOR FISCAL YEARS  
17 2008, 2009, AND 2010, GENERAL FUND STATE SUPPORT FOR THE ADULT SICKLE CELL  
18 ANEMIA POPULATION IN AN AMOUNT THAT IS AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT  
19 RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE OF GENETICS AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL  
20 HEALTH CARE NEEDS IN THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS  
21 SECTION.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
23 June 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of May  
24 31, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
25 abrogated and of no further force and effect.