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CHAPTER _____

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:

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Article - Health - General

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SUBTITLE 11. ADULT SICKLE CELL ANEMIA.

3 20-1101.

4 ~~(A) THE OFFICE FOR GENETICS AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE~~
5 ~~NEEDS DEPARTMENT~~, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH
6 AND HEALTH DISPARITIES AND INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL SUBMIT A
7 REPORT TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS
8 COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
9 ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
10 GOVERNMENT ARTICLE CONCERNING:

11 (1) RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE
12 DELIVERY TO ADULTS IN THE STATE WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH SICKLE CELL
13 ANEMIA;

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

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

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

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

24 ~~(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL FOR FISCAL YEARS~~
25 ~~2008, 2009, AND 2010, GENERAL FUND STATE SUPPORT FOR THE ADULT SICKLE CELL~~
26 ~~ANEMIA POPULATION IN AN AMOUNT THAT IS AT LEAST EQUAL TO THE AMOUNT~~
27 ~~RECOMMENDED BY THE OFFICE OF GENETICS AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL~~
28 ~~HEALTH CARE NEEDS IN THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS~~
29 ~~SECTION.~~

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 June 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~4 years~~ 1 year and, at the end of
32 May 31, ~~2010~~ 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act
33 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

