
By: **Delegate Nathan-Pulliam**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Cultural Competency and**
3 **Health Outcomes - Pilot Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Family Health Administration in the Department of
5 Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Office of Minority Health
6 and Health Disparities and selected community-based entities, to implement a
7 certain pilot program that addresses the cultural competency training of certain
8 health care providers and certain health outcomes; requiring the pilot program
9 to be implemented in a certain hospital system; requiring the hospital system
10 that implements the pilot program to make a certain report to certain
11 committees on or before a certain date; defining a certain term; providing for the
12 termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Department of Health and
13 Mental Hygiene and a pilot program on cultural competency and health
14 outcomes.

15 BY adding to

16 Article - Health - General

17 Section 20-1101 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11. Cultural Competency
18 Pilot Program"

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

23 **Article - Health - General**

24 **SUBTITLE 11. CULTURAL COMPETENCY PILOT PROGRAM.**

25 20-1101.

26 (A) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "CULTURAL COMPETENCY" MEANS A SET OF
27 ACADEMIC, CLINICAL, AND PERSONAL SKILLS THAT ALLOW HEALTH CARE
28 PROVIDERS TO INCREASE THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF
29 CULTURAL DIFFERENCES AMONG GROUPS.

1 (B) BY OCTOBER 1, 2007, THE FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, IN
2 CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES
3 AND SELECTED COMMUNITY-BASED ENTITIES, SHALL IMPLEMENT A PILOT
4 PROGRAM THAT ADDRESSES:

5 (1) CULTURAL COMPETENCY TRAINING OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS,
6 WITH AN EMPHASIS ON COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS; AND

7 (2) HEALTH OUTCOMES AND COMMUNITY-BASED MODELS FOR
8 TARGETING HEALTH OUTCOMES AS DETERMINED BY TRACKING INDICATORS
9 RELATING TO THE SPECIFIC HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF THE POPULATIONS IN THE
10 AREAS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

11 (C) THE INDICATORS TRACKED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE:

12 (1) IMPROVEMENT IN BODY MASS INDEX AND HEMOGLOBIN A1C LEVELS
13 FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DIABETES;

14 (2) IMPROVEMENT IN BLOOD PRESSURE, HYPERTENSION, AND
15 CHOLESTEROL LEVELS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CARDIAC DISEASE; AND

16 (3) INCREASED CANCER SCREENING FOR PROSTATE, BREAST, AND
17 CERVICAL CANCER.

18 (D) THE PILOT PROGRAM SHALL BE IMPLEMENTED IN A STATE-BASED
19 COMMUNITY TEACHING HOSPITAL SYSTEM THAT:

20 (1) IS NOT A SUBSIDIARY OF A SYSTEM THAT OPERATES AN ACADEMIC
21 MEDICAL INSTITUTION;

22 (2) SERVES A MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED AREA, A HEALTH
23 PROFESSIONAL SHORTAGE AREA, AND A MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED POPULATION,
24 AS DESIGNATED BY THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES;

25 (3) OPERATES AN ACCREDITED MEDICAL RESIDENCY TRAINING
26 PROGRAM IN AT LEAST FOUR DISCIPLINES AND ENROLLS NO FEWER THAN 100
27 STUDENTS;

28 (4) ENGAGES IN FORMAL RELATIONSHIPS WITH HEALTH CARE
29 PROFESSIONAL AND ALLIED HEALTH TRAINING PROGRAMS;

30 (5) IS ENGAGED IN A FORMAL RELATIONSHIP WITH COMMUNITY-BASED
31 ENTITIES THAT HAVE DEMONSTRATED CULTURAL COMPETENCY; AND

32 (6) DEMONSTRATES THE CAPACITY TO SEEK A PUBLIC-PRIVATE
33 PARTNERSHIP AND FUNDING TO IMPLEMENT THE PILOT PROGRAM.

34 (E) (1) BY OCTOBER 1, 2009, THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM THAT IMPLEMENTS THE
35 PILOT PROGRAM REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION SHALL
36 REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE TO

1 THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND
2 THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE PILOT
3 PROGRAM.

4 (2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
5 SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE OUTCOME MEASURES ON THE INDICATORS LISTED
6 UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION FOR THE INDIVIDUALS WHO
7 PARTICIPATED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM THAT COMPARE THE HEALTH STATUS OF
8 THE INDIVIDUALS ON ENTRY INTO THE PROGRAM AND ON COMPLETION OF THE
9 PROGRAM.

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 3 months and, at
12 the end of December 31, 2009, with no further action required by the General
13 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.