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House Bill 681 (Delegate Murray, *et al.*)  
 Health and Government Operations Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Maryland Commission for Men's Health

This bill establishes the Maryland Commission for Men’s Health within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH).

The bill terminates September 30, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** General fund expenditures could increase by \$49,600 in FY 2007 to staff the commission. No effect on revenues. Future years reflect annualization, inflation, and the commission terminating September 30, 2010.

(in dollars)	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	49,600	60,200	60,800	61,400	15,500
Net Effect	(\$49,600)	(\$60,200)	(\$60,800)	(\$61,400)	(\$15,500)

*Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The commission must:

- develop strategies and programs, including community outreach and public-private partnerships to raise public awareness of men's health issues; encourage the participation of men in healthy behaviors and family involvement; educate Maryland men on the benefits of regular physician checkups, early detection and preventative health screening tests, and healthy lifestyle practices; and reduce or eliminate disparities in morbidity and mortality for specific diseases among racial and ethnic minorities and underserved populations;
- review the health status of men in Maryland and focus on health outcomes of men for specific diseases, including prostate and testicular cancer, oral cancer, cardiovascular disease, depression, and diabetes;
- organize community workshops to identify issues affecting men's health and family involvement;
- monitor State and federal policy and legislation that may affect the areas of men's health and family involvement; and
- recommend assistance, services, and policy changes that will further the commission's goals.

In carrying out these duties, the commission must consider population diversity.

The commission, subject to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene's approval, may accept federal funds for any and all purposes of the bill and private gifts and donations from individuals, private organizations, or foundations. Accepting these funds may not be considered a commitment of State funds and places no obligation on the General Assembly to continue the purpose for which funds are available.

The commission must have the full cooperation of all State executive departments and agencies in the performance of its duties. It will not have the authority to adopt rules and regulations. The commission must submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly that includes recommendations based on its studies.

When appointing members to the commission, the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates must ensure geographic diversity among members, to the extent practicable, and ensure that appointments are made without regard to the appointee's race, color, disability, gender, religion, age, or national origin.

**Current Law:** Statute provides for the Maryland Commission for Women, which is within the Department of Human Resources.

The Maryland Commission for Women:

- must stimulate and encourage study and review of the status of women in Maryland and may act as a clearinghouse for all activities;
- must strengthen home life by directing attention to critical problems confronting women as wives, mothers, homemakers, and workers;
- must recommend methods of overcoming discrimination against women in public and private employment, and encourage women to become candidates for public office;
- must promote more effective methods for enabling women to develop their skills, continue their education, and to be retrained;
- may make surveys and appoint advisory committees in the fields of, but not limited to, education, social services, labor laws and employment policies, law enforcement, health and safety, new and expanded services, legal rights, family relations, human relations, and volunteer services;
- must secure appropriate recognition to women's accomplishments and contributions to Maryland; and
- must work to develop healthy attitudes within the framework of the commission's responsibilities.

**Background:** The Maryland Commission for Women's fiscal 2007 budget is \$617,000 and includes eight positions.

Among American men, prostate cancer is the most common type of cancer and the second leading cause of death. One in four men has some cancerous cells in the prostate by age 50, one in two men by age 80. The average age at which a man is diagnosed with prostate cancer is 72. An American man has approximately a 30% risk of having the disease and a 3% risk of dying from it.

Testicular cancer accounts for 1% of all cancers in men in the United States. Approximately 8,000 men annually are diagnosed with testicular cancer, with approximately 390 dying of this disease each year. Testicular cancer most often occurs in men between the ages of 20 and 39, and is the most common form of cancer in men between the ages of 15 and 34.

Cardiovascular disease, disease of the heart or blood vessels, affects one in five males. In 2000, 440,175 males died from cardiovascular disease (46.5% of deaths from this disease). In the same year, more than 3 million men discharged from short stays at hospitals had cardiovascular disease listed as their first diagnosis.

Diabetes, a metabolism disorder, affects an estimated 8.7 million men ages 20 and older in the United States. Men with diabetes suffer more from some diabetes-related health

problems than women. According to the American Diabetes Association, in people who develop diabetes before age 30, men develop retinopathy (a vision disorder that can lead to blindness) more quickly than women. The association also reports that men have higher amputation rates from diabetes-related problems than women. Men with diabetes also can become impotent.

Approximately 18.8 million American adults have a depressive disorder, of whom 6.4 million are men.

**State Expenditures:** General fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$49,556 in fiscal 2007, which accounts for the bill’s October 1, 2006 effective date. This estimate reflects the cost of a DHMH contract with University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) Maryland Institute for Policy Analysis and Research to staff the commission, administer the commission’s initiatives and projects, conduct the required research, and coordinate the annual reports. DHMH advises that it would use such a contract to implement the bill’s requirements.

The estimate includes one-time start-up costs, travel costs, and ongoing operating expenses.

Contract with UMBC	\$35,623
Operating Expenses	<u>13,933</u>
<b>Total FY 2007 State Expenditures</b>	<b>\$49,556</b>

Future year expenditures reflect: (1) annualization; (2) 1% annual increases in ongoing operating expenses; and (3) the commission terminating on September 30, 2010.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 824 (Senator Britt) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Human Resources; *Prostate Cancer Overview*, *MayoClinic.com*, Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, November 13, 2002; *Testicular Cancer: Questions and Answers*, National Cancer Institute; *Men and Cardiovascular Diseases*, American Heart Association; *Cardiovascular disease: A blueprint for understanding the leading killer*, *MayoClinic.com*, Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research, August 5, 2003; *What Do You Know About Men’s Health?: Diabetes In Men*, The National Women’s Health Information Center, June

2005; *Mental disorders in America*, National Institute of Mental Health, January 1, 2001;  
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