

# HOUSE BILL 942

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## ENROLLED BILL

—Health and Government Operations/Finance—

Introduced by **Delegate Nathan-Pulliam**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

#### 2 **Health Disparities – Institutions of Higher Education – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring ~~colleges and universities~~ universities, colleges, and  
4 programs of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and dentistry in the State to submit  
5 a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly and to the Office  
6 of Minority Health and Health Disparities on or before a certain date; and  
7 generally relating to ~~universities and colleges~~ universities, colleges, and  
8 programs of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and dentistry and a certain report.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
10 Article – Health – General  
11 Section 20–1001(a) and (d) and 20–1004(15)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics* indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



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

3 **Article – Health – General**

4 20–1001.

5 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (d) “Office” means the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health  
7 Disparities established under § 20–1002 of this subtitle.

8 20–1004.

9 The Office shall:

10 (15) Work collaboratively with universities and colleges of medicine,  
11 nursing, pharmacy, and dentistry in this State and other health care professional  
12 training programs to develop courses with cultural competency, sensitivity, and health  
13 literacy, that are designed to address the problem of racial and ethnic disparities in  
14 health care access, utilization, treatment decisions, quality, and outcomes;

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,  
16 2008, ~~universities and colleges~~ universities, colleges, and higher education programs of  
17 medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and dentistry in the State, shall report to the Senate  
18 Finance Committee, *the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs*  
19 *Committee*, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the Office  
20 of Minority Health and Health Disparities, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State  
21 Government Article, on the courses that have been developed independently by the  
22 ~~colleges and universities that comply with~~ universities, colleges, and higher education  
23 programs or through a collaboration with the Office of Minority Health and Health  
24 Disparities under § 20–1004(15) of the Health – General Article.

25 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
26 July 1, 2008.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.