

# HOUSE BILL 942

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By: **Delegate Nathan-Pulliam**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2008

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 20–1001.

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

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

21 20–1004.

22 The Office shall:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

6           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before December 1,  
7 2008, universities and colleges of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and dentistry in the  
8 State, shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Health and  
9 Government Operations Committee, and the Office of Minority Health and Health  
10 Disparities, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the  
11 courses that have been developed by the colleges and universities that comply with §  
12 20-1004(15) of the Health – General Article.

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