

# HOUSE BILL 942

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By: **Delegate Nathan-Pulliam**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## 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)

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.

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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.



1 20-1004.

2 The Office shall:

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

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

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
 18 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.