

SENATE BILL 286

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By: Senator Gladden

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health - Antibiotic-Resistant Infection Prevention Campaign**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in
4 collaboration with other State agencies, to establish and promote a certain
5 public awareness campaign on antibiotic-resistant infections; providing for the
6 components of the campaign; authorizing the Secretary to use certain resources
7 to carry out the provisions of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act;
8 and generally relating to a public awareness campaign on antibiotic-resistant
9 infections.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 18–110

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Health – General**

18 **18–110.**

19 (A) (1) THE SECRETARY, IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER STATE
20 AGENCIES, SHALL ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE A STATEWIDE PUBLIC
21 INFORMATION, AWARENESS, AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON
22 ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS.

23 (2) THE CAMPAIGN SHALL:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(I) DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ABOUT ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS THAT INCLUDE INFORMATION ON:

1. THE CAUSES AND SYMPTOMS OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS, INCLUDING METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS; AND

2. METHODS TO REDUCE THE TRANSMISSION OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS, INCLUDING PROPER HAND WASHING TECHNIQUES AND THE USE OF ANTIBACTERIAL PRODUCTS;

(II) DISTRIBUTE THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FREE OF CHARGE TO HEALTH FACILITIES, HEALTH CLINICS, SCHOOLS, AND ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE TO RECEIVE THE MATERIALS;

(III) DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS AND METHODS TO REDUCE THE TRANSMISSION OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS THROUGH WRITTEN MATERIALS, POSTERS, OR ANY OTHER MEDIUM THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE FOR CONVEYING THE INFORMATION TO THE PUBLIC; AND

**(IV) INCLUDE ANY OTHER MATTER THAT THE SECRETARY
CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.**

(B) TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY:

(1) ON REQUEST, SHALL RECEIVE AID OR INFORMATION FROM ANY AGENCY OF THIS STATE OR FROM A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION:

(2) MAY REQUEST THE SERVICES OF INTERESTED ADVOCACY GROUPS; AND

(3) MAY CONTRACT FOR ANY NECESSARY SERVICES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of September 30, 2010, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.