

# SENATE BILL 286

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By: **Senator Gladden**

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

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, subject to the availability and  
5 appropriation of certain funding, to establish and promote a certain public  
6 awareness campaign on antibiotic-resistant infections; providing for the  
7 components of the campaign; authorizing the Secretary to use certain resources  
8 to carry out the provisions of this Act; requiring certain agencies and  
9 subdivisions to provide certain aid and information to the Secretary under  
10 certain circumstances; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally  
11 relating to a public awareness campaign on antibiotic-resistant infections.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Health – General

14 Section 18–110

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 **18–110.**

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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           (A) (1) ~~THE~~ SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY AND APPROPRIATION OF  
2 FUNDING, THE SECRETARY, IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES,  
3 SHALL ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE A STATEWIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION,  
4 AWARENESS, AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT  
5 INFECTIONS.

6           (2) THE CAMPAIGN SHALL:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28                   (1) ~~ON REQUEST, SHALL RECEIVE~~ REQUEST AID OR  
29 INFORMATION FROM ANY AGENCY OF ~~THIS~~ THE STATE OR FROM A POLITICAL  
30 SUBDIVISION;

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

33                   (3) ~~MAY CONTRACT~~ CONTRACT FOR ANY NECESSARY SERVICES.

1            **(C) AN AGENCY OF THE STATE OR A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT IS**  
2 **REQUESTED TO PROVIDE AID OR INFORMATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF**  
3 **THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE THE REQUESTED AID OR INFORMATION.**

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

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.