

# CHAPTER 671

(House Bill 419)

AN ACT concerning

## ~~Maryland Health and Wellness Commission~~ – Wellness Report Card Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing the Maryland Health and Wellness Commission in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing for the purpose of the Commission; providing for the membership, staffing, and duties of the Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Commission;~~ establishing the Wellness Report Card Pilot Program; providing for the purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring the Department *of Health and Mental Hygiene* to designate the entity to establish a certain health report card; requiring the Wellness Report Card to include a certain evaluation; *requiring the University of Maryland School of Health, using existing staff, to conduct certain activities related to the Pilot Program*; providing for the termination of this Act; providing that the Pilot Program shall be funded by private or federal grants; defining ~~certain terms~~ *a certain term*; and generally relating to the ~~Maryland Health and Wellness Commission and the~~ Wellness Report Card Pilot Program.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 13–2801 through ~~13–2807~~ *13–2804* to be under the new subtitle  
“Subtitle 28. ~~Maryland Health and Wellness Commission~~ *Wellness Report Card Pilot Program*”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2008 Supplement)

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

### Article – Health – General

#### ~~SUBTITLE 28. MARYLAND HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMISSION~~ *WELLNESS REPORT CARD PILOT PROGRAM.*

13–2801.

~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(b) "COMMISSION" MEANS THE MARYLAND HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMISSION.~~

~~(c) , "PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE WELLNESS REPORT CARD PILOT PROGRAM.~~

~~13-2802.~~

~~THERE IS A MARYLAND HEALTH AND WELLNESS COMMISSION IN THE DEPARTMENT.~~

~~13-2803.~~

~~THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO:~~

~~(1) FACILITATE COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS FOR HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION IN COUNTIES IN THE STATE; AND~~

~~(2) PROMOTE THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC WELL BEING OF RESIDENTS OF THE STATE THROUGH HEALTHY LIVING.~~

~~13-2804.~~

~~(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL CONSIST OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR:~~

~~(1) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPARTMENT;~~

~~(2) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS;~~

~~(3) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH;~~

~~(4) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS BLOOMBERG SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH;~~

~~(4) (5) A REPRESENTATIVE OF AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION;~~

~~(5) (6) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL;~~

~~(6) (7) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY;~~

~~(7) (8) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS; AND~~

~~(8) (9) TWO REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC OR PRIVATE HEALTH CARE FOUNDATIONS.~~

~~(B) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.~~

~~(C) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE COMMISSION USING EXISTING STAFF.~~

~~13-2805.~~

~~THE COMMISSION SHALL:~~

~~(1) PROVIDE A FORUM FOR STAKEHOLDERS TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVE COLLABORATION TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE FIVE COUNTIES INVOLVED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM DEVELOPED UNDER § 13-2806 OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~

~~(2) ANALYZE THE RESULTS OF THE WELLNESS REPORT CARD DEVELOPED UNDER § 13-2806 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO DEVELOP SOLUTIONS TO THE WELLNESS ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE WELLNESS REPORT CARD;~~

~~(3) ENSURE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS FOR PRIORITY HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION ISSUES AS DEFINED BY THE WELLNESS REPORT CARD DEVELOPED UNDER § 13-2806 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND EVALUATE THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE IMPLEMENTED; AND~~

~~(4) SERVE AS A MODEL FOR OTHER STATES AND COUNTIES.~~

~~13-2806.~~

~~(A) THERE IS A WELLNESS REPORT CARD PILOT PROGRAM IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, SOMERSET COUNTY, AND GARRETT COUNTY.~~

~~(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO:~~

~~(1) IDENTIFY KEY WELLNESS AND PREVENTION ISSUES IN THE COUNTIES INVOLVED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM TO BE RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION; AND~~

(2) PROVIDE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT COMPARING CERTAIN COUNTIES IN THE STATE TO EACH OTHER AND IDENTIFYING THE MOST IMPORTANT WELLNESS ISSUES THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED TO PROMOTE WELLNESS AND DISEASE PREVENTION.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DESIGNATE THE ENTITY TO ESTABLISH THE WELLNESS REPORT CARD REQUIRED BY THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(D) THE ENTITY DESIGNATED TO ESTABLISH THE WELLNESS REPORT CARD SHALL DETERMINE WHICH COUNTIES IN THE STATE WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM.

~~(D)~~ (E) THE WELLNESS REPORT CARD SHALL EVALUATE THE HEALTH STATUS OF EACH COUNTY IN THE PILOT PROGRAM BY RANKING THE COUNTY WITHIN SPECIFIED HEALTH INDICATOR CATEGORIES AND COMPARING EACH COUNTY TO THE STATE AND TO COMPARABLE COUNTIES IN THE UNITED STATES.

~~13-2807.~~ 13-2803.

THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE FUNDED BY PRIVATE OR FEDERAL GRANTS.

13-2804.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, USING EXISTING STAFF, SHALL:

(1) PROVIDE A FORUM FOR STAKEHOLDERS TO ENGAGE IN ACTIVE COLLABORATION TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTIES INVOLVED IN THE PILOT PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER § 13-2802 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) ANALYZE THE RESULTS OF THE WELLNESS REPORT CARD DEVELOPED UNDER § 13-2802 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO DEVELOP SOLUTIONS TO THE WELLNESS ISSUES IDENTIFIED IN THE WELLNESS REPORT CARD; AND

(3) ENSURE EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF PROGRAMS FOR PRIORITY HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION ISSUES AS DEFINED BY THE WELLNESS REPORT CARD DEVELOPED UNDER § 13-2802 OF THIS SUBTITLE AND EVALUATE THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE IMPLEMENTED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of September 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2009.**