

SENATE BILL 288

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By: **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Higher Education – Cultural Diversity Programs – Reporting Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the dates by which certain institutions of higher
4 education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission must submit
5 certain reports on the promotion and enhancement of cultural diversity at
6 institutions of higher education; and generally relating to reports on programs
7 to promote and enhance cultural diversity at institutions of higher education.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 10–211(c) and 11–406(c) and (d)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 10–211.

17 (c) (1) In this subsection, “cultural diversity” means the inclusion of those
18 racial and ethnic groups and individuals that are or have been underrepresented in
19 higher education.

20 (2) On or before [May] **JULY** 1 of each year, each nonpublic institution
21 of higher education eligible for State aid under § 17–103 of this article shall submit a
22 report on the institution’s programs to promote and enhance cultural diversity on its
23 campus to the Maryland Independent College and University Association.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (3) (i) On or before [August] **SEPTEMBER** 1 of each year, the
2 Maryland Independent College and University Association shall submit a report on
3 the status of the programs reported to the Association under paragraph (2) of this
4 subsection to the Commission.

5 (ii) The report submitted to the Commission under
6 subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall include an analysis of the best practices used
7 by nonpublic institutions of higher education to promote and enhance cultural
8 diversity on their campuses.

9 11-406.

10 (c) (1) On or before [May] **JULY** 1 of each year, each institution shall
11 submit the plan developed under subsection (b) of this section to the governing body of
12 the institution for the governing body's review.

13 (2) On or before [August] **SEPTEMBER** 1 of each year, the governing
14 body of an institution shall submit a progress report regarding the institution's
15 implementation of its plan to the Commission.

16 (d) (1) The Commission shall review the progress report submitted by
17 each governing body under subsection (c) of this section to monitor compliance with
18 the diversity goals of the State Plan for Higher Education.

19 (2) On or before [October] **DECEMBER** 1 of each year, the Commission
20 shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to
21 the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the Senate
22 Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the
23 House Committee on Ways and Means on the extent to which the institutions of
24 higher education in the State are in compliance with the diversity goals of the State
25 Plan for Higher Education.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
27 July 1, 2011.