

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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CHAPTER _____

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.

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

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

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

13 11–406.

14 (c) (1) On or before [~~May~~] **JULY** 1 of each year, each institution shall
15 submit the plan developed under subsection (b) of this section to the governing body of
16 the institution for the governing body’s review.

17 (2) On or before [~~August~~] **SEPTEMBER** 1 of each year, the governing
18 body of an institution shall submit a progress report regarding the institution’s
19 implementation of its plan to the Commission.

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

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

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