

Chapter 52

(Senate Bill 288)

AN ACT concerning

Higher Education – Cultural Diversity Programs – Reporting Requirements

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

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

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

Article – Education

10–211.

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

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

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

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

11-406.

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

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

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

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

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

Approved by the Governor, April 12, 2011.