

# SENATE BILL 503

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(7lr2874)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs/Health and Government Operations* —

Introduced by **Senator Nathan Pulliam**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

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

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health Occupations Boards – Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities –**  
3 **~~Information Campaigns – Reporting~~**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring each health occupations board established under the Health  
5 Occupations Article to report an update on ~~the status of certain information~~  
6 ~~campaigns designed~~ *certain efforts* to educate certain individuals regarding racial  
7 and ethnic health disparities to certain committees of the General Assembly on or  
8 before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating  
9 to racial and ethnic health disparities.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
11 That, on or before January 1, 2018, each health occupations board established under the  
12 Health Occupations Article shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State

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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.

*Italics* indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
2 Committee and the House Government Operations Committee an update on the ~~status of~~  
3 ~~information campaigns and other outreach~~ efforts ~~designed~~ to educate individuals  
4 regulated under the health occupations board regarding:

- 5 (1) reducing and eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities;
- 6 (2) improving health literacy;
- 7 (3) improving cultural and linguistic competency; and
- 8 (4) achieving the goal of racial and ethnic health equity.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
10 1, 2017. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2018, with  
11 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no  
12 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.