

SENATE BILL 970

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By: **Senator Peters**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Health – Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for**
3 **Women, Infants, and Children – Reports**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, ~~in consultation with~~
5 ~~certain stakeholders,~~ to report certain information regarding the Special
6 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children to certain
7 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; requiring
8 the Department, in producing the report, to consult with certain stakeholders;
9 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Special
10 Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

12 That:

13 (a) On or before December 1, 2019, and each year thereafter, the Maryland
14 Department of Health, ~~after consultation with the Maryland Alliance for the Poor, local~~
15 ~~health departments, MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society, and other interested~~
16 ~~stakeholders,~~ shall submit a report on the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for
17 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the
18 Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Health
19 and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
20 Government Article.

21 (b) The report shall include:

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 (1) for the previous fiscal year, by jurisdiction:
- 2 (i) the number of women, infants, and children receiving WIC; and
- 3 (ii) the number of women, infants, and children eligible for, but not
4 receiving, WIC;
- 5 (2) by jurisdiction, the hours and locations of local WIC agencies;
- 6 (3) barriers to increasing program enrollment; and
- 7 ~~(3)~~ (4) an analysis of the adequacy of State WIC contracting and payment
8 policies for meeting the resource needs of local health departments and private provider
9 programs; and
- 10 (5) recommendations on of changes to program policies and procedures to:
- 11 (i) increase participation rates; and
- 12 (ii) meet local resource and capacity needs.
- 13 (c) In producing the report, the Department shall consult with:
- 14 (1) the Maryland Alliance for the Poor;
- 15 (2) local health departments;
- 16 (3) MedChi, the Maryland State Medical Society;
- 17 (4) the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics;
- 18 (5) the Mid-Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers; and
- 19 (6) other interested stakeholders.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
21 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 1 month and, at the end of June
22 30, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
23 abrogated and of no further force and effect.