

# SENATE BILL 806

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By: **Senator Hettleman**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health**  
3 **– Health Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants – Report**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland  
5 Department of Health to develop a report comparing options for offering affordable  
6 health care coverage to State residents who are ineligible for the Maryland Medical  
7 Assistance Program, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, or qualified health  
8 plans due to the individuals’ immigration status; and generally relating to a study  
9 on providing health care coverage to undocumented immigrants.

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

12 (a) The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of  
13 Health shall develop a report comparing options for offering affordable health care coverage  
14 to State residents who are ineligible for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the  
15 Maryland Children’s Health Program, or qualified health plans through the Maryland  
16 Health Benefit Exchange due to the individuals’ immigration status.

17 (b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall include a  
18 comparison of the cost to the State, the impact on the uninsured, potential benefits designs,  
19 and implementation considerations for:

20 (1) offering health care coverage through:

21 (i) the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland  
22 Children’s Health Program to individuals who are eligible technically and financially for  
23 the programs but for the individuals’ immigration status; and

24 (ii) qualified health plans offered through the Maryland Health  
25 Benefit Exchange to individuals who are eligible technically and financially to enroll in

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 coverage through the Exchange but for the individuals' immigration status; and

2 (2) offering health care coverage to the following groups:

3 (i) all eligible individuals;

4 (ii) only individuals under the age of 21 years;

5 (iii) only individuals who are at least 65 years old; and

6 (iv) only low-income individuals.

7 (c) On or before October 31, 2023, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and  
8 the Maryland Department of Health shall report their findings and recommendations to  
9 the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance  
10 Committee in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
12 1, 2023.