

HOUSE BILL 119

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CF SB 243

By: **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs)**

Requested: October 6, 2024

Introduced and read first time: January 8, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Government – Research Duties and Advisory Committee on Black Males –**
3 **Repeal**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing a requirement that the Office of Small, Minority, and Women
5 Business Affairs conduct research, make recommendations, and submit a certain
6 report on certain areas relating to black males; repealing the authorization for the
7 Special Secretary of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to create an
8 Advisory Committee on Black Males; and generally relating to the Office of Small,
9 Minority, and Women Business Affairs and issues relating to black males.

10 BY repealing

11 Article – State Government

12 Section 9–303.2

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – State Government**

18 **[9–303.2.**

19 (a) In addition to any duties set forth elsewhere, the Office shall conduct
20 necessary and appropriate research to determine the nature and extent of the problems
21 concerning black males and offer recommendations exclusively pertinent to black males in
22 the areas of:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) unemployment;

2 (2) criminal justice;

3 (3) education; and

4 (4) health.

5 (b) As authorized by the Governor, the Special Secretary may create an Advisory
6 Committee on Black Males to assist and advise the Office in developing recommendations
7 in accordance with subsection (a) of this section.

8 (c) The Office shall submit its findings and recommendations in accordance with
9 this section to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1257 of this article, the General Assembly
10 on or before January 1, 1995 and annually thereafter.]

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2025.