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A BILL ENTITLED

1	AN ACT concerning
2	Public Health – Health Equity Dashboard
3 4 5 6	FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with the Commission on Health Equity, to develop a health equity data dashboard; requiring the Department to update the data dashboard at a certain frequency; and generally relating to a health equity data dashboard.
7 8 9 10 11	BY adding to Article – Health – General Section 13–5501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 55. Health Equity Dashboard" Annotated Code of Maryland (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
12 13	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
14	Article – Health – General
15	SUBTITLE 55. HEALTH EQUITY DASHBOARD.
16	13-5501.
17 18 19 20	(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSION ON HEALTH EQUITY, SHALL DEVELOP A CLEAR AND EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND GRAPHIC DATA DASHBOARD THAT INCLUDES AGE-ADJUSTED HEALTH DISPARITY DATA DISAGGREGATED BY RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER.

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REGARDING THE FOLLOWING HEALTH INDICATORS:

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INFORMATION

INCLUDE

1	(I) HEALTH INSURANCE ACCESS;
2	(II) CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE;
3	(III) CHRONIC DISEASE;
4	(IV) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE;
5	(V) CANCER;
6	(VI) HIV/AIDS;
7	(VII) SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION; AND
8	(VIII) ANY OTHER HEALTH INDICATORS DETERMINED RELEVANT BY THE DEPARTMENT.
10	(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:
11 12	(1) UPDATE THE DATA DASHBOARD DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AT LEAST EVERY 30 DAYS; AND
13 14	(2) POST THE MOST RECENT UPDATED DATA DASHBOARD PROMINENTLY ON ITS WEBSITE.
15 16	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025 .