



Committee: Senate Finance Committee
Bill Number: SB 796
Title: Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and
Maryland Health Care Commission – Reporting Requirements
Hearing Date: March 2, 2021
Position: Support with Amendments

The Maryland Affiliate of the American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM) strongly supports *Senate Bill 796 – Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Maryland Health Care Commission – Reporting Requirements*. The bill will increase the amount of data about the diversity of the health care workforce by requiring each board to collect the data on a voluntary basis from licensees and certificate holders. This information is important in informing the State’s and community partners effort in addressing health disparities. ACNM supports initiatives to increase the number of Black and brown individuals in health professions, as providers should reflect the communities they serve.

We ask for a favorable report on this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.