

be conducted by a higher education institution or private entity. The Department shall issue a request for proposal to select the entity that will conduct the comprehensive evaluation. The comprehensive evaluation shall include an evaluation of: (1) the administration of the Programs; and (2) the effectiveness of the Programs, including an analysis of: (i) whether appropriate benchmarks based on objective performance measures have been met; and (ii) the extent to which the short-term and long-term goals established under §§ 13-1007 and 13-1109 of the Health - General Article have been met. No later than February 1, 2004, the Department shall submit a proposed request for proposal for the comprehensive evaluation to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Environmental Matters Committee for review and comment. Based on the results of the comprehensive evaluation, the Department shall consider whether the Programs should be modified in any way. No later than November 1, 2004, the Department shall submit a report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly that includes the results of the comprehensive evaluation and the Department's recommendations regarding modifications to the Programs.

SECTION 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Sections 2 through 5 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

Approved April 25, 2000.

CHAPTER 18

(Senate Bill 896)

AN ACT concerning

Cigarette Restitution Fund - Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program - Cancer Prevention, ~~Identification~~ Education, Screening, and Treatment Program

FOR the purpose of establishing a Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program and a Cancer Prevention, ~~Identification~~ Education, Screening, and Treatment Program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing that the programs shall be funded as provided in the State budget with money from the Cigarette Restitution Fund; authorizing the Legislative Auditor to audit the appropriations and expenditures made for purposes of the programs; establishing a Surveillance and Evaluation Component, a Statewide Public Health Component, a ~~Countermarketing~~ Counter-Marketing and Media Component, a Local Public Health Component, and an Administrative Component in the Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation Program; establishing a Surveillance and Evaluation Component, a Statewide Public Health Component, a Local Public Health Component, a ~~Medical Institution~~ Statewide Academic Health Center Component, and an Administrative Component in the Cancer Prevention, ~~Identification~~ Education, Screening, and Treatment Program; requiring the annual budget bill to specify the amount of funding that