

CHAPTER 358

(House Bill 851)

AN ACT concerning

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Adult Sickle Cell Anemia - Study and Funding

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Office for Genetics and Children with Special Health Care Needs in the~~ Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and interested stakeholders, to submit a certain report to certain committees on or before a certain date; ~~requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for certain fiscal years a certain amount of general fund State support for the sickle cell anemia population;~~ providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study of adult sickle cell anemia ~~and funding for adult sickle cell anemia.~~

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 20-1101 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11. Adult Sickle Cell Anemia"

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

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

Article - Health - General

SUBTITLE 11. ADULT SICKLE CELL ANEMIA.

20-1101.

~~(A) THE OFFICE FOR GENETICS AND CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTH CARE NEEDS DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES AND INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS, SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2006, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE CONCERNING:~~

(1) RECOMMENDATIONS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF HEALTH CARE DELIVERY TO ADULTS IN THE STATE WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH SICKLE CELL ANEMIA;

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE THE MORTALITY RATE OF ADULTS IN THE STATE WHO ARE DIAGNOSED WITH SICKLE CELL ANEMIA;