

(6) Provide any other guidance and make any other recommendations the Task Force deems appropriate.

(f) A member of the Task Force:

(1) May not receive compensation; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) The Maryland State Department of Education shall provide staff to the Task Force.

(h) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, on or before December 1, 2007.

SECTION ~~3~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~3 years and 5 months~~ 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of ~~November 30, 2009~~ December 31, 2007, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 16, 2006.

CHAPTER 450

(House Bill 58)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Health Care Commission Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Racial and Ethnic Variations - Health Care Disparities Policy Report Card

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to include certain racial and ethnic variations in certain systems to evaluate the quality of care outcomes and performance measurements of certain health maintenance organization benefit plans, nursing facilities, and hospitals and ambulatory surgical facilities; requiring the Commission to develop a certain system to evaluate certain State policies that reduce certain health care disparities by a certain date; requiring the Commission to publish a certain report card; establishing the information that should be included in a certain report card; requiring the Commission to evaluate the feasibility of obtaining certain information on certain geographic disparities and including it in a certain report card; requiring the Commission to compile certain data; requiring the Commission to provide certain information to the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and to analyze the information jointly with the Office; requiring the Commission to evaluate the feasibility of obtaining certain information and to provide the information to the Office under certain