

CHAPTER 497

(House Bill 1455)

AN ACT concerning

~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene—~~ Cultural Competency and Health Outcomes - Pilot Program

FOR the purpose of requiring the Family Health Administration in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities ~~and selected community-based entities, to implement provide technical assistance to certain community-based entities for~~ a certain pilot program that addresses the cultural competency training of certain health care providers and certain health outcomes; requiring the pilot program to be implemented in a certain hospital system; ~~requiring the hospital system that implements the pilot program to make a certain report to certain committees on or before a certain date requiring that certain health indicators be tracked in the pilot program;~~ defining a certain term; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to ~~the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and a~~ pilot program on cultural competency and health outcomes.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 20-1101 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 11. Cultural Competency Pilot Program"

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. CULTURAL COMPETENCY PILOT PROGRAM.

20-1101.

(A) IN THIS SUBSECTION, "CULTURAL COMPETENCY" MEANS A SET OF ACADEMIC, CLINICAL, AND PERSONAL SKILLS THAT ALLOW HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS TO INCREASE THEIR UNDERSTANDING AND APPRECIATION OF CULTURAL DIFFERENCES AMONG GROUPS.

(B) ~~BY OCTOBER 1, 2007, THE FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES, SHALL PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO QUALIFIED AND SELECTED COMMUNITY-BASED ENTITIES, SHALL IMPLEMENT FOR A PILOT PROGRAM THAT ADDRESSES:~~