

(VI) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF HOUSEHOLDS WITH INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS IN WHICH AT LEAST ONE OF THE HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS OVER AGE 18 MEMBER WHO IS AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD SMOKES TOBACCO PRODUCTS, BOTH STATEWIDE AND IN EACH COUNTY;

(VII) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO, WITHIN AN ESTABLISHED AMOUNT OF TIME BEFORE THE START OF THE BASELINE TOBACCO STUDY, STARTED TO SMOKE OR OTHERWISE USE TOBACCO PRODUCTS;

~~(VII)~~ (VIII) THE NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE OF PERSONS INDIVIDUALS WHO SMOKE OR OTHERWISE USE TOBACCO ON A REGULAR BASIS AND WHO, WITHIN AN ESTABLISHED AMOUNT OF TIME BEFORE THE START OF THE BASELINE TOBACCO STUDY, VOLUNTARILY STOPPED SMOKING OR OTHERWISE USING TOBACCO PRODUCTS FOR A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF TIME, AS DETERMINED BY THE DEPARTMENT, BOTH STATEWIDE AND IN EACH COUNTY; AND

~~(VIII)~~ (IX) ANY OTHER FACTOR THAT THE DEPARTMENT DETERMINES TO BE IMPORTANT FOR MEASURING TOBACCO USE OR EVALUATING WHETHER THE PROGRAM MEETS ITS OBJECTIVES.

(D) (1) IN CONDUCTING THE BASELINE TOBACCO STUDY, THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONSIDER ANY DATA COLLECTED AFTER MARCH 1, 2000 THROUGH THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARYLAND ADOLESCENT SURVEY OR THE YOUTH TOBACCO SURVEY.

(2) THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION, AND EACH SCHOOL SELECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MARYLAND ADOLESCENT SURVEY OR THE YOUTH TOBACCO SURVEY SHALL COOPERATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT IN ADMINISTERING THE SURVEYS.

(3) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (II) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MAY NOT DISCONTINUE ADMINISTRATION OF THE MARYLAND ADOLESCENT SURVEY UNTIL AFTER IT HAS SUBMITTED A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT STATES THE REASON FOR DISCONTINUING THE SURVEY.

(II) IF THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SUBMITS A REPORT AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, IT MAY DISCONTINUE THE MARYLAND ADOLESCENT SURVEY IN THE FIRST SCHOOL YEAR THAT BEGINS AFTER THE REPORT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED.

~~(D)~~ (E) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPHS (2) THROUGH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH A HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OR PRIVATE ENTITY TO CONDUCT THE BASELINE TOBACCO STUDY.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL TO SELECT THE ENTITY THAT WILL CONDUCT THE BASELINE TOBACCO STUDY.

(3) THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL SHALL SPECIFY REQUIRE THAT ANY METHODOLOGY OR MODEL THAT IS USED BY THE ENTITY TO CONDUCT THE