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CHAPTER 453

(House Bill 883)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Services Disparities Program—Required Education for Practitioners and Coordination of Services Prevention Act

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring~~ declaring the intent of the General Assembly; authorizing certain institutions of higher education in the State to include certain courses in the curriculum or offer special seminars using the findings of certain reports; requiring the courses or special seminars to address the issue of health care services disparities of certain minority populations with cultural competence, sensitivity, and health literacy; ~~requiring certain institutions of higher education to develop and implement certain courses or offer special seminars by a certain date; requiring certain health care professionals to take a certain class or seminar addressing a certain issue within a certain time period; requiring certain health care professionals to provide certain documentation from a certain entity to a certain licensing entity;~~ requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in consultation with the Maryland Healthcare Foundation, to develop and implement a certain coordinated program delivery system plan to reduce health care disparities ~~among certain entities;~~ requiring the ~~coordinated program delivery system to meet certain criteria;~~ requiring the Department to implement a certain coordinated program delivery system plan to include certain recommendations; requiring the Department and certain entities to examine certain continuing education requirements and make certain determinations by a certain date; requiring the Department to submit certain reports to certain entities by certain dates; ~~requiring~~ authorizing a hospital with a certain program to require certain personnel to take a certain course ~~at least once each year; requiring a hospital's course addressing a certain topic to follow the guidelines of certain organizations;~~ providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; and generally relating to ~~required courses and a delivery system related to~~ health care services disparities.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

Section 20–801 through ~~20–803~~ 20–804, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle
 “Subtitle 8. Health Care Services Disparities Prevention”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2000 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)