

CHAPTER 337

(Senate Bill 788)

AN ACT concerning

Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations

FOR the purpose of establishing the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations; providing for the composition of the Commission; requiring the Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to appoint the members of the Commission; requiring a certain member to chair the Commission, establish certain subcommittees, and appoint certain subcommittee chairs; ~~providing for the terms of the members~~; prohibiting a member from receiving compensation but allowing members to be reimbursed for expenses; requiring the Department to provide staffing for the Commission; ~~requiring the Commission to study and recommend whether the State should adopt a certain vaccine program by a certain date; requiring the Commission to continuously monitor the status of certain vaccines and develop a recommendation on a certain plan; requiring the Commission to develop and publish certain recommendations regarding skipped or postponed dosages of vaccines and to develop a certain form to be used by certain schools; requiring the Commission to develop and implement a certain process to delay certain school requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to develop a certain communications campaign; requiring the Commission to create a plan for a certain infrastructure to be used under certain circumstances; determining where certain vaccine shortages exist and which vaccines are in short supply; developing a certain plan for the equitable distribution of vaccines; studying certain other related issues; requiring the Commission to submit certain reports a certain report; altering the process to be used for adopting certain regulations relating to immunizations and certain blood tests of children; providing for the termination of this Act;~~ and generally relating to the Statewide Advisory Commission on Immunizations.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General
 Section 18-214
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Education
 Section 7-403(a)(1)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2001 Replacement Volume)

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