

- ~~(i) the appropriate age requirements for a female to receive the HPV vaccine;~~
- ~~(ii) the use of a mandatory HPV vaccine for female children;~~
- ~~(iii) the availability and affordability of the HPV vaccine; and~~
- ~~(iv) a public education campaign for the HPV vaccine.~~

~~(g) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2008.~~

Chapter 283 of the Acts of 2004

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) There is a Cervical Cancer Committee of the Maryland Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan.

(b) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the Committee.

(c) The Committee shall:

(1) be briefed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on the prevalence and burden of cervical cancer in the State;

(2) in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the State Council on Cancer Control:

(i) promote public awareness on the causes and nature of cervical cancer, personal risk factors, the value of prevention, early detection, options for testing, treatment costs, new technology, medical care reimbursement, and physician education; and

(ii) examine new and emerging medicines, including vaccines, that are being developed in an effort to cure cervical cancer;

(3) identify and examine the limitations of existing programs, services, laws, and regulations with respect to:

(i) cervical cancer awareness; and