

to carry out the provisions of this Act; requiring certain agencies and subdivisions to provide certain aid and information to the Secretary under certain circumstances; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a public awareness campaign on antibiotic-resistant infections.

BY adding to

Article - Health - General

Section 18-110

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

**Article - Health - General**

**18-110.**

(A) (1) ~~THE SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY AND APPROPRIATION OF FUNDING, THE SECRETARY~~, IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES, SHALL ESTABLISH AND PROMOTE A STATEWIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION, AWARENESS, AND EDUCATION CAMPAIGN ON ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS.

(2) THE CAMPAIGN SHALL:

(I) DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS ABOUT ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS THAT INCLUDE INFORMATION ON:

1. THE CAUSES AND SYMPTOMS OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS, INCLUDING METHICILLIN-RESISTANT STAPHYLOCOCCUS AUREUS; AND

2. METHODS TO REDUCE THE TRANSMISSION OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS, INCLUDING PROPER HAND WASHING TECHNIQUES AND THE USE OF ANTIBACTERIAL PRODUCTS;

(II) DISTRIBUTE THE EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS FREE OF CHARGE TO HEALTH FACILITIES, HEALTH CLINICS, SCHOOLS, AND ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION THE SECRETARY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE TO RECEIVE THE MATERIALS;

(III) DISSEMINATE INFORMATION ABOUT THE DANGERS OF ANTIBIOTIC-RESISTANT INFECTIONS AND METHODS TO REDUCE THE