

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall be construed to apply only prospectively and may not be applied or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any ~~case filed~~ cause of action arising before the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, May 22, 2008.

CHAPTER 579

(Senate Bill 438)

AN ACT concerning

Institutions of Higher Education – Plans for Programs of Cultural Diversity

FOR the purpose of requiring certain nonpublic institutions of higher education to submit a certain report regarding cultural diversity programs to the Maryland Independent College and University Association on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Association to submit a certain report on the status of certain cultural diversity programs to the Maryland Higher Education Commission on or before a certain date each year; requiring the report to include a certain analysis; requiring certain public institutions of higher education to develop and implement certain plans for a program of cultural diversity; requiring certain plans to include certain improvements to certain programs under certain circumstances; requiring certain plans to include certain implementation strategies and timelines for meeting certain goals; providing for the contents of a certain plan; requiring certain plans to enhance certain programming and certain sensitivity through certain instruction and training; requiring certain public institutions of higher education to submit certain plans to the governing body of the institution for review on or before a certain date each year; requiring the governing body of certain institutions to submit a certain progress report to the Commission on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Commission to review the progress report to monitor compliance with the diversity goals of the State Plan for Higher Education; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year; defining a certain term; and generally relating to plans for programs of cultural diversity.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,