

# HOUSE BILL 823

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Establishment of a Sickle Cell**  
3 **Disease Outreach Program**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish,  
5 before a certain date, a certain sickle cell disease outreach program; requiring that  
6 the outreach program provide certain programs, support, and services; and generally  
7 relating to the establishment of a sickle cell disease outreach program by the  
8 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

9 BY adding to  
10 Article – Health – General  
11 Section 18–507  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

17 **18–507.**

18 **(A) BEFORE JUNE 1, 2016, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A SICKLE**  
19 **CELL DISEASE OUTREACH PROGRAM THAT:**

20 **(1) HAS A GOAL OF DECREASING THE USE OF ACUTE CARE SERVICES**  
21 **BY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SICKLE CELL DISEASE; AND**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1                   **(2) IS COORDINATED THROUGH A COMMUNITY-BASED**  
2 **ORGANIZATION.**

3                   **(B) THE SICKLE CELL DISEASE OUTREACH PROGRAM ESTABLISHED UNDER**  
4 **SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL PROVIDE:**

5                   **(1) EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS REGARDING SICKLE CELL DISEASE TO**  
6 **INDIVIDUALS AFFECTED BY THE DISEASE, INCLUDING:**

7                               **(I) INDIVIDUALS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE;**

8                               **(II) FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE;**

9                               **(III) CAREGIVERS OF INDIVIDUALS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE;**

10                              **(IV) SCHOOL PERSONNEL; AND**

11                              **(V) HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS;**

12                   **(2) SOCIAL SERVICES SUPPORT TO INDIVIDUALS WITH SICKLE CELL**  
13 **DISEASE PROVIDED BY SOCIAL WORKERS WHO ARE AWARE OF SERVICES AVAILABLE**  
14 **TO THE INDIVIDUALS; AND**

15                   **(3) ANY OTHER PROGRAMS OR SERVICES THAT ARE NECESSARY TO**  
16 **DECREASE THE USE OF ACUTE CARE SERVICES BY INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE SICKLE**  
17 **CELL DISEASE.**

18                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
19 1, 2015.