

HOUSE BILL 286

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Introduced and read first time: January 20, 2020
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Maternal Mortality Review Program – Stakeholders**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that, to the extent practicable, certain stakeholders convened
4 under the Maternal Mortality Review Program reflect certain racial and ethnic
5 diversity; and generally relating to the Maternal Mortality Review Program.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Health – General

8 Section 13–1213

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2019 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article – Health – General**

14 13–1213.

15 (a) **(1)** At least twice a year, the Secretary shall convene a meeting of
16 stakeholders, including representatives of:

17 [(1)] **(I)** The Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities;

18 [(2)] **(II)** The Maryland Patient Safety Center;

19 [(3)] **(III)** The Maryland Healthy Start Program;

20 [(4)] **(IV)** Women’s health advocacy organizations;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 [(5)] (v) Community organizations engaged in maternal health and
2 family support issues;

3 [(6)] (vi) Families that have experienced a maternal death;

4 [(7)] (vii) Local health departments; and

5 [(8)] (viii) Health care providers that provide maternal health services.

6 **(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE STAKEHOLDERS CONVENED**
7 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL REFLECT THE**
8 **RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY OF WOMEN MOST IMPACTED BY MATERNAL DEATHS**
9 **IN THE STATE.**

10 (b) Of the two meetings required under subsection (a) of this section:

11 (1) One meeting shall be held within 90 days after submission of the report
12 required under § 13–1212 of this subtitle to:

13 (i) Review the findings and recommendations in the report;

14 (ii) Examine issues resulting in disparities in maternal deaths;

15 (iii) Review the status of implementation of previous
16 recommendations; and

17 (iv) Identify new recommendations with a focus on initiatives to
18 address issues resulting in disparities in maternal deaths; and

19 (2) One meeting shall be held within 6 months after the meeting held under
20 item (1) of this subsection to review the status of implementation of previous
21 recommendations and consider any new information that may be relevant for the
22 identification of additional recommendations.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2020.