

SENATE BILL 806

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By: ~~Senator Hettleman~~ **Senators Kelly and Hettleman**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health**
3 **– Health Care and Dental Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants –**
4 **Report**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland
6 Department of Health to develop a report comparing options for offering affordable
7 health care and dental care coverage to State residents who are ineligible for the
8 Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children’s Health Program,
9 ~~or~~ qualified health plans, or stand-alone dental plans due to the individuals’
10 immigration status; and generally relating to a study on providing health care and
11 dental care coverage to undocumented immigrants.

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

14 (a) The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of
15 Health shall develop a report comparing options for offering affordable health care and
16 dental care coverage to State residents who are ineligible for the Maryland Medical
17 Assistance Program, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, or qualified health plans or
18 stand-alone dental plans through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange due to the
19 individuals’ immigration status.

20 (b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall include a
21 comparison of the cost to the State, the impact on the uninsured, potential benefits designs,
22 and implementation considerations for:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (1) offering health care and dental care coverage through:

2 (i) the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland
3 Children's Health Program to individuals who are eligible technically and financially for
4 the programs but for the individuals' immigration status; and

5 (ii) qualified health plans and stand-alone dental plans offered
6 through the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to individuals who are eligible technically
7 and financially to enroll in coverage through the Exchange but for the individuals'
8 immigration status; and

9 (2) offering health care and dental care coverage to the following groups:

10 (i) all eligible individuals;

11 (ii) only individuals under the age of 21 years;

12 (iii) only individuals who are at least 65 years old; and

13 (iv) only low-income individuals.

14 (c) On or before October 31, 2023, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and
15 the Maryland Department of Health shall report their findings and recommendations to
16 the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance
17 Committee in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
19 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.