



**Committee:** Senate Finance Committee

**Bill Number:** SB 796 – Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and  
Maryland Health Care Commission – Reporting Requirements

**Hearing Date:** March 3, 2020

**Position:** Support

The Maryland Nurse Association (MOTA) supports *Senate Bill 796 – Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Maryland Health Care Commission – Reporting Requirements*. MNA supports efforts to build a more diverse healthcare workforce through Maryland’s higher education institutions. To plan and implement these efforts, we need access to better data on the diversity of Maryland’s health care workforce. Maryland’s health occupation boards are positioned to collect racial and ethnic data on a voluntary basis from licensees and certificate holders. This legislation provides for health occupation boards to share this data with the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and the Maryland Health Care Commission. Once analyzed, this information can be shared on an aggregate basis with higher education institutions and planning agencies.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.