

# SENATE BILL 684

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By: **Senator Augustine**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Health Equity Dashboard**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with  
4 the Commission on Health Equity, to develop a health equity data dashboard;  
5 requiring the Department to update the data dashboard at a certain frequency; and  
6 generally relating to a health equity data dashboard.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 13–5501 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 55. Health Equity Dashboard”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 **SUBTITLE 55. HEALTH EQUITY DASHBOARD.**

16 **13–5501.**

17 **(A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE COMMISSION**  
18 **ON HEALTH EQUITY, SHALL DEVELOP A CLEAR AND EASY-TO-UNDERSTAND**  
19 **GRAPHIC DATA DASHBOARD THAT INCLUDES AGE-ADJUSTED HEALTH DISPARITY**  
20 **DATA DISAGGREGATED BY RACE, ETHNICITY, AND GENDER.**

21 **(2) THE DATA DASHBOARD SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION**  
22 **REGARDING THE FOLLOWING HEALTH INDICATORS:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1                   **(I) HEALTH INSURANCE ACCESS;**  
2                   **(II) CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE;**  
3                   **(III) CHRONIC DISEASE;**  
4                   **(IV) MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE;**  
5                   **(V) CANCER;**  
6                   **(VI) HIV/AIDS;**  
7                   **(VII) SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTION; AND**  
8                   **(VIII) ANY OTHER HEALTH INDICATORS DETERMINED RELEVANT**  
9 **BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

10           **(B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

- 11                   **(1) UPDATE THE DATA DASHBOARD DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION**  
12 **(A) OF THIS SECTION AT LEAST EVERY 30 DAYS; AND**  
13                   **(2) POST THE MOST RECENT UPDATED DATA DASHBOARD**  
14 **PROMINENTLY ON ITS WEBSITE.**

15           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 October 1, 2025.