

# SENATE BILL 784

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By: **Senators Muse, Colburn, Kittleman, and Klausmeier**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Workgroup on Cancer Clusters**  
3 **and Environmental Causes of Cancer**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in  
5 consultation with the Department of the Environment, to convene a certain  
6 workgroup to examine certain issues; requiring the workgroup to include  
7 certain representatives; requiring the Department of Health and Mental  
8 Hygiene to report the findings and any recommendations of the workgroup to  
9 the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and  
10 generally relating to cancer clusters and environmental causes of cancer.

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

13 (a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the  
14 Department of the Environment, shall convene a workgroup to examine issues  
15 relating to the investigation of potential cancer clusters in the State and potential  
16 environmental causes of cancer, including:

17 (1) the process that State agencies use to research and identify cancer  
18 clusters in the State;

19 (2) communication between State agencies and between State and  
20 federal agencies regarding research about and the identification of cancer clusters and  
21 potential environmental causes of cancer;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

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1           (3)     research being conducted by the academic medical institutions in  
2 the State on potential cancer clusters and how findings from this research are  
3 communicated to the appropriate State and federal agencies; and

4           (4)     whether additional information regarding potential cancer clusters  
5 and potential environmental causes of cancer should be provided in annual reports to  
6 the public.

7           (b)     (1)    The workgroup required under this section shall include  
8 representatives of academic medical institutions in the State, advocates for cancer  
9 patients, legislators, scientists, and environmentalists.

10           (2)     In selecting members of the workgroup, the Department of Health  
11 and Mental Hygiene shall include representatives from both urban and rural areas of  
12 the State.

13           (3)     The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall invite  
14 representatives of federal agencies to participate in the workgroup.

15           (c)     On or before ~~December 1, 2012~~ June 30, 2013, the Department of Health  
16 and Mental Hygiene shall report the findings of the workgroup required under this  
17 section and any recommendations of the workgroup to the Governor and, in  
18 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

19           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
20 July 1, 2012.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.