## **SENATE BILL 861**

By: Senator Sydnor

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2020

Assigned to: Finance

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Office of Personnel Services and Benefits – Study of Diversity of Employees in State Agencies

FOR the purpose of requiring the Office of Personnel Services and Benefits within the Department of Budget and Management to study the number and salaries of certain employees employed by certain State agencies who are African American, Hispanic, or any other racial minority and report its findings to the Governor and a certain committee of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a study of diversity of employees in State agencies.

- 11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 12 That:
- 13 (a) As provided in subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the Office of Personnel
  14 Services and Benefits within the Department of Budget and Management shall study the
  15 number and salaries of employees employed by the Maryland Department of Health, the
  16 Department of Planning, and the Department of Budget and Management in a position at
- 17 grade 19 or above who are:
- 18 (1) African American;
- 19 (2) Hispanic; or
- 20 (3) any other racial minority.
- 21 (b) On or before December 1, 2020, the Office of Personnel Services and Benefits 22 shall conduct the study described in subsection (a) of this section and report its findings to 23 the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate 24 Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(c) In addition to the study conducted under subsection (b) of this section, on or before June 1, 2021, the Office of Personnel Services and Benefits shall conduct the study described in subsection (a) of this section for a second time and report its findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 6 months and, at the end of November 30, 2021, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.