

HOUSE BILL 1325

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By: **Delegate Amprey**

Introduced and read first time: February 8, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Food Insecurity Zones – State Legislative Districts – Reports**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development
4 and the Department of Planning to jointly produce a report for each State legislative
5 district on the food environment in the district on or before a certain date and at a
6 certain frequency thereafter; requiring the reports to include certain information;
7 requiring the reports to follow a certain format and be of a certain level of detail;
8 authorizing the departments to collaborate with certain universities and nonprofit
9 organizations in producing the reports required under this Act; requiring the
10 departments to submit the reports to the General Assembly; and generally relating
11 to food environments in State legislative districts.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Housing and Community Development
14 Section 6–308.5
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Housing and Community Development**

20 **6–308.5.**

21 **(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2021, AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1**
22 **EVERY 2 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF**
23 **PLANNING SHALL JOINTLY PRODUCE A REPORT FOR EACH STATE LEGISLATIVE**
24 **DISTRICT ON THE FOOD ENVIRONMENT IN THE DISTRICT.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) THE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE THE**
2 **METRICS THAT DETERMINE FOOD INSECURITY ZONES.**

3 **(C) EACH REPORT PRODUCED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE IN THE SAME**
4 **FORMAT AND OF THE SAME DETAIL AS THE CITY OF BALTIMORE'S STATE**
5 **LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 2018 FOOD ENVIRONMENT BRIEFS, AS PRODUCED BY THE**
6 **BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND THE JOHNS HOPKINS CENTER**
7 **FOR A LIVABLE FUTURE.**

8 **(D) IN PRODUCING THE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION, THE**
9 **DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING MAY COLLABORATE WITH:**

10 **(1) ANY UNIVERSITY IN THE STATE; AND**

11 **(2) ANY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT SPECIALIZES IN**
12 **EQUITABLE FOOD ACCESS.**

13 **(E) THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING SHALL**
14 **SUBMIT THE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION TO THE GENERAL**
15 **ASSEMBLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
17 1, 2021.