

# HOUSE BILL 850

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Education Campaign Relating to Mental Health Issues – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to include in a certain budget funding  
4 sufficient to allow the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop and  
5 implement an educational campaign to eliminate the stigma that discourages  
6 individuals from seeking assistance for mental health issues; and generally  
7 relating to funding for education about mental health issues.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
9 MARYLAND, That the General Assembly requests that the Governor include in the  
10 fiscal year 2016 budget funding sufficient to allow the Department of Health and  
11 Mental Hygiene to develop and implement an educational campaign to eliminate the  
12 stigma that discourages individuals from seeking assistance for mental health issues.

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
14 October 1, 2014.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

