

Chapter 219

(House Bill 257)

AN ACT concerning

**Maryland Commission on Civil Rights – Employment Discrimination
– Reporting**

FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights to include certain information in its annual report; requiring certain county offices of civil rights, or other appropriate agencies, to report certain information relating to complaints of employment discrimination to the Commission; making a certain requirement applicable in certain counties; defining “county office of civil rights”; and generally relating to employment discrimination and reporting.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 20–207(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

BY adding to
Article – State Government
Section 20–208
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2014 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

Article – State Government

20–207.

(c) On or before January 1 of each year, the Commission shall submit a report on the work of the Commission to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1257 of this article, to the General Assembly **THAT INCLUDES:**

(1) A REVIEW OF THE DATA REPORTED UNDER § 20–208 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, FOR POLICY CHANGES TO ADDRESS DISCRIMINATORY TRENDS NOTED IN THE DATA REVIEW UNDER ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

20-208.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “COUNTY OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS” MEANS THE COUNTY OFFICE RESPONSIBLE FOR RESPONDING TO COMPLAINTS ALLEGING DISCRIMINATION IN A COUNTY.

(B) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO:

- (1) ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;
- (2) BALTIMORE CITY;
- (3) BALTIMORE COUNTY;
- (4) HOWARD COUNTY;
- (5) MONTGOMERY COUNTY; AND
- (6) PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.

(C) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR, EACH COUNTY OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS, OR OTHER APPROPRIATE AGENCY, SHALL REPORT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO THE COMMISSION:

(1) THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED ALLEGING DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT; AND

(2) FOR EACH COMPLAINT RECEIVED:

- (I) THE TYPE OF DISCRIMINATION ALLEGED;
- (II) THE CATEGORY OF JOB HELD BY THE COMPLAINANT;
- (III) WHETHER THE COMPLAINANT IS A PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEE OR A PRIVATE SECTOR EMPLOYEE;
- (IV) THE COMPLAINANT’S COUNTRY OF ORIGIN; AND
- (V) WHETHER THE ~~COUNTY OFFICE OF CIVIL RIGHTS~~ APPROPRIATE AGENCY DETERMINED THAT A VIOLATION OCCURRED.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 18, 2021.