

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 990

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Rosenberg” and substitute “, Rosenberg, Benson, Boteler, Boutin, Bromwell, Costa, Donoghue, Elliott, Frank, Hammen, Hurson, Kach, Kullen, McDonough, Morhaim, Murray, Nathan-Pulliam, Oaks, Pendergrass, V. Turner, and Weldon”; strike beginning with “Maryland” in line 2 down through “of” in line 3; in line 3, after “Benefits” insert “and Services for Individuals Who Are Incarcerated or Institutionalized”; in line 5, after “individuals” insert “who are incarcerated or who are”; in line 8, after the first “the” insert “incarceration of the individual or the”; in line 9, after “disease;” insert “providing that certain provisions of this Act are contingent on the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s receipt of certain funding and the implementation of a certain computer system; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Human Resources, and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to convene a certain work group to make certain recommendations; requiring the work group to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; and strike beginning with “the” in line 9 down through “disease” in line 11 and substitute “benefits and services for individuals who are incarcerated or institutionalized”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 6, after “YEARS” insert “IS INCARCERATED OR”; in line 9, after “INDIVIDUAL” insert “IS INCARCERATED OR”; and in line 11, after “ON” insert “THE INCARCERATION OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ON”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 11, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act is contingent on the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene’s receipt of funding for the development of a new

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computerized eligibility system for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the implementation of the system, and shall take effect on the date the system is implemented. The Department, within 5 days after the implementation of a new computerized eligibility system for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, shall notify the Department of Legislative Services, 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401 in writing of the implementation.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department of Human Resources, and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall convene a work group consisting of interested stakeholders to make recommendations on actions to be taken to break the cycle of rearrest and reincarceration for individuals with mental illnesses who become involved with the criminal justice system, including the following:

(1) recommended agency responsibility for and actions to be taken to ensure that suspension and reinstatement of benefits occur in a seamless fashion;

(2) review and clarification of current and recommended agency responsibility for case management services for individuals released from incarceration;

(3) measures to ensure that timely assistance is provided to inmates with psychiatric disabilities who are not on eligibility rolls for federal benefits but who are likely to be eligible for those benefits on release;

(4) recommendations regarding the creation of a State bridge program for released inmates with mental illnesses whose applications for federal benefits are pending;

(5) review and clarification of current and recommended agency responsibility for providing access to medically necessary mental health services for inmates both while incarcerated and on release;

(6) actions to be taken to ensure that an individual who is released from incarceration receives in a timely manner a photo identification card that does not disclose the individual's incarceration; and

(7) any other strategies identified and supported by the work group to address the work group's mission.

(b) The work group shall report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2005, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 12, strike “2.” and substitute “4.”; and strike beginning with “That” in line 12 down through “October” in line 13 and substitute “That, except as provided in Section 2 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July”.