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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2                           **Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Co-Occurring Mental Health and**  
3                           **Substance Use Disorders - Termination Date Extension and Modifications**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the name of the Task Force on the Needs of Persons with  
5 Co-Occurring Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Disorders; providing for  
6 additional members of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to identify the  
7 number of African Americans and other minorities that have co-occurring  
8 disorders and make recommendations on addressing disparities in the  
9 treatment of co-occurring disorders in African Americans and other minorities  
10 that have co-occurring disorders; requiring the Task Force to submit certain  
11 reports to the Governor and certain committees on or before certain dates;  
12 requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration to conduct a certain study and  
13 submit a certain report to certain committees on or before a certain date;  
14 extending the termination date for the Task Force; and generally relating to the  
15 Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Co-Occurring Mental Health and  
16 Substance Use Disorders.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
18 Chapter 297 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2003  
19 Section 1, 2, and 3

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

22                           **Chapter 297 of the Acts of 2003**

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
24 MARYLAND, That:

25 (a) There is a Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Co-Occurring Mental  
26 [Illness] HEALTH and Substance [Abuse] USE Disorders.

27 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members appointed by the  
28 Governor:

- 1 (1) one representative of the Mental [Health] HYGIENE Administration;
- 2 (2) one representative of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration;
- 3 (3) one representative of the Department of Human Resources;
- 4 (4) one social worker from the Department of Social Services;
- 5 (5) one representative of the Department of Rehabilitative Services;
- 6 (6) one representative of the AIDS Administration;
- 7 (7) one representative of the Department of Juvenile [Justice]  
8 SERVICES;
- 9 (8) one representative of the Faith-Based Community Providers;
- 10 (9) one representative of the Department of Housing and Community  
11 Development;
- 12 (10) one representative of the Department of Public Safety and  
13 Correctional Services;
- 14 (11) one State court judge;
- 15 (12) one representative of the State's Attorney's Office;
- 16 (13) one representative from the Public Defender's Office;
- 17 (14) one representative who is a consumer of co-occurring disorder  
18 services or who has a family member who uses such services;
- 19 (15) one representative [of the Co-Occurring Disorders Workgroup of the  
20 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. - Maryland and Mental  
21 Health Association of Maryland] FROM THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF  
22 MARYLAND;
- 23 (16) one representative from the Maryland Psychiatric Society;
- 24 (17) one representative from the Maryland Nurses Association;
- 25 (18) one representative from the Maryland Hospital Association;
- 26 (19) one representative from the Community Behavioral Health  
27 Association of Maryland;
- 28 (20) one representative from the Maryland Legislative Council of Social  
29 Workers OR THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF SOCIAL  
30 WORKERS;
- 31 (21) one representative from the Maryland Psychological Association;

1 (22) one representative from the State's Public Academic Health Center;

2 [and]

3 (23) [two] THREE consumers;

4 (24) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE LIAISON  
5 BETWEEN THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE ADMINISTRATION AND THE MENTAL  
6 HEALTH ADMINISTRATION;

7 (25) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR THE  
8 MENTALLY ILL OF MARYLAND;

9 (26) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON  
10 ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG DEPENDENCE;

11 (27) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM MARYLAND APS HEALTHCARE;

12 (28) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ON OUR OWN OF MARYLAND;

13 (29) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MARYLAND COALITION OF  
14 FAMILIES FOR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH;

15 (30) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF  
16 EDUCATION;

17 (31) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING;

18 (32) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF  
19 CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES;

20 (33) ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM A MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION;

21 (34) TWO LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDERS WHO SERVE  
22 PEOPLE WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS; AND

23 (35) TWO LICENSED ADDICTION TREATMENT PROVIDERS WHO SERVE  
24 PEOPLE WITH CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS.

25 (C) THE TASK FORCE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:

26 (1) ONE MEMBER OF THE SENATE OF MARYLAND, APPOINTED BY THE  
27 PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE; AND

28 (2) ONE MEMBER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, APPOINTED BY THE  
29 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE.

30 [(c)] (D) The members of the Task Force shall elect the chairman and  
31 vice-chairman from among the Task Force's members.

32 [(d)] (E) The Mental Hygiene Administration and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
33 Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

1 [(e)] (F) A member of the Task Force:  
2 (1) may not receive compensation; but  
3 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
4 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

5 [(f)] (G) The Task Force shall:

6 (1) identify and recommend creative ways to provide and deliver  
7 comprehensive, integrated, cost-effective services to the population with co-occurring  
8 mental [illness] HEALTH and substance [abuse] USE disorders;

9 (2) identify and recommend various methods of funding services through  
10 private and public sources;

11 (3) make recommendations regarding both short-term and long-term  
12 residential services for people with co-occurring disorders, including  
13 recommendations on the number of units needed and a timeline for providing  
14 residential services;

15 (4) make recommendations regarding how the Mental Hygiene  
16 Administration and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration may implement  
17 cross-training for mental [illness] HEALTH and addiction counselors; [and]

18 (5) IDENTIFY THE NUMBER OF AFRICAN AMERICANS AND OTHER  
19 MINORITIES THAT HAVE CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS AND MAKE  
20 RECOMMENDATIONS ON ADDRESSING DISPARITIES IN THE TREATMENT OF  
21 CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS IN AFRICAN AMERICANS AND OTHER MINORITIES THAT  
22 HAVE CO-OCCURRING DISORDERS; AND

23 [(5)] (6) make recommendations regarding necessary legislation to  
24 implement the Task Force's recommendations.

25 [(g)] (H) [(1)] The Task Force shall issue an interim report of its findings and  
26 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government  
27 Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the  
28 House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2004.

29 (2)] The Task Force shall issue [a final] AN ANNUAL report on its  
30 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State  
31 Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs  
32 Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or  
33 before December 1[, 2005] OF EACH YEAR.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

35 (a) The Mental Hygiene Administration shall conduct or commission a study  
36 on the relationship between substance [abuse] USE and mental [illness] HEALTH  
37 among counties in Maryland.

1 (b) When appropriate, the study shall utilize existing resources and data  
2 available from such entities as the Maryland Health Care Commission and the [Task  
3 Force to Study Increasing the Availability of Substance Abuse Treatment] MARYLAND  
4 STATE DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE COUNCIL.

5 (c) The Mental Hygiene Administration AND THE ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE  
6 ADMINISTRATION shall report to the Governor, the Maryland Legislative Black  
7 Caucus, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the  
8 Senate Finance Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations  
9 Committee on or before January 1[, 2004,] OF EACH YEAR in accordance with §  
10 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the findings and recommendations of the  
11 study.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
13 October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of [2] 5 years and 3 months and,  
14 at the end of December 31, [2005] 2008, with no further action required by the  
15 General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

16 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
17 July 1, 2005.