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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 882  
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with “Continuity” in line 4 down through “Panel” in line 5 and substitute “Outpatient Services Programs Stakeholder Workgroup”; and in line 6, after “of” insert “requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to convene a stakeholder workgroup to examine certain outpatient services programs, develop a certain proposal, and evaluate a certain standard; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to recommend certain draft legislation; requiring the Secretary to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to a stakeholder workgroup on the treatment of individuals with mental illness.”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 32 through 38, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 40, insert:

“(a) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to:

(1) examine assisted outpatient programs, assertive community treatment programs, and other outpatient services programs with targeted outreach, engagement, and services;

(2) develop a proposal for a program that:

(Over)

(i) best serves individuals with mental illness who are at high risk for disruptions in the continuity of care;

(ii) respects the civil liberties of individuals to be served;

(iii) addresses the potential for racial bias and health disparities in program implementation;

(iv) is based on evidence of the effectiveness of assisted outpatient treatment programs, assertive community treatment programs, and other outpatient services programs with targeted outreach, engagement, and services in other jurisdictions;

(v) includes a data-monitoring strategy;

(vi) promotes parity between public and private insurers;

(vii) addresses the potential for variance in program implementation among urban and rural jurisdictions; and

(viii) assesses the cost of the program to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and other State agencies, including the feasibility of securing federal funding for services provided by the program; and

(3) evaluate the dangerousness standard for involuntary admissions and emergency evaluations of individuals with mental disorders, including:

(i) how the standard should be clarified in statute or in regulations adopted by the Department; and

(ii) initiatives the Department should adopt and implement to promote the appropriate and consistent application of the standard by health care

professionals, administrative law judges, the Office of the Public Defender, consumers, and other individuals.

(b) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall recommend draft legislation as necessary to implement the program included in the proposal developed under subsection (a)(2) of this section.

(c) On or before November 1, 2014, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a report of the findings and recommendations of the workgroup, including the proposal developed under subsection (a)(2) of this section and the draft legislation recommended by the Department under subsection (b) of this section, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.”.

On pages 12 and 13, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 12 on page 12 through line 17 on page 13, inclusive.