

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 187
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Governor’s Workforce Investment Board –”; in line 4, strike “requiring” and substitute “authorizing”; in the same line, strike “Governor’s Workforce Investment Board to coordinate” and substitute “Maryland Hospital Association, in consultation”; in line 5, after “boards,” insert “the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board.”; in line 6, after “other” insert “entities and”; in the same line, after “parties” insert a comma; in line 7, strike “by developing” and substitute “; requiring the workgroup to develop”; in the same line, after “factors” insert “and to make certain recommendations”; in line 8, after the second “to” insert “the Governor and”; in line 9, strike “each year”; strike beginning with “the” in line 9 down through “and” in line 10; and strike in their entirety lines 11 through 15, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 17, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 13 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, after line 13, insert:

“(a) The Maryland Hospital Association, in consultation with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the health occupations boards, the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board, the Medical Mutual Liability Insurance Society of Maryland, the Maryland Association for Justice, the Maryland Affiliate of American College of Nurse-Midwives, and other parties as determined appropriate by the Maryland Hospital Association, may establish a workgroup to study access to obstetric services in the State.

(b) The workgroup shall develop a comprehensive mechanism to evaluate:

(Over)

(1) the number and geographic locations of obstetrical health care workers in the State;

(2) practice patterns;

(3) provider preferences; and

(4) other factors determined to be relevant by the workgroup.

(c) The workgroup shall make recommendations for enactment of legislation that would provide incentives to increase the availability of obstetric care services throughout the State.

(d) On or before December 1, 2015, the workgroup shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the findings and recommendations of the workgroup.”.