## **HOUSE BILL 1053**

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AN ACT concerning

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By: Delegates Jacobs, Adams, Anderton, Arentz, Carozza, Ghrist, Mautz, and Otto Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2015
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

## A BILL ENTITLED

Health Care Delivery on the Eastern Shore

2	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Workgroup to Evaluate Mental

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to convene a workgroup to evaluate and make findings and recommendations regarding the state of mental health care delivery on the Eastern Shore of Maryland; requiring the workgroup to include certain individuals; requiring the Department to report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup in a certain manner to certain legislative committees on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Evaluate Mental Health Care Delivery on the Eastern Shore.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

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- 13 (a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall convene a workgroup to 14 evaluate the state of mental health care delivery on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, 15 including:
- 16 (1) whether and to what extent individuals with mental illness are being 17 referred to out–of–state mental health facilities;
- 18 (2) the adequacy of the mental health care workforce;
- 19 (3) the impact the closure of the Upper Shore Community Mental Health 20 Center has had on access to mental health services and drug treatment in communities in 21 the former service area of the Center:
- 22 (4) the feasibility of reopening the Upper Shore Community Mental Health 23 Center, including:
- 24 (i) the cost of reopening the Center;

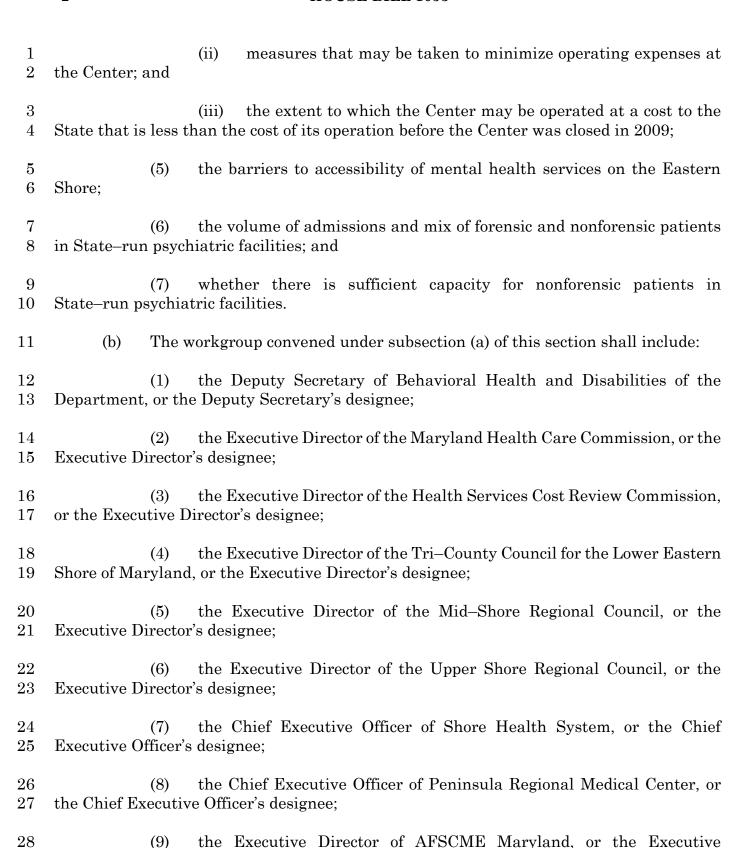
EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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Director's designee;



30 (10) the Chair of the Board of the Upper Shore Community Mental Health 31 Center who served on the Board at the time of the Center's closure, or the Chair's designee;

$1\\2$	(11) Director's designed	the Executive Director of the Lower Shore Clinic, or the Executive;
3	(12)	three mental health professionals;
4	(13)	one representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness;
5	(14)	one representative of the Mental Health Association of Maryland;
6	(15)	one representative of the Maryland Psychological Association; and
7	(16)	three health officers:
8 9	Anne's County;	(i) one of whom shall be from Cecil County, Kent County, or Queer
10 11	or Talbot County;	(ii) one of whom shall be from Caroline County, Dorchester County, and
12 13	or Worcester Cour	(iii) one of whom shall be from Somerset County, Wicomico County, aty.
14 15 16 17	Hygiene shall repe with § 2–1246 of t	r before December 31, 2015, the Department of Health and Mental ort the findings and recommendations of the workgroup, in accordance he State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the Government Operations Committee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June

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