

SENATE BILL 551

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By: **Senators Pugh, Astle, Benson, Feldman, Kelley, Klausmeier, ~~and Middleton~~
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ Behavioral Health Advisory Council
3 ~~– Clinical Crisis Walk-In Services and Mobile Crisis Teams – Strategic Plan~~

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ Behavioral
5 Health Advisory Council, in consultation with certain agencies ~~and~~, certain health
6 providers, and certain stakeholders, to develop a strategic plan for ensuring that
7 certain crisis services and certain teams are available statewide and operating in a
8 certain manner; requiring the strategic plan to include certain elements; requiring
9 the ~~Department to submit the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly on or~~
10 ~~before a certain date~~ Council to include in a certain report an update on the
11 development of the plan on or before a certain date; requiring the Council to submit
12 the plan as part of a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating
13 to the ~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ Behavioral Health Advisory
14 Council and a strategic plan for clinical crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis
15 teams.

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

17 That:

18 (a) The ~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ Behavioral Health Advisory
19 Council, in consultation with local core service agencies ~~and~~, community behavioral health
20 providers, and interested stakeholders, shall develop a strategic plan for ensuring that
21 clinical crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis teams are available statewide and
22 operating 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



(b) The strategic plan developed under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

(1) A design that ensures that the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System is accessible to individuals in need of mental health and substance use crisis services;

(2) Consideration of regional models and other strategies for ensuring efficiency in the delivery of mental health and substance use crisis services;

(3) Measures to monitor services and outcomes for individuals served by the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; and

(4) Methods for recovering payment for mental health and substance use crisis services delivered to individuals with private health insurance.

(c) (1) The Behavioral Health Advisory Council shall include, in the annual report required on or before December 31, 2016, under § 7.5–305 of the Health – General Article, an update on the development of the strategic plan required under subsection (a) of this section.

~~On or before December 1, 2016, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ The Behavioral Health Advisory Council shall submit the strategic plan required under subsection (a) of this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly as part of the annual report required on or before December 31, 2017, under § 7.5–305 of the Health – General Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2016.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.