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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 869
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Senator Nathan-Pulliam” and substitute “Senators Nathan-Pulliam, Benson, Conway, Currie, Feldman, Ferguson, Gladden, Guzzone, Kelley, King, Lee, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, McFadden, Muse, Peters, Pugh, Ramirez, Raskin, Young, and Zucker”; in line 2, strike “Commission on” and substitute “Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs – Workgroup on”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 3 down through “Equity” in line 15 and substitute “requiring the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs to convene a certain workgroup to explore issues of reconciliation processes and racial equity that includes certain stakeholders; requiring a certain workgroup to hold certain hearings, evaluate race relations, human rights, social justice, disparities, and institutional bias in the State, study certain racial disparities and institutional bias, determine certain best practices, strategies, and legislation, and make certain recommendations; requiring a certain workgroup to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a workgroup on reconciliation and equity”; and strike in their entirety lines 16 through 21, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 23, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 23, insert:

“(a) The Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs shall convene a workgroup to explore issues of reconciliation processes and racial equity that includes the following stakeholders:

- (1) the Commission on Civil Rights;

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- (2) the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- (3) the Department of Human Resources;
- (4) the Department of Housing and Community Development;
- (5) the State Department of Education;
- (6) the Department of Transportation;
- (7) the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation;
- (8) the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services;
- (9) the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People;
- (10) the American Civil Liberties Union;
- (11) the American Public Health Association;
- (12) the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies;
- (13) organizations that advocate for racial justice;
- (14) interfaith organizations;
- (15) sociologists with expertise concerning race relations;
- (16) business sector coalitions; and
- (17) law enforcement and community police personnel.

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(b) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall:

(1) hold hearings at various locations throughout the State and receive testimony from individuals, State and local agencies, community-based organizations, and other public and private organizations;

(2) evaluate race relations, human rights, social justice, disparities, and institutional bias throughout the State;

(3) study any current and prospective racial disparities and any institutional bias on individuals and communities, including the effects on health, employment and economic stability, access to safe and affordable housing, income inequality, educational opportunities, and employment and achievement gaps;

(4) determine the best practices, strategies, courses of action, and legislation that should be introduced to address the findings under items (1) through (3) of this subsection; and

(5) make recommendations to:

(i) improve race relations, promote healing, and foster reconciliation in the State; and

(ii) promote the overall health and success of individuals throughout the State, including improving access to employment opportunities, safe and affordable housing, adequate medical services and treatment, and quality education.

(c) On or before December 1, 2019, the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly regarding the findings and recommendations of the workgroup determined under this section."

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On pages 1 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 24 on page 1 through line 21 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 6, in line 22, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; and in line 23, strike “October” and substitute “July”.