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BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1013  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Maryland Higher Education Commission – Workgroup to Examine the Need for Dental Therapy”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 1 through line 43 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to jointly convene a workgroup to examine the need for dental therapy in the State; requiring the workgroup to include certain stakeholders; requiring the workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to a workgroup to examine the need for dental therapy in the State.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 45, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 3 through 18, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 3 through line 2 on page 18, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall jointly convene a workgroup to examine the need for dental therapy in the State.

(b) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall include health care practitioners in the fields of dentistry, dental hygiene, professional

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counselors and therapists, and nursing, as well as representatives from the disability community, public health advocates, the Medicaid community, and institutions of higher education.

(c) The workgroup shall:

(1) assess the need for dental therapists in the State;

(2) assess existing educational opportunities, if any, for the study of dental therapy in the State; and

(3) determine the feasibility of expanding educational opportunities for the study of dental therapy in the State.

(d) On or before December 1, 2017, the workgroup shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee regarding the workgroup's findings and recommendations."

On page 18, in line 3, strike "4." and substitute "2."; in line 4, strike "October" and substitute "July".