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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 642
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Alterations and” and substitute “Study and”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 3 down through “determination;” in line 9 and substitute “requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a certain study; requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;”; in line 16, strike “defining a certain term;”; and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 36, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 37 on page 2 through line 19 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 6, after line 19, insert:

“(a) The Maryland Department of Health shall, in consultation with the Hilltop Institute at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County, conduct a study that provides a cost-benefit analysis of expanding access to long-term care services through home- and community-based waivers.

(b) The study shall include:

(1) a comparison of all health care costs incurred by individuals by different levels of acuity who have moved into waiver services and those who remain on the waiting list for waiver services;

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(2) to the extent practicable, comparison data for a 5-year period;

(3) how to capture savings from the provision of waiver services through the Maryland Medical Assistance Program that accrues to Medicare for the benefit of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;

(4) the extent to which the provider community can accommodate additional individuals served through waiver and similar Maryland Medical Assistance Program services; and

(5) any other information that is necessary to adequately capture the full extent of incurred cost and cost avoidance from more fully using waiver services.

(c) On or before December 1, 2020, the Department shall report its findings and any recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.