

HB0463/826389/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee and
Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 463
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert “EMERGENCY BILL”; in line 3, after “of” insert “establishing a Pathways to Health Equity Program in the Community Health Resources Commission; providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Program to provide grant funding for a certain purpose; requiring the Commission to issue a certain request for proposals and establish certain criteria; providing for the duration of certain grants; requiring certain staff support for the Commission; requiring the Commission to report the Governor and the General Assembly on or before certain dates; establishing a Pathways to Health Equity Fund in the Commission as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Commission to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying the purpose for the which the Fund may be used;”; in the same line, after “requiring” insert “, on or before a certain date,”; in line 5, after “authorizing” insert “, beginning on a certain date,”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 8 down through “Act;” in line 9; in line 10, after the first “Committee” insert “on or before a certain date”; in the same line, strike “duties” and substitute “purposes”; in line 11, strike “cochairs” and substitute “chairs”; in line 14, after “expenses;” insert “requiring the Secretary to convene certain working and advisory groups;”; in the same line, after the second “authorizing” insert “federally qualified health centers,”; in line 19, strike “authorizing” and substitute “requiring”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 19 down through “employee;” in line 20.

(Over)

**HB0463/826389/1 Health and Government Operations Committee
Amendments to HB 463
Page 2 of 11**

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 26 on page 1 down through “State;” in line 6 on page 2.

On page 2, in line 8, after “education,” insert “federally qualified health centers,”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 12 down through “Fund;” in line 24; strike beginning with “providing” in line 25 down through “Act;” in line 26 and substitute “making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act”; in line 30, after “Section” insert “19-2112; and”; and in the same line, strike “20-1408” and substitute “20-1406”.

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 34 on page 2 through line 15 on page 3, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 30, insert:

“19-2112.

(A) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH A PATHWAYS TO HEALTH EQUITY PROGRAM.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE THE FOUNDATION AND GUIDANCE FOR A PERMANENT HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE COMMUNITY PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(3) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL PROVIDE GRANT FUNDING TO REDUCE HEALTH DISPARITIES, IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES, IMPROVE ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE, PROMOTE PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PREVENTION

SERVICES, AND REDUCE HEALTH CARE COSTS AND HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS AND READMISSIONS.

(II) THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR APPLICANTS WITH PROPOSALS FOR PROGRAMS THAT:

1. ADDRESS THE CRITERIA LISTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH; AND

2. DEMONSTRATE HOW THE PROPOSED PROGRAM COULD BE SUSTAINABLE AS A HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE COMMUNITY UNDER TITLE 20, SUBTITLE 14 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(III) THE COMMISSION SHALL ESTABLISH THE CRITERIA TO QUALIFY FOR GRANT FUNDING UNDER THIS SUBSECTION.

(IV) GRANTS AWARDED THROUGH THE PROGRAM SHALL BE FOR 2 YEARS.

(4) ONE ADDITIONAL STAFF SHALL BE ADDED TO THE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE PROGRAM.

(5) (I) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2022, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE AN INTERIM REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE GRANTS AWARDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, INCLUDING:

1. A LIST AND SUMMARY OF THE GRANTS AWARDED;

(Over)

2. AN OVERVIEW OF KEY INTERVENTIONS IN THE GRANTS AWARDED;

3. SPECIFIC HEALTH DISPARITIES THAT WILL BE ADDRESSED BY THE GRANTS; AND

4. KEY MEASURES TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF EACH GRANT.

(II) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, THE COMMISSION SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

1. THE GRANTS AWARDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE GRANTEE'S PROGRAM AND ANY DATA RELATED TO COST SAVINGS ACHIEVED UNDER THE PROGRAM;

2. OPTIONS TO DEVELOP, SUSTAIN, AND ESTABLISH A PERMANENT HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE COMMUNITY PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT;

3. COST-EFFECTIVE WAYS TO MEASURE THE IMPACT OF A HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE COMMUNITY;

4. WORKFORCE AND RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES TO BE USED BY A HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE COMMUNITY; AND

5. ANY RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING LEGISLATIVE RECOMMENDATIONS, RELATED TO HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCES COMMUNITIES ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 20, SUBTITLE 14 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

(B) (1) THERE IS A PATHWAYS TO HEALTH EQUITY FUND IN THE COMMISSION.

(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION THROUGH GRANT FUNDING AND STAFF SUPPORT.

(3) THE COMMISSION SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

(4) (I) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

(II) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

(5) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

(I) THE \$14,000,000 AUTHORIZED FOR THE COMMISSION UNDER CHAPTER 39 OF THE ACTS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF 2021; AND

(II) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

(Over)

(6) THE FUND SHALL BE SUBJECT TO AN AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS AS PROVIDED FOR IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

(7) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM.

(8) (I) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND TO EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF GRANTS AWARDED UNDER THE PROGRAM IS NOT INTENDED TO SUPPLANT FUNDING THAT IS APPROPRIATED TO THE COMMISSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 14-106(D)(2)(II) OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE AND DEPOSITED IN THE COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION FUND FOR THE PURPOSES SET FORTH UNDER § 19-2201 OF THIS TITLE.

(II) THE FUND MAY NOT BE COMMINGLED OR COMBINED WITH THE COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION FUND.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 3 and 4; in line 5, strike “(D)” and substitute “(C)”; strike in their entirety lines 7 through 13, inclusive; and in line 14, strike “(G)” and substitute “(D)”.

**HB0463/826389/1 Health and Government Operations Committee
Amendments to HB 463
Page 7 of 11**

On page 5, in lines 5, 16, and 17, strike “(H)”, “(I)”, and “(J)”, respectively, and substitute “(E)”, “(F)”, and “(G)”, respectively.

On page 6, in line 3, strike “THE” and substitute “BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, THE”; strike in their entirety lines 10 and 11; in line 13, strike “DECEMBER” and substitute “JULY”; strike in their entirety lines 15 through 23, inclusive, and substitute:

“(2) THE PURPOSES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ARE TO:

(I) PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THE COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION IN DEVELOPING THE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER § 19-2112 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(II) PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THE SECRETARY AS NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(III) PROVIDE INITIAL AND ONGOING ASSISTANCE AND GUIDANCE REGARDING ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND APPLICATION, APPROVAL, AND MONITORING PROCESSES FOR HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCES COMMUNITIES AND HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE PRACTITIONERS; AND

(IV) IDENTIFY LONG-TERM FUNDING STRATEGIES TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.”;

after line 24, insert:

“(1) THE CHAIR OF THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION;

(Over)

(2) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH EXPERTISE IN HEALTH EQUITY, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

(3) AN INDIVIDUAL WITH EXPERTISE IN SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH, APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

(4) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, DESIGNATED BY THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS; AND”;

in line 25, strike “(1)” and substitute “(5)”; and in line 29, after “IMPROVEMENT;” insert “AND”.

On page 7, in line 2, strike the semicolon and substitute a period.

On pages 7 through 9, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 7 through line 2 on page 9, inclusive.

On page 9, in line 3, strike “(2)” and substitute “(C)(1)”; strike in their entirety lines 6 and 7 and substitute:

“(2) (I) BEFORE JULY 1, 2023, THE CHAIR OF THE MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION SHALL CHAIR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

(II) ON AND AFTER JULY 1, 2023, THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.”;

strike in their entirety lines 10 and 11; in lines 12, 14, and 17, strike “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively, and substitute “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively; in line 26, strike

**HB0463/826389/1 Health and Government Operations Committee
Amendments to HB 463
Page 9 of 11**

“**JANUARY 1, 2022**” and substitute “**AUGUST 1, 2021**”; and in line 28, strike “**6**” and substitute “**4**”.

On page 10, strike lines 1 through 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(G) THE SECRETARY SHALL CONVENE WORKING OR ADVISORY GROUPS TO FACILITATE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBTITLE THAT SHALL INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WHO RESIDE IN AN AREA THAT HAS BEEN OR MAY BE DESIGNATED AS A HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE COMMUNITY.”;

in line 6, after “**COMMUNITY,**” insert “**A FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER,**”;
in line 8, strike “**APPLY**” and substitute “**:**”

(1) APPLY”;

in line 9, after “**DESIGNATION**” insert “**;** **AND**

(2) INCLUDE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS OR OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS TO PROVIDE HEALTH OR WRAPAROUND SUPPORT SERVICES WITHIN THE HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCE COMMUNITY”;

in line 10, strike “**SUBSECTIONS (C) AND (E)**” and substitute “**SUBSECTION (C)**”; after line 16, insert:

“(I) A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE PLAN WILL EXPAND FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS’ OR OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS’ CAPACITY TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES OR WRAPAROUND SERVICES TO ADDRESS SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH; AND”;

(Over)

**HB0463/826389/1 Health and Government Operations Committee
Amendments to HB 463
Page 10 of 11**

in line 17, strike “(I)” and substitute “(II)”; and in the same line, after “FUNDING” insert “THAT MAY BE”.

On page 11, strike beginning with “; AND” in line 4 down through “AREA” in line 7; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 26, inclusive; and in line 28, strike “THE” and substitute “BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023, THE”.

On page 12, strike beginning with “THE” in line 18 down through “AND” in line 19; and in line 28, after “A” insert “FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, A”.

On page 13, in line 11, strike “20-1408(B)” and substitute “20-1406(B)”.

On pages 13 through 16, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 13 through line 17 on page 16, inclusive.

On page 16, in line 18, strike “20-1408.” and substitute “20-1406.”; in line 19, after “YEAR,” insert “BEGINNING IN 2024,”; in line 21, after “EDUCATION,” insert “FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER,”; and in line 31, after “EDUCATION,” insert “FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER,”.

On page 17, in line 2, after “YEAR,” insert “BEGINNING IN 2024,”; strike beginning with “EVIDENCE” in line 8 down through “(III)” in line 11; and in line 14, strike “(IV)” and substitute “(III)”.

On pages 17 through 23, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 17 through line 15 on page 23, inclusive, and substitute:

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly and shall take effect from the date it

HB0463/826389/1 Health and Government Operations Committee
Amendments to HB 463
Page 11 of 11

is enacted. Section 1 of this Act shall remain effective through June 30, 2023, and, at the end of June 30, 2023, Section 1 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.