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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 734
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Health and Health Insurance**” and substitute “Maryland Health Care Commission”; in the same line, strike “**Reform Commission**” and substitute “Report and Workgroup”; in line 3, strike “establishing the Primary Care Reform” and substitute “requiring the Maryland Health Care”; strike beginning with “review,” in line 3 down through “recommendations” in line 4 and substitute “provide an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly”; strike beginning with “spending” in line 5 down through “services” in line 6; in line 6, after the semicolon insert “requiring the Commission to form a workgroup to develop the report;”; in lines 6 and 7, strike “Primary Care Reform” and substitute “Maryland Health Care”; in line 7, after “Commission” insert “and primary care”; and strike beginning with “20–2201” in line 10 down through “Commission” in line 11 and substitute “19–108.4”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 6, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 1 through line 8 on page 6, inclusive.

On page 6, after line 8, insert:

“19–108.4.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PRIMARY CARE” MEANS HEALTH CARE PROVIDED IN THE FOLLOWING FIELD’S OUTPATIENT SETTINGS:

(1) FAMILY MEDICINE;

(2) GENERAL PEDIATRICS;

(3) PRIMARY CARE INTERNAL MEDICINE; AND

(4) PRIMARY CARE OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY.”;

in line 9, strike “2023” and substitute “2024”; in the same line, strike “(K)” and substitute “(B)”; in line 13, strike “SPENDING” and substitute “INVESTMENT”; in line 16, strike “AND”; after line 16, insert:

“(2) WAYS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF AND ACCESS TO PRIMARY CARE SERVICES, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO INCREASING HEALTH CARE EQUITY, REDUCING HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES, AND AVOIDING INCREASED COSTS TO PATIENTS AND THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM; AND”;

in line 17, strike “(2)” and substitute “(3)”; after line 17, insert:

“(C) (1) THE COMMISSION SHALL FORM A WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING BY INTERPRETING THE RESULTS OF THE REQUIRED ANALYSIS AND MAKING THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

(2) THE WORKGROUP REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF:

(I) THE MARYLAND PRIMARY CARE PROGRAM;

(II) THE HEALTH SERVICES REVIEW COMMISSION;

(III) THE MARYLAND INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION;

(IV) THE HEALTH CARE FINANCING DIVISION OF THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH;

(V) THE PRIMARY CARE COMMUNITY, INCLUDING FROM THE MARYLAND ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS, THE MARYLAND CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS, THE MARYLAND SECTION OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS, AND THE MIDATLANTIC ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS;

(VI) PAYORS OF PRIMARY CARE SERVICES, INCLUDING CARRIERS AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS;

(VII) HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCHERS WITH EXPERTISE IN PRIMARY CARE; AND

(VIII) OTHER INTERESTED STAKEHOLDERS.”; and

strike in their entirety lines 18 through 22, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Before the Maryland Health Care Commission begins the analysis required under Section 1 of this Act, the Commission shall establish a plan for the analysis and report after receiving input and agreement from participants in the workgroup as to the scope of and methodology for the analysis and report.

(b) On or before December 1, 2023, the Commission shall provide the plan required under subsection (a) of this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.