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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 212

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after "regarding" insert "the continuation of the State's behavioral health carve—out and"; and in line 9, after "services" insert "and ensure compliance with the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act".

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 8 in line 1 and on page 9 in line 3, in each instance, after "**REGARDING**" insert "<u>THE CONTINUATION OF THE STATE'S BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARVE-OUT</u> AND".

On page 8, in line 3, after "SERVICES" insert "AND ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MENTAL HEALTH PARITY AND ADDICTION EQUITY ACT".

On page 9, in line 2, strike "THE REPORT REQUIRED ON" and substitute "ON"; in lines 2 and 3, strike "JANUARY 1, 2025, SHALL INCLUDE" and substitute "JULY 1, 2025, THE COMMISSION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL, SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON": after line 6, insert:

"SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Department of Health shall:

(1) evaluate the Innovation in Behavioral Health Model announced by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on January 18, 2024; and

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(2) consider applying to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to participate in the Innovation in Behavioral Health Model.";

and in line 7, strike "3." and substitute "4.".