

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 910

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Gordon” and substitute “, Gordon, and Harkins”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 2, after “Program” insert “- Study”; strike beginning with “establish” in line 3 down through the period in line 10, and substitute “conduct a certain study related to establishing a statewide Finger Imaging Identification Pilot Project; requiring the Secretary to submit a certain report to certain persons by a certain date; and generally relating to a study on the establishment of a Finger Imaging Identification Pilot Project.”; strike in their entirety lines 11 through 16, inclusive; and in line 18, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 8 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Department of Human Resources shall conduct a study of finger imaging as a method of preventing fraudulent applications for and fraudulent receipt of Family Investment Program and Food Stamp Program benefits.

(b) As part of the study, the Department shall examine:

(1) the cost effectiveness of finger imaging programs in other states;

(2) the impact on Maryland of surrounding states’ establishment of finger imaging programs;

(3) the impact of finger imaging in comparison to other methods of preventing fraud;

(Over)

(4) the projected savings to Maryland through deterrence of fraudulent applications and apprehension of public assistance recipients fraudulently receiving benefits; and

(5) in consultation with the Office of Administrative Hearings, the feasibility of a grievance procedure for resolving complaints regarding the denial of benefits that pertain to the fraudulent application for, and fraudulent receipt of, Family Investment Program assistance identified through the finger imaging.

(c) The Department shall report the findings and recommendations of its study to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee by October 1, 1998.”

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 10, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and strike beginning with “It” in line 10 down through the period in line 12.