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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Historic Providers of Health Care Services**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force to Study Historic Providers of Health
4 Care Services; providing for the membership of the Task Force; defining certain
5 terms; requiring the Governor to appoint the chairman of the Task Force;
6 requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to provide staff for the
7 Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving
8 compensation; requiring the Task Force to study statistical data of historic
9 providers and their inclusion on managed care organization provider lists;
10 requiring the Task Force to report to the General Assembly on or before a
11 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
12 a Task Force to Study Historic Providers of Health Care Services.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Historic Providers of Health Care Services.

16 (b) In this Act, "historic provider" means a health care provider, as defined in
17 § 19-133 of the Health - General Article, or a residential service agency licensed
18 under Title 19, Subtitle 4A of the Health - General Article, that on or before June 30,
19 1995, had a demonstrated history of providing services to program recipients, as
20 defined in regulation by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

21 (c) The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

22 (1) The Governor, or the Governor's designee;

23 (2) Three members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the
24 Senate;

25 (3) Three members of the House, appointed by the Speaker of the House
26 of Delegates;

27 (4) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or the Secretary's
28 designee and a representative from the Department;

- 1 (5) Four historic providers appointed by the Governor;
- 2 (6) Two representatives from managed health care organizations,
3 appointed by the Governor, including:
- 4 (i) One representative from a health maintenance organization;
5 and
- 6 (ii) One executive of a health insurance agency.
- 7 (d) The Governor shall designate the chairman of the Task Force.
- 8 (e) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staffing for
9 the Task Force.
- 10 (f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation but is entitled
11 to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as
12 provided in the State budget.
- 13 (g) The Task Force shall study statistical and analytical data of historic
14 providers and their inclusion on managed care organization provider lists.
- 15 (h) The Task Force shall issue a final report of its findings and
16 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
17 Article, the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2000.

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30,
20 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
21 abrogated and of no further force and effect.