

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 46

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “Task Force to” and substitute “Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing -”; and in the same line, after “Study” insert “of”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike beginning with “establishing” in line 4 down through “Patients” in line 13, and substitute “requiring the Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing to identify a technology driven point of care application to accomplish certain goals; and generally relating to the Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing and the use of technology in nursing”;

after line 13, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article - Health Occupations
Section 8-7B-01(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)”

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article - Health Occupations
Section 8-7B-01(d)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2000 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)”;

and in line 15, after “That” insert “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

(Over)

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 16 on page 1 through line 29 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“Article - Health Occupations

8-7B-01.

(a) There is a Statewide Commission on the Crisis in Nursing.

(d) The Commission shall:

(1) Convene a crisis in nursing summit to respond to the nursing shortage in the State;

(2) In addition to the issues identified and prioritized as a result of the summit convened under item (1) of this subsection, determine the current extent and long-term implications of the growing nursing personnel shortage in the State, including:

(i) An evaluation of mechanisms currently available in the State and elsewhere intended to enhance education, recruitment, and retention of nurses in the workforce and to improve quality of care;

(ii) An assessment of the impact of shortages in nursing personnel on access to, and the delivery of, quality patient care;

(3) Develop recommendations on, and facilitate implementation of, strategies to reverse the growing shortage of qualified nursing personnel in the State, including:

(i) Determining what changes are needed to existing programs, current scholarship programs, and funding mechanisms to better reflect and accommodate the changing health care delivery environment and to improve quality of care to meet the needs of patients;

(ii) Facilitating career advancement within nursing;

(iii) Identifying more accurately specific shortage areas in a more timely manner;

(iv) Attracting middle and high school students into nursing as a career;
[and]

(v) IDENTIFYING A TECHNOLOGY DRIVEN POINT OF CARE APPLICATION TO:

1. MAXIMIZE NURSING PRODUCTIVITY AND INCREASE THE QUALITY OF PATIENT CARE; AND

2. IMPROVE THE WORK ENVIRONMENT INFRASTRUCTURE IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES; AND

(VI) Projecting a more positive and professional image of nursing; and

(4) Serve as an advisor to public and private entities to facilitate implementation of the recommendations of the Commission.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, strike beginning with “It” in line 2 down through “effect.” in line 4.