

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 630

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Taylor” and substitute “Taylor, Kach, V. Turner, Hubbard, and Nathan-Pulliam”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through the second “Program” in line 21 and substitute “requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to implement the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program by a certain date, subject to certain limitations; requiring the Department to consult with a certain coalition prior to adopting regulations that develop the eligibility criteria for the Program; requiring the Department, in consultation with a certain coalition, to review certain regulations at least every 3 years; requiring the Department to submit certain reports to the Governor and certain legislative committees by certain dates; and generally relating to the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program”; and strike in their entirety lines 22 through 26, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 13 through 15, inclusive.

On pages 2 through 5, strike beginning with line 17 on page 2 through line 9 on page 5 and substitute:

“(A) TO THE EXTENT THAT FUNDING IS AVAILABLE IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL IMPLEMENT THE EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM BY JULY 1, 2005.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF THE EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM IS TO ENCOURAGE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES TO SEEK OR MAINTAIN EMPLOYMENT.

(C) (1) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT DEVELOP

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SPECIFIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE EMPLOYED PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES PROGRAM.

(2) PRIOR TO ADOPTING THE REGULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL:

(I) CONSULT WITH THE COALITION FOR WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT; AND

(II) GIVE PREFERENCE TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DEVELOPED BY THE COALITION.

(D) AT LEAST EVERY 3 YEARS AFTER THE ADOPTION OF THE REGULATIONS REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW THE REGULATIONS IN CONSULTATION WITH THE COALITION FOR WORK INCENTIVES IMPROVEMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before January 1, 2004, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall issue a preliminary report on the implementation of the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program and the use of the federal grant funds for implementation activities to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee; and

(b) On or before January 1, 2005, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall issue a final report defining the specific eligibility criteria and the status of implementation of the Employed Persons with Disabilities Program to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.”.

On page 5, in line 10, strike “5.” and substitute “3.”; and strike beginning with the second comma in line 10 down through the first comma in line 11.