

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 252

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after the semicolon insert “requiring the Task Force to invite the participation of and solicit commentary from certain interested parties;”; in the same line, strike “a”; in the same line, strike “report” and substitute “reports”; in line 7, strike “a”; and in the same line, strike “date” and substitute “dates”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 20, after “designee;” insert “and”

(5) Nine members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(i) Three representatives of the health care services industry who are licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice a health occupation under the Health Occupations Article;

(ii) Three representatives of insurance carriers that offer health care coverage in the commercial market; and

(iii) Three consumer members who receive, or have a family member who receives, mental health care services.”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 21 on page 1 through line 13 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, in line 16, after “Administration” insert “and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, after line 13, insert:

“(c) The Task Force shall invite the participation of and solicit commentary from all interested parties who are not members of the Task Force.”;

and in lines 14, 16, 18, 22, and 32, strike “(c)”, “(d)”, “(e)”, “(f)”, and “(g)”, respectively, and substitute “(d)”, “(e)”, “(f)”, “(g)”, and “(h)”, respectively.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 2, in line 22, after “shall” insert “study and make recommendations regarding”; strike beginning with “Study” in line 23 down through “with” in line 24 and substitute “Whether any changes should be made to”; in line 26, strike “and”; in line 27, strike “(i) Examine the” and substitute “The”; in line 30, strike “(ii) Make recommendations” and substitute “(3) How”; and in line 31, after “treatment” insert “;

(4) The difference in mental health services coverage provided by the public mental health system, commercial health insurers, and commercial health maintenance organizations;

(5) The structure and effectiveness of the public and private mental health care delivery systems in the State; and

(6) The impact on the cost of health care coverage in the State of any recommended changes to the coverage or delivery of mental health care services”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 2, in line 32, strike “The Task Force shall report” and substitute “On or before December 31, 2003, the Task Force shall issue a preliminary report of its findings, and on or before December 31, 2004, shall issue a final report of”; and in line 34, strike “, on or before December 31, 2003”.

On page 3, in line 2, after the first “of” insert “1 year and”; and in line 3, strike “2003” and substitute “2004”.