

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 703

(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 11, inclusive, and substitute:

“Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech-Language Services

FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech-Language Services; specifying the composition, powers, and duties of the Task Force; providing for the staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to Study the Availability of Audiology and Speech-Language Services.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 14 through 16, inclusive; in line 17, strike “(b)” and substitute “(a)”; in the same line, strike “Study Panel on” and substitute “Task Force to Study”; in lines 18 and 19, strike “the K-12 public school programs” and substitute “kindergarten through grade 12 in the public schools in the State”; in line 20, strike “(c)” and substitute “(b)”; in the same line, strike “Study Panel” and substitute “Task Force”; in the same line, after “following” insert “17”; and in line 21, strike “two” and substitute “Two”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, in line 1, strike “two” and substitute “Two”; in line 4, after “designee;” insert “and”; and strike in their entirety lines 5 through 13, inclusive, and substitute:

“(4) The following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) A representative from the Maryland Association of Boards of

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Education;

(ii) Two public school personnel who are employed by a local public school system and who supervise hearing and speech-language services within a local public school system;

(iii) Two consumer members;

(iv) Two individuals who are practicing members of the Maryland Speech-Language and Hearing Association;

(v) A representative from the Office for Individuals with Disabilities, Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing;

(vi) Two members of the Board of Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers and Speech-Language Pathologists, to include one audiologist and one speech-language pathologist;

(vii) A physician specializing in hearing health or children's health; and

(viii) A chairman.”;

in line 22, strike the second “and”; in lines 3, 20, and 22, in each instance, strike “the” and substitute “The”; in lines 25, 28, and 31, in each instance, strike the first “the” and substitute “The”; and in line 31, strike “workloads” and substitute “workload duties”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 14 through 16, inclusive; in line 17, strike “(e)” and substitute “(c)”; in lines 18 and 19, in each instance, strike “Study Panel” and substitute “Task Force”; in line 19, strike “(f)” and substitute “(d)”; in the same line, strike “review” and substitute “study and consider”; in line 21, strike “school system” and substitute “schools in the State”; in line 23, strike “the”; in the same line, strike “of” and substitute “in”; in lines 24, 26, and 32, in each instance, after “systems” insert “in the State”; in line 30, after “local” insert “public”; in the same line, strike “system” and substitute “systems in the State”; in line 33, strike “audiology” and substitute “hearing”; and in line 35, after “pathologists” insert “,”.

On page 3, in lines 1, 4, 7, and 9, in each instance, strike “the” and substitute “The”; in line 2, after “local” insert “public”; in lines 2 and 5, in each instance, after “systems” insert “in the State”; in line 6, strike “(g)” and substitute “(e)”; in the same line, strike “Study Panel” and substitute “Task Force”; in the same line, strike “as to” and substitute “regarding”; in lines 7 and 9, in each instance,

after “need” insert “, if any,”; in lines 8 and 10, in each instance, strike “system” and substitute “systems in the State”; and in line 11, strike “whether” and substitute “Whether”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 3, in line 14, strike “(h)” and substitute “(f)”; in the same line, strike “The Study Panel shall report” and substitute “On or before December 31, 2003, the Task Force shall issue a written report of”; and strike beginning with “, subject” in line 16 down through “2003” in line 17.

On page 3, in line 19, strike “June” and substitute “July”; in the same line, strike “in effect through December 2003” and substitute “effective for a period of 1 year”; in line 20, strike “December 31, 2003” and substitute “June 30, 2004”; and in line 20, strike “without the necessity of further action” and substitute “with no further action required”.