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ENROLLED BILL

-- Health and Government Operations/Finance --

Introduced by **Delegates Nathan-Pulliam, Barkley, Burns, C. Davis, Harrison, Jones, McDonough, Murray, Paige, and ~~V. Turner~~ V. Turner, Hurson, Hammen, Benson, Boutin, Bromwell, Costa, Donoghue, Elliott, Goldwater, Haynes, Hubbard, Kach, Mandel, Morhaim, Oaks, Pendergrass, Redmer, Rosenberg, Rudolph, Smigiel, and Weldon**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this _____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Co-Occurring Mental Health**
3 **Illness and Substance Abuse Disorders**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing a Task Force on the Needs of Persons with
5 Co-Occurring Mental ~~Health~~ Illness and Substance Abuse Disorders; providing
6 for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to elect a
7 chairman and vice-chairman of the Task Force from among the Task Force's
8 members; requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration and the Alcohol and
9 Drug Abuse Administration to provide staffing for the Task Force; prohibiting
10 members from receiving compensation but entitling members to reimbursement
11 of expenses under a certain law; requiring the Task Force to study and make
12 recommendations regarding certain ways of delivering certain services, securing
13 funding, and providing certain training to a certain population; requiring the

1 Task Force to submit certain reports to the Governor and certain committees on
2 or before certain dates; requiring the Mental Hygiene Administration to conduct
3 a certain study and submit a certain report to certain committees on or before a
4 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
5 a Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Co-Occurring Mental ~~Health~~ Illness
6 and Substance Abuse Disorders.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
8 MARYLAND, That:

9 (a) There is a Task Force on the Needs of Persons with Co-Occurring Mental
10 ~~Health~~ Illness and Substance Abuse Disorders.

11 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members appointed by the
12 Governor:

- 13 (1) one representative of the Mental Health Administration;
- 14 (2) one representative of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration;
- 15 (3) one representative of the Department of Human Resources;
- 16 (4) one social worker from the Department of Social Services;
- 17 (5) one representative of the Department of Rehabilitative Services;
- 18 (6) one representative of the AIDS Administration;
- 19 (7) one representative of the Department of Juvenile Justice;
- 20 (8) one representative of the Faith-Based Community Providers;
- 21 (9) one representative of the Department of Housing and Community
22 Development;
- 23 (10) one representative of the Department of Public Safety and
24 Correctional Services;
- 25 (11) one State court judge;
- 26 (12) one representative of the State's Attorney's Office;
- 27 (13) one representative from the Public Defender's Office;
- 28 (14) one representative who is a consumer of co-occurring disorder
29 services or who has a family member who uses such services;
- 30 (15) one representative of the Co-Occurring Disorders Workgroup of the
31 National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. - Maryland and Mental
32 Health Association of Maryland;

- 1 (16) one representative from the Maryland Psychiatric Society;
- 2 (17) one representative from the Maryland Nurses Association; ~~and~~
- 3 (18) one representative from the Maryland Hospital Association;
- 4 (19) one representative from the Community Behavioral Health
 5 Association of Maryland;
- 6 (20) one representative from the Maryland Legislative Council of Social
 7 Workers; and
- 8 (21) one representative from the Maryland Psychological Association;
- 9 (22) one representative from the State's Public Academic Health Center;
 10 and
- 11 ~~(18)~~ (21) (23) two consumers.

12 (c) The members of the Task Force shall elect the chairman and
 13 vice-chairman from among the Task Force's members.

14 (d) The Mental Hygiene Administration and the Alcohol and Drug Abuse
 15 Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

16 (e) A member of the Task Force:

17 (1) may not receive compensation; but

18 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
 19 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

20 (f) The Task Force shall:

21 (1) identify and recommend creative ways to provide and deliver
 22 comprehensive, integrated, cost-effective services to the population with co-occurring
 23 mental ~~health~~ illness and substance abuse disorders;

24 (2) identify and recommend various methods of funding services through
 25 private and public sources;

26 (3) make recommendations regarding both short-term and long-term
 27 residential services for people with co-occurring disorders, including
 28 recommendations on the number of units needed and a timeline for providing
 29 residential services;

30 (4) make recommendations regarding how the Mental Hygiene
 31 Administration and Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration may implement
 32 cross-training for mental ~~health~~ illness and addiction counselors; and

1 (5) make recommendations regarding necessary legislation to implement
2 the Task Force's recommendations.

3 (g) (1) The Task Force shall issue an interim report of its findings and
4 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
5 Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the
6 House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2004.

7 (2) The Task Force shall issue a final report on its findings and
8 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
9 Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the
10 House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2005.

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

12 (a) The Mental Hygiene Administration shall conduct or commission a study
13 on the relationship between substance abuse and mental illness among counties in
14 Maryland.

15 (b) When appropriate, the study shall utilize existing resources and data
16 available from such entities as the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Task
17 Force to Study Increasing the Availability of Substance Abuse Treatment.

18 (c) The Mental Hygiene Administration shall report to the Governor, the
19 Maryland Legislative Black Caucus, the Senate Education, Health, and
20 Environmental Affairs Committee, *the Senate Finance Committee*, and the House
21 Health and Government Operations Committee on or before January 1, 2004, in
22 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the findings and
23 recommendations of the study.

24 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 October 1, 2003. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and 3 months and, at
26 the end of December 31, 2005, with no further action required by the General
27 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.