

BY: Committee on Ways and Means

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 1418
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Bozman” and substitute “, Bozman, Conroy, DeBoy, and Lawton”; strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute:

“Student Health - Maryland Obesity Awareness and Prevention Blue Ribbon Panel”;

strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “standards” in line 20 and substitute “establishing the Maryland Obesity Awareness and Prevention Blue Ribbon Panel; providing for the membership, chair, and staff of the Blue Ribbon Panel; providing that a member of the Blue Ribbon Panel may not receive compensation but may receive certain reimbursement as provided in the State budget; providing for the duties of the Blue Ribbon Panel; requiring the Blue Ribbon Panel to submit certain reports to the Governor and General Assembly on or before certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to student health and the Maryland Obesity Awareness and Prevention Blue Ribbon Panel”; and strike in their entirety lines 21 through 30, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 2, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 5, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 3 on page 2 through line 8 on page 5, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) There is a Maryland Obesity Awareness and Prevention Blue Ribbon Panel.

(b) The purpose of the Blue Ribbon Panel is to develop recommendations for a Maryland obesity action plan, which will include actionable measures to support and enhance obesity awareness and prevention among parents and students.

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(c) The Blue Ribbon Panel consists of the following members:

Senate;
(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the

House;
(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the

(3) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee;

Education; and
(5) one local board member, designated by the Maryland Association of Boards of

(6) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) two representatives from among the following industries:

1. food processors;

2. food manufacturers;

3. the retail industry;

4. the soft drink industry; or

5. a member of the Restaurant Association or a restaurant owner;

obesity related issues;
(ii) one representative from a nonprofit organization that works with

Council;
(iii) one physical fitness expert or member of the State Physical Fitness

(iv) one pediatrician;

(v) one school nurse or school health officer;

(vi) one active member of a Parent Teacher Association; and

(vii) one psychiatrist or psychologist with expertise in eating disorders among children and youth.

(d) To the extent practicable, when appointing members to the Blue Ribbon Panel, the Governor shall assure that the membership of the Blue Ribbon Panel reflects the geographic, racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the State.

(e) The Department of Education and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall staff the Blue Ribbon Panel.

(f) A member of the Blue Ribbon Panel:

(1) may not receive compensation; but

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

(g) The Blue Ribbon Panel shall:

(1) study the Department of Education's 2006 Nutrition and Physical Activity Statewide Plan;

(2) evaluate the potential of the following measures as components of the Maryland obesity action plan:

(i) development of a media health promotion campaign targeted to children and adolescents and their parents and caregivers;

(ii) establishment of school-based childhood obesity prevention nutrition education and physical education activities;

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(iii) establishment of community-based childhood obesity prevention nutrition education and physical activity programs that involve parents and caregivers;

(iv) coordination of State and Federal efforts with local government agencies to incorporate strategies to prevent childhood obesity into food assistance, health, education, childcare, and recreation programs;

(v) examination of the role body mass index plays as a screening tool for school-aged children and adolescents;

(vi) sponsorship of periodic conferences to bring together experts in nutrition, exercise, public health, mental health, education, parenting, media, food marketing, agriculture, community planning, and other disciplines to consider societal solutions to the problem of obesity in children and adolescents and to recommend guidelines for public policy in the State;

(vii) development and implementation of community-based projects targeted to high-risk populations that consider behavioral and cultural factors;

(viii) development of training programs for health care professionals and school health coordinators; and

(ix) any other measures the Blue Ribbon Panel considers appropriate.

(h) (1) On or before June 1, 2007, the Blue Ribbon Panel shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations for a Maryland Obesity Action Plan to the Governor, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(2) On or before June 1, 2008, the Blue Ribbon Panel shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations for a Maryland Obesity Action Plan to the Governor, and in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2006. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of September 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.