

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL NO. 89
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Parker” and substitute “Niemann”; and in the same line, strike “and Mandel” and substitute “Mandel, Barkley, Bartlett, Barve, Bromwell, Cane, Cardin, Carter, G. Clagett, Conroy, Cryor, Elliott, Feldman, Franchot, Frank, Goldwater, Goodwin, Gutierrez, Hammen, Heller, Hixson, Holmes, Howard, Hubbard, Kach, King, Kohl, Krysiak, Kullen, Lawton, Lee, Love, Madaleno, Marriott, McDonough, McHale, McIntosh, Morhaim, Murray, Oaks, Paige, Patterson, Pendergrass, Rudolph, Ross, Simmons, Stern, Taylor, V. Turner, and Vaughn”; in line 2, strike “Maryland Medical Assistance Program” and substitute “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene”; in line 5, after “for” insert “a”; in the same line, strike “years” and substitute “year”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 7 down through “women;” in line 9 and substitute “requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, on or before a certain date, to make a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly;”; in line 10, strike “Maryland Medical Assistance Program” and substitute “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene”; in line 12, strike “repealing and reenacting, with amendments,” and substitute “adding to”; and in line 14, strike “15-103(a)” and substitute “15-142”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 20 on page 1 through line 12 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“15-142.”

THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AT LEAST \$3,000,000 IN GENERAL FUND STATE SUPPORT FOR AN IMMIGRANT HEALTH INITIATIVE TO PROVIDE HEALTH CARE SERVICES FOR ALL LEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS AND PREGNANT WOMEN WHO MEET PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS AND ARRIVED IN THE UNITED STATES ON

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OR AFTER AUGUST 22, 1996.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) On or before January 1, 2007, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the immigrant health initiative established under the Fiscal Year 2007 Budget Bill (Senate Bill 110).

(b) The report shall include:

(1) a description of the immigrant health initiative;

(2) the number of individuals served under the initiative;

(3) the types of health care services provided under the initiative;

(4) a comparison of the number of children and pregnant women served and the health care services provided through the immigrant health initiative with the services provided under the Medical Assistance Program to legal immigrant children and pregnant women prior to 2005; and

(5) if inequities in services are identified under item (4) of this subsection, recommendations for methods to provide health care services that are equivalent to the health care services provided under the Medical Assistance Program to legal immigrant children and pregnant women prior to 2005.

(c) It is the intent of the General Assembly that if funds are available, \$7,000,000 be provided for the immigrant health program in fiscal 2008.”.