

BY: Finance Committee

SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1041

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Pipkin” and substitute “Pipkin, and Exum”; strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “Joint Oversight Committee on Emergency Medical Services”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 4 down through “services” in line 7 and substitute “establishing the Joint Oversight Committee on Emergency Medical Services; providing for the composition, terms, and staffing of the Committee; providing for the appointment of alternating chairs of the Committee; specifying the duties of the Committee”; strike beginning with “Commission” in line 7 down through “Services,” in line 8 and substitute “Committee”; in line 8, after “findings” insert “and recommendations”; in line 10, after “helicopters” insert “on or”; in line 11, strike “report is submitted” and substitute “date”; and in line 12, strike “helicopter emergency medical services” and substitute “the Joint Oversight Committee on Emergency Medical Services”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 15 and 16 and substitute:

“(a) In this section, “Committee” means the Joint Oversight Committee on Emergency Medical Services.

(b) There is a Joint Oversight Committee on Emergency Medical Services.

(c) (1) The Committee consists of eight members.

(2) Of the eight members:

(i) three shall be members of the Senate Finance Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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(ii) one shall be a member of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(iii) three shall be members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(iv) one shall be a member of the House Appropriations Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

(d) The members of the Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the presiding officer who appointed them.

(e) (1) From among the membership of the Committee, the President shall appoint a Senator to serve as the Senate chair of the Committee and the Speaker shall appoint a Delegate to serve as the House chair of the Committee.

(2) The Senate chair and the House chair shall alternate annually as presiding chairs and cochairs of the Committee.

(f) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Committee, with assistance from the Maryland Health Care Commission.

(g) The Committee shall:

(1) determine the optimal number and distribution of emergency services helicopter assets based on population needs, geography, and the location and capabilities of existing hospitals;

(2) conduct an examination of projected changes in the number of future helicopter emergency medical services that would be provided in the State and the future need for the services;

- (3) examine helicopter procurement and any related issues;
- (4) review the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems' ongoing report regarding Medevac helicopter bases in the State;
- (5) review safety improvements to emergency medical services provided by the State, including:
 - (i) 14 C.F.R. Part 135 compliance;
 - (ii) Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Services certification;
 - (iii) equipment upgrades;
 - (iv) the addition of copilots to the helicopter flight crew;
 - (v) the requirement that all emergency medical services flights use Instrument Flight Rules;
 - (vi) the addition of medical crew members to the helicopter flight crew;
 - (vii) compliance with National Transportation Safety Board recommendations regarding helicopter emergency medical services; and
 - (viii) requiring a dispatch system run by medical providers;"

in line 17, strike "(1)" and substitute "(6) conduct"; in line 20, after "location," insert "and"; and in line 22, strike "and".

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On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 23 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(7) gather information from commercial air ambulance companies operating in the State and in other states regarding the estimated cost of providing Medevac services that maintain the current coverage and standards in the State through a combination of the following:

- (i) leasing of aircraft;
- (ii) leasing of aircraft with pilots and medical crew; and
- (iii) maintenance of aircraft;

(8) conduct a review of the safety record of publicly run air ambulance services compared to the record of private air ambulance services;”.

On page 2, in line 3, strike “(3) a comparison of” and substitute “(9) compare”; in line 9, strike “and”; strike in their entirety lines 10 through 12, inclusive, and substitute:

“(10) determine capital expenses, medical crew expenses, pilot expenses, and maintenance expenses of the State helicopter emergency medical services;

(11) compare the methods by which emergency medical helicopters are maintained in the State and in other states and make recommendations regarding:

(i) whether the State should continue to operate repair facilities under a Federal Aviation Administration 14 C.F.R. Part 145 repair station certificate;

- (ii) the option to outsource helicopter maintenance; and

(iii) the cost and feasibility of maintenance options for the emergency medical helicopters available to the State; and

(12) examine the long-term viability of the Maryland Emergency Medical System Operations Fund and develop a long-term financing plan for the emergency medical system.”;

after line 12, insert:

“(h) The Joint Committee may not consider any changes to the State’s emergency medical transport system that would remove or reduce the State’s control over the provision of emergency medical transportation services that are within the jurisdiction of the State.”;

in line 13, strike “(b)” and substitute “(i)”; in the same line, strike “February 1” and substitute “January 31”; strike beginning with “Maryland” in line 13 down through “Services” in line 14 and substitute “Committee”; in line 15, after “findings” insert “and recommendations”; in line 19, strike “(c)” and substitute “(j)”; in the same line, after “helicopters” insert “on or”; in line 20, strike “the submission of the report required under paragraph (b)” and substitute “April 30, 2010”; in line 22, strike “October” and substitute “July”; in the same line, strike “6” and substitute “10”; and in line 23, strike “March 31” and substitute “April 30”.