

**HB0503/566686/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 503

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Weldon” and substitute “Weldon, Hammen, Bromwell, McDonough, Montgomery, Morhaim, Nathan–Pulliam, Oaks, Tarrant, V. Turner, and Manno”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 11 down through “designate” in line 12 and substitute “requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the State Department of Education to provide”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 21, strike “AND”; after line 21, insert:

**“(6) THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE;**

**“(7) THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, OR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S DESIGNEE; AND”;**

in line 22, strike “(6)” and substitute “(8)”; in the same line, strike “17”; and in line 25, after “STATE” insert “WHO HAVE CLINICAL AND RESEARCH EXPERTISE RELATING TO BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM”.

On page 3, strike line 1 in its entirety; in line 2, strike “(IV)” and substitute “(III)”; and strike line 3 in its entirety and substitute:

**“(IV) A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST;”.**

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in lines 4, 5, 9, and 13, strike “(VI)”, “(VII)”, “(VIII)”, and “(X)”, respectively, and substitute “(V)”, “(VI)”, “(VII)”, and “(IX)”, respectively; in line 4, strike “PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN” and substitute “PHYSICIAN SPECIALIZING IN PEDIATRICS WHO PRACTICES IN THE STATE”; in line 7, strike the first “18” and substitute “21”; strike beginning with “AN” in line 7 down through “OLD” in line 8 and substitute “A TRANSITIONING YOUTH WITH AUTISM”; in line 9, strike “INDIVIDUALS” and substitute “ADULTS”; strike lines 11 and 12 in their entirety and substitute:

“(VIII) A REPRESENTATIVE FROM AN ASSOCIATION OF PROVIDERS OF SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM AND OTHER DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES;”;

in line 13, strike “THREE” and substitute “TWO”; in line 15, after “DISORDERS” insert “AND WHO TOGETHER REPRESENT THE PROVISION OF LIFESPAN SERVICES”; in the same line, strike “AND”; strike in their entirety lines 16 and 17 and substitute:

“(X) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL;”;

after line 17, insert:

“(XI) A PHYSICAL THERAPIST LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS;”;

“(XII) AN OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST LICENSED BY THE STATE BOARD OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY PRACTICE;”;

(XIII) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LABOR ORGANIZATION THAT REPRESENTS EMPLOYEES WHO PROVIDE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS; AND

(XIV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A HEALTH INSURER, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION THAT DOES BUSINESS IN THE STATE.”;

in line 18, after “(B)” insert “(1)”; and after line 21, insert:

“(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE COMMISSION SHALL REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC, CULTURAL, AND GENDER DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 4, strike beginning with “THE” in line 9 down through “DESIGNATE” in line 10 and substitute “THE DEPARTMENT AND THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE”; in line 21, strike “AND”; and in line 23, after “AWARENESS” insert “; AND

(4) REVIEW THE FINDINGS OF ANY SUMMIT OR CONFERENCE CONVENED BY THE STATE REGARDING AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 9 through 12, inclusive, and substitute:

“(5) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO ADDRESS THE TRANSITION OF CHILDREN AGING OUT OF THE AUTISM MEDICAID WAIVER;”;

in line 15, strike “AND”; in line 19, after “INTERVENTION” insert “;

**(8) EVALUATE PROGRAMS THAT CURRENTLY EXIST IN OTHER STATES TO DETERMINE HOW SIMILAR PROGRAMS IN THE STATE COULD BENEFIT INDIVIDUALS WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS; AND**

**(9) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FACILITATING THE COORDINATION OF RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES BETWEEN INSTITUTIONS AND EDUCATION AND HEALTH AGENCIES TO SUPPORT RESEARCH IN ALL AREAS OF AUTISM**”;

after line 22, insert:

**“(2) EVALUATE THE PILOT PROGRAM TO STUDY AND IMPROVE SCREENING PRACTICES FOR AUTISM DISORDERS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON WHETHER A SIMILAR PROGRAM SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED STATEWIDE;”**;

in lines 23, 26, and 30, respectively, strike “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively; in line 25, strike “AND TREATMENT” and substitute “TREATMENT, AND SERVICE”; in line 29, strike “STATE” and substitute “STATE’S”; in the same line, strike the comma; in the same line, strike the second “AND”; and in line 33, after “DATA” insert “; AND”

**(6) STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO ANY ISSUE RELATED TO AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS THAT IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY BY THE COMMISSION**”.