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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 963

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and King” and substitute “King, Middleton, Astle, Della, Exum, Glassman, Kittleman, Pugh, and Forehand”; and 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 Maryland State Department of Education to provide”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 18, strike “AND”; after line 18, insert:

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

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

in line 19, strike “(6)” and substitute “(8)”; in the same line, strike “17”; in line 22, after “STATE” insert “WHO HAVE CLINICAL AND RESEARCH EXPERTISE RELATING TO BOTH CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH AUTISM”; strike line 25 in its entirety; in line 26, strike “(IV)” and substitute “(III)”; and strike line 27 in its entirety and substitute:

“(IV) A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST;”.

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AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 3, in lines 1, 2, 6, and 10, strike “(VI)”, “(VII)”, “(VIII)”, and “(X)”, respectively, and substitute “(V)”, “(VI)”, “(VII)”, and “(IX)”, respectively; in line 1, strike “PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIAN” and substitute “PHYSICIAN SPECIALIZING IN PEDIATRICS WHO PRACTICES IN THE STATE”; in line 2, strike “THREE” and substitute “TWO”; in line 3, strike “TWO PARENTS” and substitute “A PARENT”; in line 4, strike the first “18” and substitute “21”; in the same line, strike “ONE” and substitute “A”; strike beginning with “AN” in line 4 down through “OLD” in line 5 and substitute “A TRANSITIONING YOUTH WITH AUTISM”; in line 6, strike “INDIVIDUALS” and substitute “ADULTS”; strike lines 8 and 9 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 10, strike “THREE” and substitute “TWO”; in line 12, after “DISORDERS” insert “AND WHO TOGETHER REPRESENT THE PROVISION OF LIFESPAN SERVICES”; in the same line, strike “AND”; strike in their entirety lines 13 and 14 and substitute:

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

after line 14, 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 NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN THAT DOES BUSINESS IN THE STATE; AND

(XIV) A REPRESENTATIVE OF A FOR PROFIT HEALTH INSURER THAT DOES BUSINESS IN THE STATE.;

in line 15, after “(B)” insert “(1)”; and after line 18, 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 6 down through “DESIGNATE” in line 7 and substitute “**THE DEPARTMENT AND THE MARYLAND STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION SHALL PROVIDE**”; in line 18, strike “AND”; and in line 20, after “AWARENESS” insert “**; AND**”

(4) DEVELOP A RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE DESIRABILITY OF AMENDING STATE LAW TO REQUIRE MORE EXTENSIVE INSURANCE COVERAGE OF AUTISM DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT SERVICES, INCLUDING APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS”.

AMENDMENT NO. 5

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 4 through 7, inclusive, and substitute:

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

in line 10, strike “AND”; in line 14, 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 17, 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 18, 21, and 25, respectively, strike “(2)”, “(3)”, and “(4)”, respectively, and substitute “(3)”, “(4)”, and “(5)”, respectively; in line 20, strike “AND TREATMENT” and substitute “TREATMENT, AND SERVICE”; and after line 31, insert:

“(1) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2010, ON THE COMMISSION’S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING THE DESIRABILITY OF AMENDING STATE LAW TO REQUIRE MORE EXTENSIVE INSURANCE COVERAGE OF AUTISM DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT SERVICES, INCLUDING APPLIED BEHAVIOR ANALYSIS;”.

On page 6, in lines 1 and 5, strike “(1)” and “(2)”, respectively, and substitute “(2)” and “(3)”, respectively.