

HOUSE BILL 97

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By: **Delegate Eckardt**

Introduced and read first time: January 24, 2011

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Behavioral Health – Integration of Mental Health and Addiction Treatment**
3 **Services**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health and
5 Disabilities in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to develop a
6 certain plan and to convene a certain workgroup; providing for the membership
7 of the workgroup; requiring the workgroup to make certain findings and
8 recommendations; requiring the workgroup to make a certain report to certain
9 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally
10 relating to the integration of mental health and addiction treatment services.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health and Disabilities in the
14 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall develop a plan to integrate the
15 provision of mental health and addiction treatment services.

16 (b) In developing the plan required under subsection (a) of this section, the
17 Deputy Secretary shall convene a workgroup including:

18 (1) the Executive Director of the Mental Hygiene Administration;

19 (2) the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Drug Abuse
20 Administration;

21 (3) a representative of a core service agency;

22 (4) a representative of a local drug and alcohol abuse council;

23 (5) a representative of a local health department;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (6) a provider of mental health services;

2 (7) a provider of addiction treatment services; and

3 (8) any other interested stakeholder as determined necessary by the
4 Deputy Secretary.

5 (c) In developing the plan required under subsection (a) of this section, the
6 workgroup shall:

7 (1) identify methods to integrate the provision of mental health and
8 addiction treatment services at the local level;

9 (2) examine the funding of mental health services and addiction
10 treatment services; and

11 (3) make recommendations regarding the workgroup's findings under
12 items (1) and (2) of this subsection, including recommendations to streamline funding
13 for mental health and addiction treatment services.

14 (d) On or before January 1, 2012, the workgroup shall report its findings and
15 recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the
16 Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House
17 Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations
18 Committee.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
20 July 1, 2011.