

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 316  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, after “Registry” insert “Workgroup”; strike beginning with “Secretary” in line 4 down through “facilities” in line 14 and substitute “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to convene a workgroup to examine certain issues relating to health care facilities and abuser registries; requiring the Department to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to health facilities and abuser registries”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 1 through line 2 on page 2, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 through 5, strike beginning with “the” in line 4 on page 2 down through “SUBTITLE.” in line 7 on page 5 and substitute “:

(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall convene a workgroup to examine issues relating to the creation of a health care facility abuser registry.

(b) The workgroup shall include representatives from:

(1) the Office of Health Care Quality;

(2) the Office of the Attorney General;

(3) law enforcement agencies;

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- (4) health care providers;
- (5) labor representatives;
- (6) consumer advocates; and
- (7) other interested stakeholders.

(c) The workgroup shall examine:

- (1) due process issues relating to a person's name being listed in the registry;
- (2) appropriate safeguards for accessing the registry;
- (3) estimated costs associated with operating a registry;
- (4) the appropriate scope of a registry, including the types of facilities that should be included; and
- (5) any other strategies that may be useful for identifying potential employees who are not qualified to work in health care facilities with vulnerable populations.

(d) In conducting its work, the workgroup shall review established registries in other states and any relevant literature on the effectiveness of such registries and other relevant strategies in preventing incidences of abuse.

(e) On or before December 1, 2012, the Department shall, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.”.