

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 882
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Senator Pugh” and substitute “Senators Pugh and Kelley”; and strike beginning with “Assertive” in line 2 down through “Services” in line 3 and substitute “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Continuity of Care Advisory Panel”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike beginning with “establishing” in line 4 on page 1 down through “Supplement)” in line 23 on page 2 and substitute “requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to reconvene the Continuity of Care Advisory Panel; requiring the Panel to examine certain matters, develop a certain proposal, consult with certain individuals for a certain purpose, and recommend certain draft legislation; requiring the Secretary to submit a certain report to certain legislative committees on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Continuity of Care Advisory Panel.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 25, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 2 through 12, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 2 through line 6 on page 12, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall reconvene the Continuity of Care Advisory Panel.

(b) (1) The Continuity of Care Advisory Panel shall:

(i) examine the development and implementation of an assisted outpatient treatment program in the State; and

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(ii) develop a proposal for an assisted outpatient treatment program that:

1. respects the civil liberties of individuals to be served;
2. addresses the potential for racial bias and health disparities in program implementation;
3. is based on evidence of the effectiveness of assisted outpatient treatment programs in other jurisdictions;
4. includes a data-monitoring strategy;
5. promotes parity between public and private insurers;
6. addresses the potential for variance in program implementation among urban and rural jurisdictions; and
7. assesses the cost of the program to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and other State agencies, including the feasibility of securing federal funding for services provided by the program.

(2) The proposal required under this subsection shall include an analysis of the development and implementation of alternatives to assisted outpatient treatment, including assertive community treatment.

(c) The Continuity of Care Advisory Panel shall:

(1) consult with representatives of the Maryland Judiciary and other stakeholders in developing the proposal required under subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) recommend draft legislation necessary to implement an assisted outpatient treatment program or any alternatives included in the proposal.

(d) On or before November 1, 2014, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, shall submit a report of the Continuity of Care Advisory Panel that includes the proposal required under subsection (b) of this section to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.”.

On page 12, in line 8, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after “2014.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2015, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.