

SB1097/277170/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1097
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with the first “Mental” in line 2 down through “Maintenance” in line 3 and substitute “Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Workgroup to Evaluate Mental Health Care Delivery on the Eastern Shore”; strike beginning with “that” in line 4 down through “Center” in line 10 and substitute “the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to convene a workgroup to evaluate and make findings and recommendations regarding the state of mental health care delivery on the Eastern Shore of Maryland; requiring the workgroup to include certain individuals; requiring the Department to report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup in a certain manner to certain legislative committees on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Evaluate Mental Health Care Delivery on the Eastern Shore”; and strike in their entirety lines 11 through 15, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 17, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 12 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall convene a workgroup to evaluate the state of mental health care delivery on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, including:

(1) whether and to what extent individuals with mental illness are being referred to out-of-state mental health facilities;

(2) the adequacy of the mental health care workforce;

(Over)

(3) the impact the closure of the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center has had on communities in the former service area of the Center;

(4) the feasibility of reopening the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center, including:

(i) the cost of reopening the Center;

(ii) measures that may be taken to minimize operating expenses at the facility; and

(iii) the extent to which the Center may be operated at a cost to the State that is less than the cost of its operation before the Center was closed in 2009;

(5) the barriers to accessibility of mental health services on the Eastern Shore;

(6) the volume of admissions and mix of forensic and nonforensic patients in State-run psychiatric facilities; and

(7) whether there is sufficient capacity for nonforensic patients in State-run psychiatric facilities.

(b) The workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

(1) the Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health and Disabilities of the Department, or the Deputy Secretary's designee;

(2) the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

(3) the Executive Director of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, or the Executive Director's designee;

(4) the Executive Director of the Tri-County Council for the Lower Eastern Shore of Maryland, or the Executive Director's designee;

(5) the Executive Director of the Mid-Shore Regional Council, or the Executive Director's designee;

(6) the Executive Director of the Upper Shore Regional Council, or the Executive Director's designee;

(7) the Chief Executive Officer of Shore Health System, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee;

(8) the Chief Executive Officer of Peninsula Regional Medical Center, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee;

(9) the Executive Director of AFSCME Maryland, or the Executive Director's designee;

(10) the Chairman of the Board of the Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center who served on the Board at the time of the Center's closure, or the Chairman's designee;

(11) the Executive Director of the Lower Shore Clinic, or the Executive Director's designee;

(12) three mental health professionals;

(Over)

(13) one representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness;

(14) one representative of the Mental Health Association of Maryland;

(15) one representative of the Maryland Psychological Association; and

(16) three health officers:

(i) one of whom shall be from Cecil County, Kent County, or Queen Anne's County;

(ii) one of whom shall be from Caroline County, Dorchester County, or Talbot County; and

(iii) one of whom shall be from Somerset County, Wicomico County, or Worcester County.

(c) On or before December 31, 2014, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.”.

On page 2, in line 13, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; and in line 14, strike “October” and substitute “June”.