

Chapter 405

(Senate Bill 551)

AN ACT concerning

~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ **Behavioral Health Advisory Council**
– Clinical Crisis Walk-In Services and Mobile Crisis Teams – Strategic Plan

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ Behavioral Health Advisory Council, in consultation with certain agencies ~~and~~, certain health providers, ~~and certain stakeholders~~, to develop a strategic plan for ensuring that certain crisis services and certain teams are available statewide and operating in a certain manner; requiring the strategic plan to include certain elements; requiring the ~~Department to submit the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date~~ Council to include in a certain report an update on the development of the plan on or before a certain date; requiring the Council to submit the plan as part of a certain report on or before a certain date; and generally relating to the ~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ Behavioral Health Advisory Council and a strategic plan for clinical crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis teams.

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

(a) The ~~Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ Behavioral Health Advisory Council, in consultation with local core service agencies ~~and~~, community behavioral health providers, ~~and interested stakeholders~~, shall develop a strategic plan for ensuring that clinical crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis teams are available statewide and operating 24 hours a day and 7 days a week.

(b) The strategic plan developed under subsection (a) of this section shall include:

(1) A design that ensures that the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System is accessible to individuals in need of mental health and substance use crisis services;

(2) Consideration of regional models and other strategies for ensuring efficiency in the delivery of mental health and substance use crisis services;

(3) Measures to monitor services and outcomes for individuals served by the Maryland Behavioral Health Crisis Response System; and

(4) Methods for recovering payment for mental health and substance use crisis services delivered to individuals with private health insurance.

(c) (1) The Behavioral Health Advisory Council shall include, in the annual report required on or before December 31, 2016, under § 7.5–305 of the Health – General Article, an update on the development of the strategic plan required under subsection (a) of this section.

(2) ~~On or before December 1, 2016, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene~~ The Behavioral Health Advisory Council shall submit the strategic plan required under subsection (a) of this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly as part of the annual report required on or before December 31, 2017, under § 7.5–305 of the Health – General Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2016.

Approved by the Governor, May 10, 2016.