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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Clinical Crisis Walk-In Services**
3 **and Mobile Crisis Teams – Strategic Plan**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in
5 consultation with certain agencies and certain health providers, to develop a
6 strategic plan for ensuring that certain crisis services and certain teams are
7 available statewide and operating in a certain manner; requiring the strategic plan
8 to include certain elements; requiring the Department to submit the plan to the
9 Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally
10 relating to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and a strategic plan for
11 clinical crisis walk-in services and mobile crisis teams.

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

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

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

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

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

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 (c) On or before December 1, 2016, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
4 shall submit the strategic plan required under subsection (a) of this section to the Governor
5 and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
7 1, 2016.