

HB1400/447279/1

BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1400
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 3, strike “County Boards” and substitute “Qualifying Organizations”; in line 4, after “of” insert “providing that participation by certain organizations in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program may not impede, undermine, or conflict with certain obligations or statuses;”; in line 7, after “Program” insert “subject to certain authorization”; and in line 14, after the second semicolon insert “establishing the Task Force to Study Cooperative Purchasing for Health Insurance; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make certain recommendations regarding cooperative purchasing of health insurance; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;”.

On page 2, in line 3, after “2-501” insert “, 2-512.”; in line 8, strike the first comma and substitute “and”; and in the same line, strike “, and 2-512”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, after line 17, insert:

“(D) THE PARTICIPATION OF A SATELLITE ORGANIZATION IN THE PROGRAM MAY NOT IMPEDE, UNDERMINE, OR CONFLICT WITH THE PROGRAM’S FEDERAL COMPLIANCE OBLIGATIONS OR GOVERNMENTAL AND CAFETERIA PLAN STATUS, AS DEFINED IN 26 U.S.C. § 125.”;

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in line 19, after “(a)” insert “**(1)**”; in the same line, strike “An” and substitute “**SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN**”; after line 22, insert:

“(2) AN EMPLOYEE OF A COUNTY BOARD MAY ENROLL AND PARTICIPATE IN THE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS OPTIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SUBJECT TO ANY ADDITIONAL AUTHORIZATION REQUIRED UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE EMPLOYEE’S EMPLOYMENT.”;

and after line 28, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Study Cooperative Purchasing for Health Insurance.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary’s designee;

(2) the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, or the Commissioner’s designee;

(3) the Procurement Advisor;

(4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

(i) one representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;

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Education;

(ii) one representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of

(iii) one representative of the Maryland Municipal League;

Association;

(iv) one representative of the Maryland Public Purchasing

(v) one representative of the supplemental benefits industry;

Association; and

(vi) one representative of the Maryland Retired School Personnel

(vii) one representative of Maryland Nonprofits;

(5) one representative of the American Federation for State, County, and Municipal Employees, appointed by the President of the American Federation for State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 3;

(6) one representative of the Maryland State Education Association, appointed by the President of the Association;

(7) one representative of the American Federation for State, County, and Municipal Employees, appointed by the President of the American Federation for State, County, and Municipal Employees Council 67;

(8) one representative of the Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO, appointed by the President of the Maryland State and D.C. AFL-CIO; and

(9) one representative of the AFT-Maryland, appointed by the President of AFT-Maryland.

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(c) The Procurement Advisor shall be the chair of the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Budget and Management and the Maryland Insurance Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) In order to pool public employee health care purchasing by the State, counties, municipal corporations, and county boards to maximize value while maintaining a broad package of benefits and reasonable premiums, the Task Force shall:

(1) study models of cooperative purchasing of health insurance;

(2) recommend the health insurance benefit options that should be offered to:

(i) nonprofit organizations that qualify and elect to participate in the State health plan;

(ii) county, municipal corporation, and county board employees;

(iii) a surviving spouse, child, or dependent parent of a county, municipal corporation, or county board employee who died while employed by the State;
and

(iv) a retired county, municipal corporation, or county board employee;

(3) recommend ways to:

(i) minimize and combine administrative costs; and

(ii) transition the State, counties, municipal corporations, and county boards to new plans, as applicable, without adversely affecting the health benefits of any employee;

(4) recommend whether the State should limit the number of nonprofit organizations that may participate in the State health plan; and

(5) make any other recommendations to control health costs and offer a variety of health benefit plan choices.

(g) On or before January 1, 2020, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On page 6, in line 26, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 27, after the period insert “Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of September 30, 2022, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.