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BY: House Judiciary Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 454
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike beginning with the second “and” in line 2 down through “Investigations” in line 3; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 6 down through the semicolon in line 10; and in line 12, after the first semicolon, insert “requiring the Department of Human Services, in coordination with the Vital Statistics Administration of the Maryland Department of Health, to contract with an independent organization to develop a data collection process in order to assess, using certain criteria, the effectiveness of certain required record sharing in predicting and preventing various forms of child abuse and neglect, to explore other predictors of child abuse and neglect, and to make certain recommendations;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 29, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Human Services, in coordination with the Vital Statistics Administration of the Maryland Department of Health, shall contract with an independent entity to develop a data collection process to assess the effectiveness of current procedures requiring the sharing of certain records between the Social Services Administration and the Maryland Department of Health in predicting and preventing child abuse and neglect by calculating the sensitivity, specificity, and the positive or negative predictive value of current procedures, exploring other predictors of child abuse and neglect, and making recommendations on how to better target record-sharing activities.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 20 through 22, inclusive; in line 28, strike “**20**” and substitute “10”; and in line 30, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.