

HOUSE BILL 257

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By: **Delegate Krimm**

Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2018

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Aging – Contract Review**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Secretary of Aging to conduct a certain review of certain
4 contracts that the Department of Aging requires area agencies to enter into and
5 make certain recommendations; requiring the Secretary to report certain findings
6 and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a
7 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to
8 contract review and the Department of Aging.

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

11 (a) For each contract that the Department of Aging has required an area agency
12 to enter into as a prerequisite for the area agency to receive funding, the Secretary of Aging
13 shall:

14 (1) conduct a review of the contract which includes:

15 (i) a determination of whether the vendor is fulfilling its obligations
16 under the contract;

17 (ii) an identification of vendor costs under the contract and an
18 assessment of whether another vendor could perform the same scope at a lesser cost; and

19 (iii) a survey of whether the area agencies have any suggested
20 changes to the vendor scope or obligations under the contract; and

21 (2) make recommendations regarding:

22 (i) the review conducted under paragraph (1) of this subsection; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) whether issuing an invitation for bids or request for proposals for
2 a new contract is in the best interests of the State.

3 (b) On or before January 1, 2019, the Secretary shall report the Secretary's
4 findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the
5 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
7 1, 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of May 31, 2020,
8 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
9 of no further force and effect.