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BY: Judicial Proceedings Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 930
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “Senator Washington” and substitute “Senators Washington, Zirkin, Smith, Carter, Cassilly, Hester, Hough, Lee, Ready, Waldstreicher, and West”; in line 2, strike “Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter – Consent to” and substitute “Workgroup to Study”; in line 3, after “Services” insert “for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors”; strike beginning with “providing” in line 4 down through “shelter” in line 17 and substitute “establishing the Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to compile and identify certain information and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors”; and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 23, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 25, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”.

On pages 1 through 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 26 on page 1 through line 31 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) In this section, “unaccompanied homeless minor” means a minor:

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(1) who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; or

(2) whose status or circumstances indicate a significant danger of experiencing homelessness in the near future.

(b) There is a Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors.

(c) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) the Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness;

(2) the House Chair of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness;

(3) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(6) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

(7) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee; and

(8) additional members invited by the Senate Chair and House Chair of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness.

(d) The Senate Chair and House Chair of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness shall serve as cochairs of the Workgroup.

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(e) The Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(f) A member of the Workgroup:

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

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

(g) The Workgroup shall:

(1) compile existing information on, identify, and study the unique needs of unaccompanied homeless minors, and identify the public and private sector programs and resources available to meet those needs;

(2) identify gaps in public and private sector programs and resources available to meet the needs of unaccompanied homeless minors;

(3) identify barriers to access to safe shelter for unaccompanied homeless minors, and compile information on and study shelter practices in other states; and

(4) make recommendations on:

(i) legislation, regulations, and policy initiatives to address the needs of unaccompanied homeless minors in the State;

(ii) funding requirements and budgetary priorities to address the needs of unaccompanied homeless minors in the State; and

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(iii) any other relevant issues or considerations identified by the Workgroup.

(h) On or before December 1, 2019, the Workgroup 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 4, in line 33, strike “October” and substitute “July”; and in the same line, after “2019.” insert “It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2020, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.