

HB0998/604166/1

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 998
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 14, after “Program;” insert “requiring the Comptroller to distribute certain fees to the Board of Physicians Fund under certain circumstances;”; in the same line, after “workgroup;” insert “providing for the composition of the workgroup; requiring the workgroup to consult with the Department of Legislative Services when developing certain recommendations;”; in lines 15 and 16, in each instance, strike “a”; in line 16, strike “report” and substitute “reports”; and in the same line, strike “date” and substitute “dates; altering the definition of a certain term”.

On page 2, in line 8, strike “24–1702(b)(1)” and substitute “24–1702(b)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 2, strike “and”; in line 3, after “Psychiatry” insert “;**AND**”

(10) PREVENTIVE MEDICINE;

strike beginning with “an” in line 8 down through “**ARTICLE**” in line 10 and substitute “**A PERMANENT FUNDING STRUCTURE RECOMMENDED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY BY A STAKEHOLDER WORKGROUP CONVENED BY THE DEPARTMENT**”; and after line 10, insert:

“(2) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit of the Fund.”

On page 7, in line 30, strike “**FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER**” and substitute “**EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2022 AND 2023**”.

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On page 8, after line 9, insert:

“(3) IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, IF THE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT IMPLEMENT A PERMANENT FUNDING STRUCTURE UNDER § 24-1702(B)(1) OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE GOVERNOR DOES NOT INCLUDE IN THE STATE BUDGET AT LEAST \$400,000 FOR THE OPERATION OF THE MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS UNDER TITLE 24, SUBTITLE 17 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE, AS ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT, THE COMPTROLLER SHALL DISTRIBUTE:

(I) \$400,000 OF THE FEES RECEIVED FROM THE BOARD TO THE DEPARTMENT TO BE USED TO MAKE GRANTS UNDER THE MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM FOR PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS UNDER TITLE 24, SUBTITLE 17 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE TO PHYSICIANS AND PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS ENGAGED IN PRIMARY CARE OR TO MEDICAL RESIDENTS SPECIALIZING IN PRIMARY CARE WHO AGREE TO PRACTICE FOR AT LEAST 2 YEARS AS PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS IN A GEOGRAPHIC AREA OF THE STATE THAT HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY THE SECRETARY AS BEING MEDICALLY UNDERSERVED; AND

(II) THE BALANCE OF THE FEES TO THE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS FUND.”;

and in line 10, strike “(3)” and substitute “(4)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 10, after line 9, insert:

“(b) The workgroup shall consist of the following members:

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(1) the Chair of the Health Services Cost Review Commission, or the Chair's designee;

(2) the Chair of the Health Care Commission, or the Chair's designee;

(3) the President of the Maryland Hospital Association, or the President's designee;

(4) the Dean of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, or the Dean's designee;

(5) the Dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, or the Dean's designee;

(6) the President of MedChi, or the President's designee;

(7) one representative of the Office of Primary Care;

(8) one representative of the State Board of Physicians;

(9) one representative of the Maryland Academy of Physician Assistants; and

(10) any other members as determined by the Secretary of Health.

(c) The workgroup shall consult with the Department of Legislative Services when developing its recommendations.”;

in line 10, strike “(b)” and substitute “(d)”; strike beginning with “and” in line 13 down through “and” in line 14 and substitute “other models for physician recruitment and retention that operate in other states, including how these models are funded and how”

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to improve the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program to ensure that the Program is competitive with other states;

in line 17, after “school” insert “; and”

(4) investigate the availability of other federal grants to further expand loan repayment and loan forgiveness for other health professionals in Maryland;

in line 18, strike “(c)” and substitute “(e) (1)”; in the same line, strike “report” and substitute “submit an interim report of”; after line 20, insert:

“(2) On or before December 1, 2021, the workgroup shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, including recommendations on the structure of a permanent advisory council and a permanent funding structure for the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.”;

and in line 22, strike “October” and substitute “July”.