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AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 132
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3 and substitute “**Task Force on the Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders in Children**”; strike beginning with “altering” in line 4 down through “minors” in line 11 and substitute “establishing the Task Force on the Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders in Children; 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 recommendations regarding the consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of mental and emotional disorders in minors who are a certain age; 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 this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force on the Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders in Children”; and strike in their entirety line 12 through 16, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 18, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 18, insert:

“(a) There is a Task Force on the Treatment of Mental and Emotional Disorders in Children.

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

(1) the Attorney General of Maryland, or the Attorney General’s designee;

(2) the State Public Defender, or the Public Defender’s designee;

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- (3) the Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (4) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;
 - (5) the State Director of Maryland's Court Appointed Special Advocate Association, or the State Director's designee;
 - (6) the Executive Director of the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect, or the Executive Director's designee;
 - (7) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office for Children, or the Executive Director's designee;
 - (8) one social worker who specializes in working with children, designated by the Dean of the University of Maryland School of Social Work;
 - (9) one representative from the Maryland School Psychologists' Association, designated by the President of the Association;
 - (10) one representative from the Maryland Psychiatric Society who specializes in working with children, designated by the President of the Society;
 - (11) one representative from the Maryland Psychological Association who specializes in working with children, designated by the President of the Association;
and
 - (12) one representative of each of two different children advocacy organizations in the State, appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.
- (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
 - (d) The Office of the Governor 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) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations regarding the consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of mental and emotional disorders in minors who are at least 12 years old, including who may consent for and be notified of the child's treatment.

(g) On or before December 1, 2022, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly."

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 19 on page 1 through line 35 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 3, in line 2, after "2021." insert "It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of September 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.".