

HB0548/556789/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 548  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, after line 2, insert:

**“(Healing Maryland’s Trauma Act)”**;

and in line 21, after the semicolon insert “requiring the Commission, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Human Services, and the Maryland Health Care Commission, to conduct a certain study of a certain program and implement a certain program; providing for the purpose of a certain program; specifying the content of a certain study; requiring the Commission to report certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 13, strike “AND”; in line 14, after “(11)” insert **“THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE STATE COUNCIL ON CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S DESIGNEE; AND**

**(12)”**;

in line 15, after “LICENSED” insert **“MENTAL HEALTH”**; in the same line, after “TRAUMA” insert **“, INCLUDING DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE AND TRAINING IN CHILD AND ADOLESCENT CARE AND FAMILY CARE”**; in line 22, strike “AND”; and in line 24, after “COUNCIL” insert “;

(Over)

(VI) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MARYLAND NETWORK AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE;

(VII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN URBAN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WITH EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA;

(VIII) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A RURAL MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WITH EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA; AND

(IX) ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF A SUBURBAN MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT WITH EXPERTISE IN TRAUMA”.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 5, in line 21, after “(A)” insert “(1)”; and in lines 22, 24, and 27, strike “(1)”, “(2)”, and “(3)”, respectively, and substitute “(I)”, “(II)”, and “(III)”, respectively.

On page 6, in lines 2, 4, 7, 9, and 15, strike “(4)”, “(5)”, “(6)”, “(7)”, and “(8)”, respectively, and substitute “(IV)”, “(V)”, “(VI)”, “(VII)”, and “(VIII)”, respectively; in lines 12 and 14, strike “(I)” and “(II)”, respectively, and substitute “1.” and “2.”, respectively; in line 10, strike “(3)” and substitute “(III)”; in line 18, strike “(B)” and substitute “(2)”; after line 20, insert:

“(B) (1) IN THIS SUBSECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACES) AWARE PROGRAM.

(2) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, AND THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(I) STUDY DEVELOPING A PROCESS AND FRAMEWORK FOR IMPLEMENTING AN ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES (ACEs) AWARE PROGRAM IN THE STATE; AND

(II) IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

(3) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO SCREEN FOR ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES AND TOXIC STRESS TO PROVIDE TARGETED EVIDENCE-BASED INTERVENTIONS TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY HEALTH, IN ORDER TO IMPROVE INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY WELL-BEING AND REDUCE HEALTH CARE COSTS.

(4) AS PART OF THE STUDY, THE COMMISSION SHALL:

(I) PROPOSE A PROCESS TO SET UP TRAINING AND AN ACCREDITATION PROCESS FOR PROVIDERS IN THE PROGRAM; AND

(II) EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF THIRD-PARTY REIMBURSEMENT, INCLUDING THE STATE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, FOR SCREENINGS UNDER THE PROGRAM.

(5) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2022, THE COMMISSION SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.”.