

**SB0440/243320/1**

BY: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 440  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, at the top of the page, insert "EMERGENCY BILL"; strike line 20 in its entirety; in line 21, strike "(4)" and substitute "(3)"; and strike in their entirety lines 22 and 23.

On page 2, in line 1, strike "(6)" and substitute "(4)"; after line 1, insert:

"(5) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee;

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

strike in their entirety lines 8 through 11, inclusive, and substitute:

"(10) the Executive Director of the Board of Nursing, or the Executive Director's designee;

(11) the Executive Director of the Board of Pharmacy, or the Executive Director's designee;

(12) the Executive Director of the Board of Physicians, or the Executive Director's designee;

(13) the Executive Director of the Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, or the Executive Director's designee;

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(14) the Director of the State Office of Rural Health, or the Director’s designee;

(15) the Director of the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, or the Director’s designee;

(16) the Director of the Office of Health Care Quality, or the Director’s designee;

(17) the Provost of the Graduate School of the University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus, or the Provost’s designee;

(18) the Chair of the Maryland Higher Education Commission Private Advisory Council, or the Chair’s designee; and

(19) one representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs, designated by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.”;

in line 21, strike “may” and substitute “shall”; in line 24, strike “may” and substitute “shall”; and in the same line, after “is” insert “:

- (i)
  1. a member of a health care industry stakeholder group;
  2. a health care workforce representative; or
  3. a representative of a community college; and
- (ii)”.

On page 3, in line 7, after “shortages” insert “, including wage increases and opportunities for career advancement”.

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On page 4, in line 9, strike “and”; in line 15, after “Commission” insert “; and

(10) in consultation with the Department of Veterans Affairs, examine methods for:

(i) improving the transition of active duty and retired military to the civilian health care workforce; and

(ii) establishing pathways for active duty and retired military personnel to enter the civilian health care workforce”;

in line 16, after “(h)” insert “(1)”; in the same line, strike “December 31 each year” and substitute “December 31, 2022”; in the same line, strike “a” and substitute “an interim”; and after line 19, insert:

“(2) On or before December 31, 2023, the Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, strike beginning with “That” in line 20 down through “effect.” in line 23 and substitute “That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted. It shall remain effective through December 31, 2023, and, at the end of December 31, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.