AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 625
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 2, in line 2, after “(7)” insert “the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary’s designee; 

(8) the Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health, or the Deputy Secretary’s designee; 

(9)”; 

in lines 4, 6, 8, and 10, strike “(8)”, “(9)”, “(10)”, and “(11)”, respectively, and substitute “(10)”, “(11)”, “(12)”, and “(14)”, respectively; in line 9, strike “and” and substitute: 

“(13) the Executive Director of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; and”;

in line 21, strike “may” and substitute “shall”; in line 24, strike “may” and substitute “shall”; 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)”;
and in line 29, after “homes” insert “and other long–term care settings, primary and secondary schools, community health centers, community–based behavioral health treatment programs”.

On page 3, in line 4, after “positions,” insert “direct support professionals,”; and in line 7, after “shortages” insert “including wage increases and opportunities for career advancement”.

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

(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; and

(11) examine barriers confronting foreign–born health professionals and identify career and licensure pathways for refugees and immigrants with education, training, and experience from other nations”.