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House Bill 1026
Appropriations

(Delegate Valentino-Smith)

Finance

**Human Services - Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission -
Membership**

This bill increases the membership of the Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission by adding one member appointed by the Secretary of Human Services who lived in and experienced poverty in Maryland and who was, within the three years prior to appointment, a recipient of public assistance. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The Department of Human Services (DHS) can appoint an additional member to the commission using existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission was established by Executive Order [01.01.2017.03](#) on March 9, 2017, and terminated on December 31, 2018. The commission was charged with investigating policy challenges, opportunities, and recommendations regarding the mitigation of multigenerational poverty by (1) identifying services and policies within State programs that can be coordinated to support a multigenerational approach; (2) identifying program and service gaps and inconsistencies between federal, State, and local policies; (3) identifying, testing, and recommending best practices utilized on federal, State, and local levels; and (4) soliciting input and guidance regarding “Two-Generation Approach” practices and policies from

external sources such as private foundations, community action partnerships, and welfare advocacy organizations.

Chapter 460 of 2020 established the Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission in DHS, and required the commission to submit an [annual report](#) to the General Assembly. The commission consists of two members of the Senate; two members of the House of Delegates; the secretaries of Human Services, Housing and Community Development, Disabilities, Health, Labor, and Juvenile Services (or their designees); the Superintendent of the Maryland State Department of Education (or the superintendent's designee); and other members appointed as specified. To the extent practicable, appointments must ensure geographic diversity among the commission. The Secretary of Human Services must serve as the *ex officio* chair of the commission.

The commission must:

- investigate policy challenges, opportunities, and recommendations regarding the mitigation of multigenerational poverty;
 - identify services and policies within State programs that can support a multigenerational approach to addressing poverty;
 - identify program and service gaps and inconsistencies among federal, State, and local policies;
 - identify, test, and recommend best practices to be implemented at the federal, State, and local levels;
 - solicit information and guidance from sources with knowledge and experience in addressing multigenerational poverty;
 - identify tools to measure and predict the impact of the benefit cliff on an individual family basis;
 - measure the impact of multigenerational programs;
 - identify opportunities to coordinate multigenerational services across multiple State agencies; and
 - collect data to be used in evaluating the effectiveness of programs.
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Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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