

HB0260/173127/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 260

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Woods**” and substitute “**Woods, Alston, Bhandari, Cullison, Guzzone, S. Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, R. Lewis, Lopez, Martinez, Pena-Melnyk, Rosenberg, and White**”; in line 23, strike “and” and substitute a comma; and in the same line, after “9-2403” insert “, and 9-2407”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 7, after line 10, insert:

“9-2407.

On or before January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, the Director shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of this article, to the members of the General Assembly, a report on:

(1) the activities of the Office;

(2) the status of programs and services facilitated by the Office;

(3) **THE ACTIVITIES OF THE BOARD, INCLUDING:**

**(I) THE NUMBER OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS LICENSED BY THE BOARD; AND**

**(II) THE NUMBER OF COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THE BOARD, DIFFERENTIATED BY THE TYPE OF COMPLAINT;**

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[(3)] (4) statistics on compliance with State and federal laws related to deaf and hard of hearing individuals; and

[(4)] (5) recommendations for improved delivery of services for deaf and hard of hearing individuals.”.

On page 13, in line 21, strike “MUST” and substitute “SHALL”.

On page 25, after line 4, insert:

“SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2026, and annually thereafter for 2 years, the Maryland Judiciary shall report to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and the Environment and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on:

(1) the number of cases in Maryland courts in which a sign language interpreter was requested or required;

(2) the average number of days needed to secure a sign language interpreter for a case;

(3) the number of cases postponed in order to secure a sign language interpreter; and

(4) the number of cases in which a sign language interpreter was used who, due to an emergency situation, was not licensed under Title 9, Subtitle 24, Part III of the State Government Article, as enacted by Section 3 of this Act.”;

and in line 5, strike “8.” and substitute “9.”.