

SB0346/413022/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 346
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, 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;**

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

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

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 denied;

(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.”.