

HOUSE BILL 1155

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By: **Delegate Bridges**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Workgroup on Establishing a Youth Codesigned Integrated Behavioral Health**
3 **Model**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Workgroup on Establishing a Youth Codesigned
5 Integrated Behavior Health Model to study youth codesigned behavioral health
6 models and develop a plan and make recommendations regarding the
7 implementation of a youth codesigned behavioral health care pilot in the State; and
8 generally relating to the Workgroup on Establishing a Youth Codesigned Integrated
9 Behavioral Health Model.

10 Preamble

11 WHEREAS, Experience based codesign is an evidence-based process that involves
12 people in the decisions that will have an impact on them, and where decision-making power
13 is shared between professionals and people who use services; and

14 WHEREAS, The youth codesign model is a model in which youth are not only the
15 recipients of services, but are partners in all elements of that service, including
16 implementation, evaluation, and the evolution of services; and

17 WHEREAS, Integrated youth behavioral health care is an enhanced primary care
18 model, typically with a single, visible, trusted location, including providers organized as a
19 dedicated team of clinical and nonclinical personnel, such as a peer worker, providing the
20 full spectrum of care for a youth and their family; now, therefore,

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
22 That:

23 (a) There is a Workgroup on Establishing a Youth Codesigned Integrated
24 Behavioral Health Model.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

2 (1) the Secretary of the Department of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's
3 designee;

4 (2) the Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, or the Deputy Secretary's
5 designee;

6 (3) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention,
7 Youth, and Victim Services, or the Executive Director's designee;

8 (4) five individuals who are at least 16 years old and under the age of 25
9 years who have experienced behavioral health conditions and, to the extent practicable, are
10 from diverse geographic areas of the State, appointed by the Secretary of Health; and

11 (5) the following members to be selected through application to the
12 Behavioral Health Administration:

13 (i) two representatives of behavioral health advocacy organizations
14 representing consumers and families;

15 (ii) one representative of a community behavioral health provider
16 serving children and youth;

17 (iii) one representative of a peer-led behavioral health organization;
18 and

19 (iv) one representative of an organization serving children and youth
20 involved in the juvenile justice system.

21 (c) The Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, or the Deputy Secretary's
22 designee, shall serve as the chair of the Workgroup.

23 (d) The Behavioral Health Administration shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

24 (e) A member of the Workgroup is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under
25 the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

26 (f) The Workgroup shall:

27 (1) review youth codesigned integrated behavioral health models across
28 the country and internationally;

29 (2) identify successful youth codesigned integrated behavioral health
30 models, and the tools, strategies, and funding sources needed to implement similar
31 strategies in the State;

1 (3) develop a plan for establishing a sustainable youth advisory committee
2 to play an ongoing role in the development and implementation of the pilot program
3 described in item (4) of this subsection; and

4 (4) develop a plan for implementing a youth codesigned integrated
5 behavioral health care pilot program in the State that:

6 (i) includes a program plan for three sites in different geographic
7 areas in the State;

8 (ii) uses the codesign model in collaboration with the youth advisory
9 committee; and

10 (iii) begins on or before July 1, 2024.

11 (g) On or before December 1, 2023, the Workgroup shall report its findings and
12 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State
13 Government Article, the General Assembly.

14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
15 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
16 30, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
17 abrogated and of no further force and effect.