

# SENATE BILL 263

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By: ~~Senator Jackson~~ **Senators Jackson, Augustine, Brooks, Feldman, Hester, Kagan, and Lewis Young**

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Higher Education Commission – Access to Mental Health Advisory**  
3 **Committee – Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within  
5 the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and generally relating to the Access to  
6 Mental Health Advisory Committee.

7 BY adding to  
8 Article – Education  
9 Section 11–108  
10 Annotated Code of Maryland  
11 (2022 Replacement Volume)

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

14 **Article – Education**

15 **11–108.**

16 **(A) THERE IS AN ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

17 **(B) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1           **(1) THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S**  
2 **DESIGNEE;**

3           **(2) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND,**  
4 **OR THE CHANCELLOR'S DESIGNEE;**

5           **(3) THE PRESIDENT OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND, OR THE**  
6 **PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;**

7           **(4) THE PRESIDENT OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE**  
8 **PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;**

9           **(5) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF**  
10 **COMMUNITY COLLEGES, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;**

11           **(6) THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND INDEPENDENT COLLEGE**  
12 **AND UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;**

13           **(7) A DIRECTOR OF A CAMPUS-BASED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**  
14 **CENTER, APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY;**

15           **(8) A CAMPUS-BASED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, APPOINTED BY THE**  
16 **SECRETARY;**

17           **(9) TWO LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS WITH CAMPUS-BASED**  
18 **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY;**

19           **(10) TWO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELORS FROM A COMMUNITY**  
20 **COLLEGE, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND**  
21 **ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES; AND**

22           **(11) A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELOR FROM A NONPUBLIC**  
23 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE, APPOINTED BY THE**  
24 **PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY**  
25 **ASSOCIATION.**

26           **(c) (1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS**  
27 **MEMBERS.**

28           **(2) THE COMMITTEE MAY ELECT OTHER OFFICERS AS DETERMINED**  
29 **BY THE COMMITTEE.**

1           (D) ~~THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE~~ STAFF FOR THE COMMITTEE SHALL  
2 BE PROVIDED ON A ROTATING BASIS BY THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION  
3 THAT HAVE MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE.

4           (E) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET SIX TIMES PER YEAR.

5           (F) A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE:

6               (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE  
7 COMMITTEE; BUT

8               (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE  
9 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

10          (G) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

11               (1) STUDY THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY  
12 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE REGARDING ACCESS TO  
13 MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL  
14 ILLNESS IN STUDENTS;

15               (2) EXAMINE THE CHALLENGES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER  
16 EDUCATION IN MEETING THE DEMAND FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES;

17               (3) REVIEW BEST PRACTICES FOR ACCESSING OFF-CAMPUS MENTAL  
18 HEALTH SERVICES;

19               (4) REVIEW BEST PRACTICES FOR, AND BARRIERS TO, THE  
20 IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNSELING SERVICES, INCLUDING CRISIS, PERSONAL,  
21 MENTAL HEALTH, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING;

22               (5) REVIEW AND IDENTIFY THE BEST MODELS FOR PROVIDING  
23 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING STAND-ALONE CENTERS, CENTERS WITH  
24 INTEGRATED STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES, COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES, CASE  
25 MANAGEMENT, AND CRISIS RESOURCES;

26               (6) IDENTIFY CONCERNS IN RURAL AREAS AND WORKFORCE  
27 SHORTAGE AREAS;

28               (7) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING:

29                       (i) WAYS TO REDUCE COSTS AND BARRIERS TO PROVIDING  
30 ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS;

1 (II) THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE AND VIDEO CONFERENCING IN  
2 THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES;

3 (III) THE USE OF HOTLINES AND OTHER MEANS TO DISSEMINATE  
4 TO STUDENTS INFORMATION RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON AND OFF  
5 CAMPUS, INCLUDING INFORMATION CONCERNING AVAILABILITY AND FEES; AND

6 (IV) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH  
7 COUNSELING SERVICES AND SPECIALIZED COUNSELING SERVICES; AND

8 (8) STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ANY OTHER  
9 MATTERS THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.

10 (H) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023, ~~AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1~~  
11 ~~EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,~~ THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND  
12 RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF  
13 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION  
14 COMMITTEE, THE SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT  
15 COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE  
16 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
18 1, 2023.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.