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House Bill 1155

(Delegate Bridges, *et al.*)

Health and Government Operations

Rules

Workgroup on Establishing a Youth Codesigned Integrated Behavioral Health Model

This bill establishes a Workgroup on Establishing a Youth Codesigned Integrated Behavioral Health Model staffed by the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA). Members of the workgroup are entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the standard State travel regulations. The workgroup must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2024. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2023, and terminates June 30, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** No effect in FY 2023. Maryland Department of Health (MDH) general fund expenditures increase by \$94,700 in FY 2024 for contractual staff for the workgroup; future years reflect elimination of one-time costs and termination of the position at the end of FY 2025. Other affected agencies can participate in the workgroup within existing budgeted resources. Any expense reimbursements for members of the workgroup are assumed to be minimal and absorbable within existing budgeted resources. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
GF Expenditure	94,700	83,600	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$94,700)	(\$83,600)	\$0	\$0	\$0

*Note: ( ) = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate increase; (-) = indeterminate decrease*

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

## Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The workgroup must:

- review youth codesigned integrated behavioral health models across the country and internationally;
- identify successful youth codesigned integrated behavioral health models, and the tools, strategies, and funding sources needed to implement similar strategies in Maryland;
- develop a plan for establishing a sustainable youth advisory committee to play an ongoing role in the development and implementation of a pilot program; and
- develop a plan for implementing a youth codesigned integrated behavioral health care pilot program that (1) includes a program plan for three sites in different geographic areas of the State; (2) uses the codesign model in collaboration with the youth advisory committee; and (3) begins on or before July 1, 2025.

**Current Law:** The 2022 *Joint Chairmen’s Report* required the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services, the Department of Juvenile Services, and MDH, specifically BHA, to report on youth-centered behavioral health intervention and prevention programs. The [report](#) recommends that (1) Maryland explore youth codesigned integrated behavioral health models as a way of reducing juvenile justice involvement and (2) policy makers consider creating a multi-layered group to start the planning process for developing a pilot that would utilize the codesign model.

**State Expenditures:** Under the bill, BHA must provide staff for the workgroup, which must, among other things, develop a plan for implementing a youth codesigned integrated behavioral health care pilot program that includes three sites in different geographic areas of the State.

Thus, MDH general fund expenditures increase by \$94,696 in fiscal 2024, which accounts for a 30-day start-up delay from the bill’s June 1, 2023 effective date. This estimate reflects the cost of hiring one full-time contractual program administrator to staff the workgroup and issue the required report. It includes a salary, fringe benefits, one-time start-up costs and ongoing operating expenses.

Contractual Position	1.0
Salary and Fringe Benefits	\$87,022
Operating Expenses	<u>7,674</u>
<b>Total FY 2024 State Expenditures</b>	<b>\$94,696</b>

Future year expenditures reflect termination of the contractual position at the end of fiscal 2025. To the extent that MDH must *establish* the pilot program with three sites beginning July 1, 2025, general fund expenditures increase significantly and continue beyond fiscal 2025 to hire permanent staff.

This estimate does not include any health insurance costs that could be incurred for specified contractual employees under the State's implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; Maryland Department of Health; Department of Juvenile Services; Department of Legislative Services

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