

HOUSE BILL 887

J1, J5, P1

4lr0468
CF SB 694

By: **Delegates Pena–Melnyk, Bagnall, Boyce, Harris, Hill, Lehman, Lopez, Love, Rosenberg, Shetty, Taveras, White Holland, and Williams**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Department of Health – Health Commissions and Maryland Insurance**
3 **Administration – Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to contract with an
5 independent consultant to conduct a certain study of the Health Services Cost
6 Review Commission, the Maryland Health Care Commission, the Maryland
7 Insurance Administration, and the Maryland Community Health Resources
8 Commission; and generally relating to a study of State health commissions and the
9 Maryland Insurance Administration.

10 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
11 That:

12 (a) The Maryland Department of Health shall contract with an independent
13 consultant to study the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC), the Maryland
14 Health Care Commission (MHCC), the Maryland Community Health Resources
15 Commission (MCHRC), and the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA).

16 (b) In conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section, the
17 independent contractor shall:

18 (1) examine overlap of the statutory and regulatory duties performed by
19 HSCRC, MHCC, MCHRC, and MIA;

20 (2) identify statutory or regulatory duties performed by HSCRC, MHCC,
21 MCHRC, and MIA that may be more appropriately performed by the Department or
22 another commission or agency;

23 (3) identify whether and how HSCRC, MHCC, MCHRC, and MIA could be
24 streamlined to reduce overlap of duties;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (4) identify whether and how the functions of HSCRC, MHCC, MCHRC,
2 and MIA could be better aligned to improve effectiveness and efficiency;

3 (5) examine the alignment of the statutory or regulatory duties performed
4 by HSCRC, MHCC, MCHRC, and MIA with the Maryland Total Cost of Care model and
5 the State's participation in the Advancing All-Payer Health Equity Approaches and
6 Development (AHEAD) model; and

7 (6) recommend any changes in HSCRC, MHCC, MCHRC, and MIA
8 administrative structure that may improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the
9 commission or agency.

10 (c) The independent consultant hired under subsection (a) of this section shall
11 seek input from the Department, HSCRC, MHCC, MCHRC, and MIA in conducting the
12 study.

13 (d) On or before January 1, 2026, the Department shall report to the Governor
14 and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance
15 Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the results
16 of the study conducted under subsection (a) of this section.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
18 October 1, 2024.