

HB1473/583428/1

BY: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1473
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, after the first “of” insert “requiring the Governor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs and the Department of Disabilities to convene an advisory group to make findings and recommendations on oversight, monitoring, investigation, and enforcement of certain provisions of law relating to equal access to public services for certain individuals;”; and strike beginning with “requiring” in line 8 down through “law;” in line 9.

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 1 through line 4 on page 2, inclusive.

On page 2, after line 9, insert:

“BY adding to

Article - State Government

Section 10-1103.1

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 2 and 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 29 on page 2 through line 22 on page 3, inclusive.

On pages 5 and 6, strike beginning with “**NEEDED**” in line 26 on page 5 down through “**AVAILABLE**” in line 13 on page 6.

On page 6, in line 19, strike “**(6)**” and substitute “**(3)**”.

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On page 7, strike beginning with “The” in line 22 down through “on” in line 26 and substitute “ON”; in line 26, strike “full implementation” and substitute “THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED”.

On page 9, in lines 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 15, strike “1.”, “2.”, “3.”, “4.”, “5.”, “6.”, “7.”, “8.”, and “9.”, respectively, and substitute “(I)”, “(II)”, “(III)”, “(IV)”, “(V)”, “(VI)”, “(VII)”, “(VIII)”, and “(IX)”, respectively; in line 22, strike “GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS” and substitute “MARYLAND LANGUAGE ADVISORY GROUP”; and in line 25, after “OBJECTIVES;” insert “AND”.

On pages 9 and 10, strike beginning with the first “THE” in line 26 on page 9 down through “COMPLAINTS” in line 11 on page 10 and substitute “ANY OTHER PERFORMANCE MEASURES REQUIRED BY THE MARYLAND LANGUAGE ADVISORY GROUP”.

On page 10, after line 11, insert:

“10-1103.1.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ADVISORY GROUP” MEANS THE MARYLAND LANGUAGE ADVISORY GROUP.

(B) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, THE OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES SHALL CONVENE THE MARYLAND LANGUAGE ADVISORY GROUP TO MAKE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON OVERSIGHT, MONITORING, INVESTIGATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 11 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(C) THE ADVISORY GROUP SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) THE DIRECTOR, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

(2) THE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING, OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;

(3) THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(4) THE SECRETARY OF LABOR, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(5) THE SECRETARY OF HUMAN SERVICES, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(6) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;

(7) THE SECRETARY OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE; AND

(8) THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, OR THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE.

(D) THE DIRECTOR OR THE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE AND THE SECRETARY OF DISABILITIES OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE ARE THE CO-CHAIRS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP.

(E) THE STAFFING RESPONSIBILITIES SHALL BE SHARED BY THE OFFICE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES.

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(F) THE ADVISORY GROUP SHALL MEET AT LEAST TWICE EACH YEAR.

(G) (1) THE ADVISORY GROUP MAY ESTABLISH WORKGROUPS AS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THE DUTIES OF THE ADVISORY GROUP.

(2) A WORKGROUP ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY INCLUDE MEMBERS THAT ARE NOT LISTED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(H) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR, THE ADVISORY GROUP SHALL:

(1) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS:

(I) REVIEW ANY LANGUAGE ACCESS PLANS, AS DEFINED IN § 10-1102 OF THIS ARTICLE, DEVELOPED BY STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP A TEMPLATE LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN;

(II) REVIEW LAWS AND BEST PRACTICES OF LOCAL JURISDICTIONS AND OTHER STATES RELATING TO LANGUAGE ACCESS;

(III) DEVELOP A TEMPLATE LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN, AS DEFINED IN § 10-1102 OF THIS ARTICLE, FOR STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, OR PROGRAMS;

(IV) DEVELOP A TEMPLATE LANGUAGE ACCESS POLICY AND TEMPLATE LANGUAGE ACCESS STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE FOR STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, OR PROGRAMS;

(V) RECOMMEND AT LEAST ONE STATE DEPARTMENT, AGENCY, OR PROGRAM TO PERFORM OVERSIGHT, MONITORING, INVESTIGATION, AND ENFORCEMENT OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(VI) ESTABLISH A FRAMEWORK TO ASSESS IF STATE DEPARTMENTS, AGENCIES, AND PROGRAMS ARE IN COMPLIANCE WITH § 10-1103 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(VII) SOLICIT INPUT FROM THE STAKEHOLDERS IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS PARAGRAPH;

(2) SOLICIT INPUT FROM:

(I) LEGAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY, AS DEFINED IN § 10-1102 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(II) LEGAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES;

(III) DISABILITY RIGHTS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS;

(IV) IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS;

(V) INDIVIDUALS WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY, AS DEFINED IN § 10-1102 OF THIS ARTICLE, SIGN LANGUAGE, VISUAL DISABILITIES, OR OTHER COMMUNICATION DISABILITIES; AND

(Over)

(VI) OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS.

(1) (1) ON OR BEFORE JUNE 1 EACH YEAR, THE ADVISORY GROUP SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(2) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) A DESCRIPTION OF THE WORK OF THE ADVISORY GROUP; AND

(II) ANY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ADVISORY GROUP.”.