

HB0334/813728/1

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 334

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Ziegler**” and substitute “**Ziegler, Pena-Melnyk, Cullison, Bagnall, Bhandari, Kaiser, Lopez, Rosenberg, and Taveras**”; in line 2, strike “**Universal**” and substitute “**Workgroup on**”; in the same line, strike “**Program**”; strike beginning with “**and**” in line 2 down through “**Coverage**” in line 3; strike beginning with “**requiring**” in line 4 down through the second “**services**” in line 11 and substitute “**establishing the Workgroup on Newborn Home Visiting Services; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Newborn Home Visiting Services**”; and strike in their entirety lines 12 through 22, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 1, in line 24, strike “the Laws of Maryland read as follows”; and after line 24, insert:

“(a) There is a Workgroup on Newborn Home Visiting Services in the State.

(b) The Workgroup consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee; and

(4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

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(i) one representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;

(ii) one representative from each certified site in the State implementing an evidence-based universal nurse home visiting model for families with newborns;

(iii) one representative from an organization in the State implementing at least two approved Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting models;

(iv) one representative of a private insurance carrier;

(v) one representative of the Maryland Nurses Association;

(vi) one representative of B'More for Healthy Babies Initiative;

(vii) one representative from a local health department;

(viii) one pediatrician licensed in the State;

(ix) one nurse midwife licensed in the State;

(x) one obstetrician licensed in the State; and

(xi) one representative of a federally qualified health center.

(c) The members of the Workgroup shall designate the chair and vice chair of the Workgroup.

(d) The Maryland Family Network, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, may provide staff for the Workgroup.

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(e) A member of the Workgroup:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Workgroup; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Workgroup shall:

(1) compile updated participant data and expenditures per participant from the home visiting for families with newborns programs currently operating in the State;

(2) compare the data for home visiting for families with newborns programs in the State to the data for evidence-based models for universal nurse home visiting for families with newborns;

(3) (i) identify service gaps between the evidence-based models for universal nurse home visiting for families with newborns and operational home visiting for families with newborns programs;

(ii) identify opportunities to align the evidence-based models for universal nurse home visiting for families with newborns with operational home visiting for families with newborns programs operating in the State; and

(iii) identify potential funding sources to close the identified service gaps; and

(4) identify workforce needs, including issues related to cultural competency, for the evidence-based models for universal newborn nurse home visiting for families with newborns and recommendations to address the workforce needs.

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(g) On or before December 31, 2025, the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.”.

On pages 2 through 11, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 1 on page 2 through line 10 on page 11, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.