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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 156
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before “**Universal**” insert “**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 Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services; and generally relating to the Workgroup on Universal Newborn Nurse 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 Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services.

(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:

(i) one representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;

(ii) one representative each from:

1. The Family Tree for Baltimore City;

2. Family Connects Frederick; and

3. Family Connects Prince George's; and

(iii) two members representing private insurance carriers.

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

(d) The Maryland Department of Health shall provide staff for the Workgroup.

(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 patient data and expenditures per patient from the Family Connect Programs currently operating in the State;

(2) compare other maternal and newborn health programs in the State and in other states to the Family Connect Programs; and

(3) identify service gaps between the Family Connect Programs and similar programs and potential funding sources to close the gaps.

(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 1 through 11, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 25 on page 1 through line 5 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.”.