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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 679
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “**Direct Care Wages and Benefits and**”; strike beginning with the first “a” in line 4 down through the second “to” in line 6; in line 7, after “Health” insert “to review the cost reports and other data submitted by each nursing home that participates in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program”; and strike in their entirety lines 8 through 12, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 and 2, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 13 on page 1 through line 25 on page 2, inclusive, and substitute:

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

(a) The Maryland Department of Health shall review the cost reports and other data submitted by each nursing home that participates in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, including data related to revenues allocated to:

(1) contracted nursing care services; and

(2) salaries and wages of all direct care nonadministrative staff,

including:

(i) certified nurse aides;

(ii) directors of nurses;

(iii) licensed practical nurses;

(iv) noncertified or resident care aides;

(v) registered nurses;

(vi) housekeepers;

(vii) dietary workers; and

(viii) in-house clerical staff who regularly interact with residents, Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients, and caregivers.

(b) On or before October 1, 2025, and on or before October 1 each year thereafter through 2029, the Maryland Department of Health shall report the findings resulting from the review conducted under subsection (a) of this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.”.