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SB440 / HB625

Commission to Study the Health Care Workforce Crisis in Maryland – Establishment

Good Afternoon Chair Pendergrass, Vice Chair Pena-Melnyk and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss SB 440, the cross-file of HB625 that was recently passed out of the House. The bills are currently not in the same posture. The Senate bill is an emergency bill and expands the membership of the Commission. The commission will study the extent of the shortage, the short-term solutions, future health care workforce needs and the relationship between the Maryland Department of Health and the health occupation boards.

The Chair of the Commission will be designated by the Secretary of Health and the State agencies will provide the staff.

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB440 and I respectfully request a favorable report.