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BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 856  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “Nathan-Pulliam,” insert “Tarrant,”; strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “Workgroup on Workforce Development for Community Health Workers”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 3 down through “Workers” in line 11 and substitute “requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Insurance Administration to establish a certain stakeholder workgroup; requiring, to the extent practicable, a certain minimum percentage of the membership of the workgroup to be composed of certain individuals; requiring the workgroup to conduct a certain study and make certain recommendations; requiring the workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; and generally relating to community health workers”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 1 through line 18 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“(a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Maryland Insurance Administration jointly shall establish a stakeholder workgroup on workforce development for community health workers.

(b) To the extent practicable, at least 50% of the membership of the workgroup shall be composed of individuals who:

(1) are directly involved in the provision of nonclinical health care; or

(Over)

(2) represent an institution or organization that is directly involved in the provision of nonclinical health care.

(c) The workgroup shall study and make recommendations regarding:

(1) the training and credentialing required for community health workers to be certified as nonclinical health care providers; and

(2) reimbursement and payment policies for community health workers through the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and private insurers.

(d) On or before December 1, 2014, the workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2014.”.