

SENATE BILL 263

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ENROLLED BILL

— *Education, Energy, and the Environment/Appropriations* —

Introduced by ~~Senator Jackson~~ Senators Jackson, Augustine, Brooks, Feldman,
Hester, Kagan, and Lewis Young

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Higher Education Commission – Access to Mental Health Advisory**
3 **Committee – Establishment**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within
5 the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and generally relating to the Access to
6 Mental Health Advisory Committee.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Education

9 Section 11–108

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2022 Replacement Volume)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.



1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article – Education**

4 **11-108.**

5 **(A) THERE IS AN ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

6 **(B) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS:**

7 **(1) THE SECRETARY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR THE SECRETARY'S**
8 **DESIGNEE;**

9 **(2) THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND,**
10 **OR THE CHANCELLOR'S DESIGNEE;**

11 **(3) THE PRESIDENT OF ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND, OR THE**
12 **PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;**

13 **(4) THE PRESIDENT OF MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, OR THE**
14 **PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;**

15 **(5) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF**
16 **COMMUNITY COLLEGES, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE;**

17 **(6) THE PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND INDEPENDENT COLLEGE**
18 **AND UNIVERSITY ASSOCIATION, OR THE PRESIDENT'S DESIGNEE;**

19 **(7) A DIRECTOR OF A CAMPUS-BASED MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING**
20 **CENTER, APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY;**

21 **(8) A CAMPUS-BASED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST, APPOINTED BY THE**
22 **SECRETARY;**

23 **(9) TWO LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKERS WITH CAMPUS-BASED**
24 **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE, APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY;**

25 **(10) TWO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELORS FROM A COMMUNITY**
26 **COLLEGE, APPOINTED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE MARYLAND**
27 **ASSOCIATION OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES; ~~AND~~**

28 **(11) A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COUNSELOR FROM A NONPUBLIC**
29 **INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE, APPOINTED BY THE**

1 PRESIDENT OF THE MARYLAND INDEPENDENT COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY
2 ASSOCIATION;

3 (12) TWO UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND STUDENT
4 REPRESENTATIVES:

5 (I) ONE STUDENT WHO IS A MEMBER OF A MENTAL HEALTH
6 ADVOCACY GROUP; AND

7 (II) ONE STUDENT WHO HAS ACCESSED, OR IS ELIGIBLE TO
8 ACCESS, MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AT THE INSTITUTION; AND

9 (13) ONE STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE ENROLLED IN ST. MARY'S
10 COLLEGE OF MARYLAND, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, A COMMUNITY COLLEGE, OR
11 A NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE.

12 (C) (1) THE COMMITTEE SHALL ELECT A CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS
13 MEMBERS.

14 (2) THE COMMITTEE MAY ELECT OTHER OFFICERS AS DETERMINED
15 BY THE COMMITTEE.

16 (D) ~~THE COMMISSION SHALL PROVIDE~~ STAFF FOR THE COMMITTEE SHALL
17 BE PROVIDED ON A ROTATING BASIS BY THE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
18 THAT HAVE MEMBERS ON THE COMMITTEE.

19 (E) THE COMMITTEE SHALL MEET SIX TIMES PER YEAR.

20 (F) A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE:

21 (1) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE
22 COMMITTEE; BUT

23 (2) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE
24 STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

25 (G) THE COMMITTEE SHALL:

26 (1) STUDY THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ADOPTED BY
27 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE STATE REGARDING ACCESS TO
28 MENTAL HEALTH CARE AND THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF MENTAL
29 ILLNESS IN STUDENTS;

1 **(2) EXAMINE THE CHALLENGES FOR INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER**
2 **EDUCATION IN MEETING THE DEMAND FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES;**

3 **(3) REVIEW BEST PRACTICES FOR ACCESSING OFF-CAMPUS MENTAL**
4 **HEALTH SERVICES;**

5 **(4) REVIEW BEST PRACTICES FOR, AND BARRIERS TO, THE**
6 **IMPLEMENTATION OF COUNSELING SERVICES, INCLUDING CRISIS, PERSONAL,**
7 **MENTAL HEALTH, SEXUAL VIOLENCE, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE COUNSELING;**

8 **(5) REVIEW AND IDENTIFY THE BEST MODELS FOR PROVIDING**
9 **MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, INCLUDING STAND-ALONE CENTERS, CENTERS WITH**
10 **INTEGRATED STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES, COMPREHENSIVE SERVICES, CASE**
11 **MANAGEMENT, AND CRISIS RESOURCES;**

12 **(6) IDENTIFY CONCERNS IN RURAL AREAS AND WORKFORCE**
13 **SHORTAGE AREAS;**

14 **(7) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING:**

15 **(i) WAYS TO REDUCE COSTS AND BARRIERS TO PROVIDING**
16 **ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON CAMPUS;**

17 **(ii) THE USE OF TELEMEDICINE AND VIDEO CONFERENCING IN**
18 **THE PROVISION OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES;**

19 **(iii) THE USE OF HOTLINES AND OTHER MEANS TO DISSEMINATE**
20 **TO STUDENTS INFORMATION RELATED TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ON AND OFF**
21 **CAMPUS, INCLUDING INFORMATION CONCERNING AVAILABILITY AND FEES; AND**

22 **(iv) THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL MENTAL HEALTH**
23 **COUNSELING SERVICES AND SPECIALIZED COUNSELING SERVICES; AND**

24 **(8) STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ANY OTHER**
25 **MATTERS THE COMMITTEE CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.**

26 **(H) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023, ~~AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1~~**
27 **~~EACH YEAR THEREAFTER,~~ THE COMMITTEE SHALL REPORT ITS FINDINGS AND**
28 **RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF**
29 **THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION**
30 **COMMITTEE, THE SENATE EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT**
31 **COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE**
32 **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.