

SENATE BILL 953

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By: **Senators Kasemeyer and Middleton**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Medicaid Sustainability Commission**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Medicaid Sustainability Commission; providing
4 for the membership, chair, and staffing of the Commission; prohibiting a
5 member of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but
6 authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission
7 to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters relating to the
8 sustainability of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring the
9 Commission to consider certain input when performing its duties; requiring
10 certain recommendations of the Commission to have a certain impact on certain
11 funds; requiring the Commission to make certain reports to the Governor and
12 certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates;
13 declaring the intent of the General Assembly; providing for the termination of
14 this Act; and generally relating to the Medicaid Sustainability Commission.

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

17 (a) There is a Medicaid Sustainability Commission.

18 (b) (1) The Commission consists of the following members:

19 (i) the Lieutenant Governor;

20 (ii) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;

21 (iii) the Secretary of Budget and Management;

22 (iv) the Chairman of the Health Services Cost Review
23 Commission;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (v) three members of the public appointed by the Governor;
2 (vi) two members of the public appointed by the President of the
3 Senate; and
4 (vii) two members of the public appointed by the Speaker of the
5 House.

6 (2) The members of the public who are appointed under this
7 subsection shall:

- 8 (i) be stakeholders with expertise in the Medicaid program; and
9 (ii) include physician, hospital, nursing home, and managed
10 care organization representatives in the State.

11 (3) To the extent practicable, the Governor and the presiding officers
12 of the General Assembly shall attempt to ensure regional, ethnic, and gender diversity
13 on the Commission.

14 (c) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission.

15 (d) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Department of
16 Budget and Management shall provide staff for the Commission.

17 (e) A member of the Commission:

- 18 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but
19 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
20 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

21 (f) (1) The Commission shall study and make recommendations
22 regarding:

23 (i) current State funding sources of the Maryland Medical
24 Assistance Program (Medicaid);

25 (ii) short-term and long-term funding needs of Medicaid,
26 including planned program expansions and restructuring under the federal Patient
27 Protection and Affordable Care Act;

28 (iii) short-term and long-term options to reduce the growth in
29 costs of Medicaid; and

30 (iv) short-term and long-term options for sustainable,
31 long-term revenue sources for Medicaid, including revenue measures that will not

1 negatively impact the State's Medicare waiver or federal health care provider tax
2 requirements.

3 (2) In performing its duties under this subsection, the Commission
4 shall consider the input of stakeholders not represented on the Commission and the
5 work of other Medicaid-related reform workgroups.

6 (3) The recommendations made by the Commission under this
7 subsection shall have the impact of increasing the State general funds supporting
8 Medicaid by no less than the amount of the assessment under § 19-214(d)(1)(ii) of the
9 Health – General Article.

10 (g) On or before December 15, 2012, the Commission shall submit an interim
11 report of its findings and recommendations that are specific and actionable to the
12 Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the
13 Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House
14 Appropriations Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations
15 Committee.

16 (h) On or before June 30, 2013, the Commission shall submit a final report of
17 its findings and recommendations that are specific and actionable to the Governor
18 and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget
19 and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations
20 Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.

21 (i) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the recommendations of the
22 Commission be implemented no later than fiscal year 2015 with the effect of replacing
23 the assessment under § 19-214(d)(1)(ii) of the Health – General Article.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June
26 30, 2014, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
27 abrogated and of no further force and effect.