

HB1109/153025/1

BY: Health Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1109
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Kerr**” and substitute “**Kerr, Alston, Guzzone, Hill, Kaufman, Lopez, Martinez, Rosenberg, Ross, Taveras, White Holland, and Woorman**”; strike beginning with “authorizing” in line 6 down through “period;” in line 11 and substitute “authorizing the Secretary of Health and, under certain circumstances, the Deputy Secretary for Public Health to delegate the authority to approve certain contracts;”; strike beginning with “establishing” in line 15 down through “Fund;” in line 20; in lines 12 and 13, strike “on Public Health”; in lines 13 and 14, in each instance, strike “on Public Health”; in line 22, after “Board;” insert “requiring the Commission to establish a Community Benefits Modernization subcommittee; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a certain workgroup;”; and in line 25, strike “, 13–5102, and 13–5602(a)” and substitute “and 13–5102”.

On page 2, in line 2, after “2–104.1;” insert “and”; strike beginning with “; and” in line 3 down through “Fund” in line 4; in line 9, strike the first comma and substitute “and”; in the same line, strike “, and 13–5602(f)”; and strike in their entirety lines 18 through 32, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 4, in line 26, strike “**(I)**”; and strike in their entirety lines 28 through 31, inclusive.

On page 5, in line 26, after “**(2)**” insert “**(I)**”; strike beginning with “**IF**” in line 26 down through “**AGREEMENT**” in line 28 and substitute “**THE SECRETARY MAY DELEGATE APPROVAL AUTHORITY UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.**”

(II) IF THE SECRETARY DELEGATES AUTHORITY TO THE DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE DEPUTY SECRETARY MAY DELEGATE THE AUTHORITY TO LOCAL HEALTH OFFICERS".

On page 6, in line 18, after "STATE" insert "AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT".

On page 10, in line 12, strike "OVERSIGHT OVER" and substitute "GUIDANCE FOR".

On pages 12 through 14, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 17 on page 12 through line 18 on page 14, inclusive.

On page 15, after line 31, insert:

"SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) The Commission on Public Health, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health and the Health Services Cost Review Commission, shall establish a community benefits modernization subcommittee.

(2) The subcommittee may include members and nonmembers of the Commission.

(3) To the extent practicable, the membership of the subcommittee shall reflect the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity of the State.

(b) The subcommittee shall:

(1) review federal and State requirements governing hospital community benefit activities, including community health needs assessments and implementation strategies, definitions of allowable activities, and reporting requirements;

(2) analyze a landscape assessment of other states' community benefit spending requirements and policies, including those related to the development of the community health needs assessment and how implementation plans are operationalized;

(3) evaluate the scope and impact of community benefit activities conducted by hospitals in the State, including the processes for local community health needs assessment, implementation plan development and deployment, and trends in spending per allowable category;

(4) identify gaps that exist between community benefit investment and State and local health priority areas; and

(5) develop recommendations to:

(i) modernize the State's community benefit spending standards, policies, and reporting requirements while focusing on how to maximize community benefit investment to meet State health improvement priorities; and

(ii) ensure alignment of community benefit with State health improvement priorities, including statutory or regulatory changes, funding, and reporting requirements to modernize the community benefits in the State.

(c) The Chair of the Commission on Public Health shall provide staffing for the subcommittee.

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(d) (1) On or before August 1, 2027, the subcommittee shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Commission on Public Health.

(2) On or before September 1, 2027, the Commission on Public Health shall submit a report of the subcommittee's findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Health Committee.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Department of Health shall convene a workgroup with representatives from the Department of Budget and Management and up to five representatives of local health officers to review local health department recruiting and classification processes and identify potential methods for increasing efficiencies related to the processes.”.

On page 16, in line 1, strike “3.” and substitute “5.”; and in line 2, after “2026.” insert “Section 3 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2027, Section 3 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”.