

HOUSE BILL 871

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Health – Compensation for Mental Health Services Providers – Workgroup**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain committee of the General Assembly to convene
4 a workgroup to study the manner in which mental health services providers are
5 compensated for certain services; requiring the workgroup to make certain
6 recommendations; requiring the workgroup to report its findings and
7 recommendations on or before a certain date; and generally relating to
8 compensation for mental health services providers.

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 MARYLAND, That:

11 (a) The Health and Government Operations Committee shall convene a
12 workgroup to:

13 (1) study the manner in which mental health services providers are
14 compensated for mental health services provided through the Maryland Medical
15 Assistance Program or Medicare to individuals in the State; and

16 (2) make recommendations on improvements that will ensure that
17 mental health services providers are adequately compensated for the mental health
18 services provided.

19 (b) On or before October 1, 2015, the workgroup shall report its findings and
20 recommendations to the Health and Government Operations Committee, in
21 accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2014.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

