

SENATE BILL 187

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By: **Senators Pugh, Conway, Currie, Guzzone, King, Lee, Mathias, Montgomery, Muse, and Nathan-Pulliam**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Governor's Workforce Investment Board – Workgroup to Study Access to**
3 **Obstetric Services**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor's Workforce Investment Board to coordinate
5 with the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, health occupations boards, and
6 certain other parties to establish a workgroup to study access to obstetric services in
7 the State by developing a certain mechanism to evaluate certain factors; requiring
8 the workgroup to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before
9 a certain date each year; and generally relating to the Governor's Workforce
10 Investment Board and a workgroup to study access to obstetric services.

11 BY adding to

12 Article – Labor and Employment

13 Section 11–505.2

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Labor and Employment**

19 **11–505.2.**

20 **(A) THE GOVERNOR'S WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARD SHALL**
21 **COORDINATE WITH THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, THE**
22 **HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS, AND OTHER PARTIES AS DETERMINED**
23 **APPROPRIATE BY THE BOARD TO ESTABLISH A WORKGROUP TO STUDY ACCESS TO**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **OBSTETRIC SERVICES IN THE STATE BY DEVELOPING A COMPREHENSIVE**
2 **MECHANISM TO EVALUATE:**

3 **(1) THE NUMBER AND GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS OF OBSTETRICAL**
4 **HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN THE STATE;**

5 **(2) PRACTICE PATTERNS;**

6 **(3) PROVIDER PREFERENCES; AND**

7 **(4) OTHER FACTORS DETERMINED TO BE RELEVANT BY THE**
8 **WORKGROUP.**

9 **(B) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR, THE WORKGROUP SHALL**
10 **SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE**
11 **STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE SENATE EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND**
12 **ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND**
13 **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE FINDINGS OF THE BOARD.**

14 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June**
15 **1, 2015.**