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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 497  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “and Zirkin” and substitute “Zirkin, and Zucker”; and in line 14, after “Act;” insert “requiring the Department to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date each year, beginning on or before a certain date; authorizing the Department to require certain community providers to submit certain information to the Department in the form and manner required by the Department;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 21, insert:

**“(E) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2018, AND ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 OF EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE IMPACT OF THE REIMBURSEMENT RATE ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION ON COMMUNITY PROVIDERS, INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON:**

**(I) THE WAGES AND SALARIES PAID AND THE BENEFITS PROVIDED TO DIRECT CARE STAFF AND LICENSED CLINICIANS EMPLOYED BY COMMUNITY PROVIDERS;**

**(II) THE TENURE AND TURNOVER OF DIRECT CARE STAFF AND LICENSED CLINICIANS EMPLOYED BY COMMUNITY PROVIDERS; AND**

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**(iii) THE ABILITY OF COMMUNITY PROVIDERS TO RECRUIT QUALIFIED DIRECT CARE STAFF AND LICENSED CLINICIANS.**

**(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY REQUIRE A COMMUNITY PROVIDER TO SUBMIT, IN THE FORM AND MANNER REQUIRED BY THE DEPARTMENT, INFORMATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT DEEMS NECESSARY FOR COMPLETION OF THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.”.**