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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 994
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Senator Eckardt**” and substitute “**Senators Eckardt, Augustine, Beidle, Benson, Feldman, Hershey, Jennings, Kelley, Klausmeier, Kramer, and Ready**”; strike beginning with “Maryland” in line 6 down through “directives” in line 8 and substitute “Behavioral Health Administration to study the feasibility and cost of establishing a centralized statewide database of mental health advance directives”; and strike in their entirety lines 20 through 24, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 15 on page 3 through line 7 on page 4, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) The Behavioral Health Administration shall study the feasibility and cost of establishing a centralized statewide database of mental health advance directives that can be readily accessed to assist responses to behavioral health crises and the provision of mental health services by first responders, health care providers, crisis communication centers, crisis treatment centers, and any other partners designated by the Behavioral Health Administration.

(2) The study shall include an assessment of the feasibility and costs associated with:

(i) incorporating mental health advance directives into the State’s current advance directive registry;

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(ii) developing and maintaining an independent, centralized statewide database of mental health advance directives; and

(iii) incorporating mental health advance directives directly into the State-designated health information exchange.

(b) On or before December 1, 2022, the Behavioral Health Administration shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the findings of the study required under subsection (a) of this section.”.

On page 4, in line 8, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”; and in line 9, strike “October” and substitute “July”.