

**HB1208/813321/1**

BY: Health and Government Operations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1208

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Kelly**” and substitute “**Delegates Kelly, Bagnall, Belcastro, Bhandari, Carr, Chisholm, Cullison, Hill, Johnson, Kaiser, Kerr, Kipke, Landis, R. Lewis, Morgan, Pena-Melnyk, Pendergrass, Reilly, Rosenberg, Saab, Sample-Hughes, Szeliga, and K. Young**”; in line 5, strike “nurse practitioners” and substitute “advance practice registered nurses”; in line 11, after “workforce;” insert “requiring the Maryland Department of Health to convene a workgroup to study how the State can implement a certain loan repayment assistance program;”; in line 15, strike “8-6A-05(b)” and substitute “8-6A-05(a) and (b)”; and in line 20, strike “8-205.2 and 8-514” and substitute “8-6A-14(g)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, strike in their entirety lines 1 and 2; and in lines 3, 4, 25, and 26, strike “**(8)**”, “**(9)**”, “**(10)**”, and “**(11)**”, respectively.

On page 3 in lines 3, 4, 25, and 26 and on page 4 in lines 12, 13, 15, 17, 23, 24, and 26, in each instance, strike the brackets.

On page 4, in lines 12, 13, 15, 17, 23, 24, and 26, strike “**(12)**”, “**(13)**”, “**(14)**”, “**(15)**”, “**(16)**”, “**(17)**”, and “**(18)**”, respectively; in line 29, strike the brackets; and in the same line, strike “**(A)(11)**”.

On page 5, strike in their entirety lines 10 through 20, inclusive.

On pages 6 and 7, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 14 on page 6 through line 10 on page 7, inclusive.

AMENDMENT NO. 3

On page 7, after line 11, insert:

“(a) The Board shall adopt regulations establishing:

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(1) Categories of certified nursing assistants, including geriatric nursing assistants, home health aides, school health aides, dialysis technicians, individuals working in developmental disabilities administration facilities, and medicine aides;

(2) Qualifications for each category of certified nursing assistant;

(3) Qualifications for certified medication technicians; [and]

(4) Standards for qualification of applicants for certification, including the applicant's criminal history, work record, and prohibitions against behavior which may be potentially harmful to patients; AND

**(5) STANDARDS FOR THE ONLINE PROVISION OF ALL ASPECTS OF A NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD.**”;

and after line 20, insert:

“8-6A-14.

**(G) THE BOARD SHALL APPROVE THE USE OF A NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING SITE BY A NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM WITHIN 14 DAYS AFTER THE NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM APPLIES FOR APPROVAL IF THE NURSING ASSISTANT TRAINING PROGRAM HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN APPROVED TO USE THE TRAINING SITE BY THE BOARD.**”.

AMENDMENT NO. 4

On page 7, in line 16, after “A” insert “GERIATRIC”; in line 18, after “A” insert “TEMPORARY”; in the same line, strike “WITHOUT CERTIFICATION BY THE BOARD” and substitute “, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WAIVER OF THE REQUIREMENTS OF 42 C.F.R. § 483.35(D) ISSUED BY THE CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES ON MARCH 6, 2020,”; in line 20, after “CERTIFICATION” insert “AS A GERIATRIC NURSING ASSISTANT”; in line 27, after “(2)” insert ““ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE” HAS THE SAME MEANING STATED IN § 8-101 OF THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE.”

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**(3)**”;

in line 29, strike “**(3)**” and substitute “**(4)**”; and strike line 31 in its entirety.

On page 8, strike line 1 in its entirety; in lines 7, 12, 15, 29 and 30, and 33, in each instance, strike “**NURSE PRACTITIONER**” and substitute “**ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE**”.

On page 11, in line 32, strike “and”.

On page 12, in line 1, after “program” insert “; and”

(v) nomenclature to describe apprenticeship programs for health care apprentices”.

**AMENDMENT NO. 5**

On page 12, after line 5, insert:

**“SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

(a) The Maryland Department of Health shall convene a stakeholder workgroup to examine how the State can implement a loan repayment assistance program for nurses and other health practitioners regulated by the State Board of Nursing to further incentivize the health practitioners to practice in professional shortage areas and medically underserved areas in the State.

(b) The workgroup shall consist of the following members:

(1) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;

(2) one representative of the State Board of Nursing, designated by the Executive Director of the Board;

(3) one representative of the Maryland Nurses Association, designated by the President of the Association;

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(4) one representative of 1199 SEIU United Healthcare Workers East, designated by the President of the union;

(5) one representative of the Health Facilities Association of Maryland, designated by the President of the Association;

(6) one representative of the Maryland Hospital Association, designated by the President of the Association;

(7) one representative of the LifeSpan Network, designated by the President of the Network; and

(8) one representative of Leading Age Maryland, designated by the President of the union.

(c) The workgroup shall consult with the Department of Legislative Services when developing its recommendations.

(d) The workgroup shall:

(1) review nursing school debt experienced in the United States and in Maryland;

(2) examine other models for recruitment and retention of nurses and other health care practitioners regulated by the State Board of Nursing that operate in other states, including how these models are funded and how a loan repayment assistance program for the health care practitioners could be competitive with other states;

(3) examine and recommend methods to incentivize nursing and nursing worker students to commit to practicing in medically underserved areas in the State before entering an educational program or on graduation from nursing school or a program focusing on training for health care practitioners regulated by the State Board of Nursing; and

(4) investigate the availability of federal grants to further expand loan repayment and loan forgiveness for nurses and other health care practitioners regulated by the State Board of Nursing in Maryland.

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(e) (1) On or before December 1, 2022, the workgroup shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.

(2) On or before December 1, 2023, the workgroup shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations, including recommendations on the structure of a permanent advisory council and a permanent funding structure for a loan repayment assistance program for nurses and other health care practitioners regulated by the State Board of Nursing, to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article.”;

in lines 6 and 9, strike “4.” and “5.”, respectively, and substitute “5.” and “6.”, respectively; in line 9, after “That” insert “Section 2 of”; in the same line, strike “June” and substitute “July”; in line 10, after “2022” insert “, and shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021, but before January 1, 2025”; in line 11, strike “May 31” and substitute “June 30”; and after line 12, insert:

“SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, except as provided in Section 6 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2022.”.