

~~(b) the study shall include a consideration of:~~

~~(1) eligibility thresholds, including income and other status factors, for qualification for a tax credit;~~

~~(2) the nature and scope of out of pocket expenses that would be considered in calculating a tax credit;~~

~~(3) the fiscal impact and cost benefit analysis of a variety of sizes of tax credits; and~~

~~(4) whether a tax credit should be refundable; and~~

~~(c) (1) the Comptroller shall report on or before December 1, 2001 to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on any findings and recommendations; and~~

~~(2) if a recommendation for a tax credit is made, the Comptroller shall make a recommendation on the appropriate size, nature, and scope of the tax credit.~~

SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

~~(a) the Maryland Health Care Foundation shall examine methods to facilitate the purchase of prescription drugs through federally qualified health centers in Maryland to maximize the number of people who can benefit from the purchasing power of the federally qualified health centers, especially under available federal prescription drug pricing programs; and~~

~~(b) the Foundation shall, on or before December 1, 2001, report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on:~~

~~(1) the number and demographic characteristics, including area of residence, economic status, and insured status, of the individuals who would be eligible to utilize available prescription drug pricing programs through the federally qualified health centers in the State;~~

~~(2) the types of prescription drugs that are or could be available through available prescription drug pricing programs through the federally qualified health centers in the State;~~

~~(3) recommendations regarding:~~

~~(i) whether to pursue a method to maximize the potential of available prescription drug pricing programs through the federally qualified health centers in the State; and~~

~~(ii) if the recommendation under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph is affirmative:~~

~~1. the most appropriate method or methods to maximize the potential of available prescription drug pricing programs through the federally qualified health centers in the State;~~