

# SENATE BILL 324

J3, B5

(6lr1386)

## ENROLLED BILL

— Budget and Taxation / Appropriations —

Introduced by **Senators Miller, Astle, Benson, Conway, Currie, DeGrange, Feldman, Ferguson, Gladden, Kagan, Kasemeyer, Kelley, King, Klausmeier, Lee, Madaleno, Manno, Mathias, McFadden, Middleton, Muse, Nathan–Pulliam, Peters, Pinsky, Pugh, Ramirez, Raskin, Young, and Zirkin**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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President.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center Act of 2016**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that in certain fiscal years certain amounts be provided in a  
4 certain manner as an operating grant to ~~the Board of Directors of~~ the University of  
5 Maryland Medical System Corporation for certain purposes; requiring the Governor  
6 to include certain appropriations in the budget bill for certain fiscal years for certain  
7 purposes; requiring Prince George’s County to provide certain funds and other  
8 financial assistance to ~~the Board of Directors of~~ the University of Maryland Medical  
9 System Corporation; requiring that certain State and Prince George’s County funds  
10 be used for certain purposes, including the construction of the Prince George’s  
11 County Regional Medical Center; requiring the Governor to include certain amounts  
12 in the capital or operating budget bill for certain fiscal years; declaring the intent of

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.*



1 the General Assembly; making this Act subject to a certain contingency; making this  
 2 Act subject to a certain contingency; requiring a certain allocation of capital funding  
 3 for a certain purpose; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating  
 4 to funding for certain purposes in connection with the construction of the Prince  
 5 George's County Regional Medical Center.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Health – General

8 Section 19–2401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 24. Prince George’s County  
 9 Regional Medical Center”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2015 Replacement Volume)

12 Preamble

13 WHEREAS, The residents of Prince George’s County and all of Southern Maryland  
 14 deserve access to a high–quality comprehensive health care system; and

15 WHEREAS, Residents of Prince George’s County suffer from higher rates of chronic  
 16 diseases and higher rates of death from heart disease and cancer than residents of  
 17 neighboring jurisdictions; and

18 WHEREAS, African American residents of Prince George’s County suffer from rates  
 19 of chronic disease and deaths from heart disease and cancer that are significantly higher  
 20 than that of other minority and white residents of the county; and

21 WHEREAS, Residents of Prince George’s County and Southern Maryland have less  
 22 access to all types of medical, dental, and mental health providers compared to residents of  
 23 neighboring jurisdictions; and

24 WHEREAS, Over 60% of Prince George’s County residents who require  
 25 hospitalization in any given year now receive that care at hospitals outside the county and  
 26 often outside the State; and

27 WHEREAS, A study published by the University of Maryland School of Public  
 28 Health recommended that the development of a high–quality academically affiliated  
 29 regional medical center with a prevention–focused ambulatory care network should be the  
 30 anchor on which Prince George’s County could develop a health care system to address the  
 31 underlying health issues facing residents of the jurisdiction; and

32 WHEREAS, In July 2011, the State, Prince George’s County, the University of  
 33 Maryland Medical System Corporation, the University System of Maryland, and  
 34 Dimensions Health Corporation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to  
 35 transform the county’s existing health care delivery system into an efficient, effective, and  
 36 financially viable system with improved access; and

1 WHEREAS, The State fulfilled the requirements of the July 2011 Memorandum by  
 2 providing \$60 million in operating support and \$24 million in capital support between fiscal  
 3 year 2012 and fiscal year 2015; and

4 ~~WHEREAS, The fiscal year 2016 Capital Improvement Plan called for the provision~~  
 5 ~~of an additional \$45 million in State support in fiscal year 2017 and \$90 million in fiscal~~  
 6 ~~year 2018 for the development of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center; and~~

7 WHEREAS, The State, in partnership with Prince George's County and the  
 8 University of Maryland Medical System *Corporation*, has made a commitment to the  
 9 residents of Prince George's County and the Southern Maryland region to transform the  
 10 regional health care delivery system and to build and support the transition of the  
 11 Dimensions Health Care System to a new Prince George's County Regional Medical Facility  
 12 and System within the University of Maryland Medical System; and

13 WHEREAS, Prince George's County and the University of Maryland Medical System  
 14 *Corporation* have fulfilled and are prepared to continue to fulfill their commitments to the  
 15 partnership entered into in 2011, and the State should fulfill its commitment to both the  
 16 partnership and to advancing access to the highest quality health care services for the  
 17 residents of Prince George's County and the entire Southern Maryland region; now,  
 18 therefore,

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

21 **Article – Health – General**

22 **SUBTITLE 24. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.**

23 **19-2401.**

24 **(A) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, FOR THE**  
 25 **PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AN OPERATING GRANT TO ENSURE AND ASSIST IN THE**  
 26 **TRANSITION OF A NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL SYSTEM TO**  
 27 **~~THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF~~ THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM**  
 28 **CORPORATION:**

29 **~~(I) IN FISCAL YEAR 2017, \$15,000,000 SHALL BE~~**  
 30 **~~TRANSFERRED FROM THE DEDICATED PURPOSE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER §~~**  
 31 **~~7-310 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE;~~**

32 **~~(H)~~ FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN**  
 33 **THE BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF:**

34 **1. \$15,000,000; ~~AND OR~~**



1 COMMITTED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION  
2 OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER:

3 (I) ~~\$45,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017;~~

4 ~~(II) \$90,000,000~~ \$67,500,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; AND

5 ~~(III)~~ (II) \$8,000,000 \$48,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.

6 (2) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS  
7 OF \$208,000,000 FOR THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S  
8 COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
10 Assembly that the Maryland Health Care Commission shall give priority timely  
11 consideration to the certificate of need ~~applications of replacement facilities before~~  
12 ~~consideration of new certificate of need applications.~~ The Maryland Health Care  
13 ~~Commission shall make every effort to make a determination on the certificate of need for~~  
14 ~~the replacement facility for the Prince George's Hospital on or before July 1, 2016~~  
15 application for a replacement facility for the Prince George's Hospital Center.

16 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That ~~this Act shall take effect~~  
17 ~~contingent on the transfer of the governance of the Prince George's County Regional~~  
18 ~~Medical Center to the University of Maryland Medical System, within 90 days after a~~  
19 ~~certificate of need for the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center is approved, this~~  
20 Act shall take effect contingent on the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation  
21 shall become becoming the sole corporate member of Dimensions Health Care Corporation  
22 and as a result, and the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation shall be  
23 responsible for assuming responsibility of the governance structure of the entity. The  
24 University of Maryland Medical System shall notify the Department of Legislative Services  
25 within 5 days after the transfer of governance to the University of Maryland Medical  
26 System. If notice of the transfer is not received by the Department of Legislative Services  
27 on or before December 31, 2016, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of  
28 further action by the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That from the capital contributions  
30 made by the State allocated for the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center, not  
31 more than \$8,000,000 shall be allocated for the development and transformation plan for  
32 Laurel Regional Hospital.

33 SECTION 4. ~~5.~~ AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, ~~That, subject to Section 3 of this~~  
34 Act, That, subject to Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2016. It shall  
35 remain effective for a period of 5 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2021, with  
36 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no  
37 further force and effect.