

Chapter 19

**(Senate Bill 1198)**

AN ACT concerning

**Prince George's County Regional Medical Center Act of 2017**

FOR the purpose of requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include in the budget bill certain appropriations for certain purposes related to the new Prince George's County Regional Medical Center; requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include in the capital or operating budget bill certain amounts to be used for the construction of the new Prince George's County Regional Medical Center; stating certain findings of the General Assembly; repealing a certain contingency; extending a certain termination provision; making conforming changes; and generally relating to funding for certain purposes in connection with the new Prince George's County Regional Medical Center.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Health – General  
Section 19–2401  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

BY repealing  
Chapter 13 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016  
Section 3

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Chapter 13 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016  
Section 5

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

**Article – Health General**

19–2401.

(a) **THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS THAT:**

**(1) THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND THE STATE'S INVESTMENT IN THE CENTER IS CONTINGENT ON HIGH QUALITY CLINICAL PROGRAMS AT THE EXISTING PRINCE GEORGE'S HOSPITAL CENTER AND THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER;**

**(2) THE ABILITY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM TO DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN HIGH QUALITY CLINICAL PROGRAMS AT THE EXISTING PRINCE GEORGE'S HOSPITAL CENTER AND TO TRANSITION TO THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IS CONTINGENT ON STATE OPERATING AND CAPITAL FUNDING IN SPECIFIC YEARS;**

**(3) THE ABILITY TO PROTECT THE STATE'S INVESTMENT IN THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER IS JEOPARDIZED BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2017, AS INTRODUCED, THAT ALTER BOTH THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL OBLIGATIONS MANDATED BY CHAPTER 13 OF THE ACTS OF 2016; AND**

**(4) THE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES AND THE NEED TO PROTECT THE STATE'S INVESTMENT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT IN FUTURE YEARS TO ENSURE THE FINANCIAL VIABILITY OF THE NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND ULTIMATELY THE ABILITY OF THE STATE TO END STATE SUPPORT FOR THE CENTER.**

**(B)** (1) Subject to subsection **[(b)] (C)** of this section, for the purpose of providing an operating grant to ensure and assist in the transition of a new Prince George's County Regional Medical System to the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation:

(i) For fiscal year 2018, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation of~~]:~~

1. \$15,000,000; or

2. \$30,000,000, if a grant of \$15,000,000 is not provided in a fiscal 2016 deficiency appropriation to the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation on or before June 30, 2016] **\$28,000,000;**

(ii) For fiscal year 2019, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation of ~~[\$15,000,000]~~ **\$27,000,000;** ~~[and]~~

(iii) For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation of ~~[\$5,000,000]~~ **\$15,000,000;** **AND**

**(IV) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2022 THROUGH 2028, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$10,000,000.**

(2) Subject to subsection **[(b)] (C)** of this section, Prince George's County shall provide a combination of matching funds and other financial assistance to the University

of Maryland Medical System Corporation that constitutes total financial assistance as follows:

- (i) \$15,000,000 annually for fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year 2019; and
- (ii) \$5,000,000 annually for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

**[(b)] (C)** The State and county funds described in subsection **[(a)] (B)** of this section:

(1) Shall be used to support the transition of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center from operation under the Dimensions Health Care System to operation as a participating institution of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation; and

(2) May be used only for:

(i) Providing increased access to critical health care services for the region served by the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center and improving the quality of the services provided; and

(ii) Facilitating cost containment measures to prevent additional operating losses for the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center and its affiliated institutions.

**[(c)] (D)** (1) The Governor shall include in the capital or operating budget bill the following amounts that are equal to the capital funds committed by Prince George's County to be used for the construction of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center:

(i) **[\$67,500,000] \$11,300,000** for fiscal year 2018; **[and]**

(ii) \$48,000,000 for fiscal year 2019; **AND**

**(III) \$56,200,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020.**

(2) Prince George's County shall provide matching funds of \$208,000,000 for the capital construction of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center.

### Chapter 13 of the Acts of 2016

**[SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect contingent on the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation becoming the sole corporate member of Dimensions Health Care Corporation and the University of Maryland

Medical System Corporation assuming responsibility of the governance structure of the entity.]

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That[, subject to Section 3 of this Act,] this Act shall take effect June 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of **[5] 12** years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, **[2021] 2028**, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2017.

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(b) of the Maryland Constitution, April 6, 2017.**