

HOUSE BILL 1685

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund**
3 **(Thrive by Three Fund)**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination
5 Services Grant Program Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; requiring the
6 Secretary of Health to award grants from the Fund and oversee the operation of the
7 Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a certain
8 provision of law; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund separately and the
9 Comptroller to account for the Fund; requiring
10 the Governor to include in the annual budget certain funding for the Fund beginning
11 in a certain fiscal year; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used;
12 providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; providing
13 that money expended from the Fund for certain grants are supplemental to and not
14 intended to take the place of certain other appropriations; providing that the Fund
15 is subject to audit; authorizing any county or municipality to apply to the Secretary
16 for a grant from the Fund to be applied toward a certain program; requiring that an
17 application for a grant from the Fund include certain evidence and a certain plan;
18 requiring the Secretary, after consultation with members of the Children's Cabinet,
19 to establish certain procedures; requiring that priority on the awarding of grants be
20 given to certain proposals; requiring a county or municipality awarded a grant from
21 the Fund to submit a certain report each year to the Secretary and the General
22 Assembly that includes certain information; requiring interest earnings of the Fund

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.



1 to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law
2 requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the
3 State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Prenatal and
4 Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund.

5 BY adding to

6 Article – Health – General

7 Section 24–1501 through 24–1505 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15.
8 Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program
9 Fund”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

13 Article – State Finance and Procurement

14 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

18 Article – State Finance and Procurement

19 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102.

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

22 BY adding to

23 Article – State Finance and Procurement

24 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)103.

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

27 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

28 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

29 **Article – Health – General**

30 **SUBTITLE 15. MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE COORDINATION**
31 **SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND.**

32 **24–1501.**

33 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
34 **INDICATED.**

1 (B) "CARE COORDINATION SERVICES" MEANS AN ACTIVE, ONGOING
2 PROCESS OF ASSISTING AN INDIVIDUAL TO IDENTIFY, ACCESS, AND USE COMMUNITY
3 RESOURCES AND COORDINATING SERVICES TO MEET THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEEDS.

4 (C) "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE
5 COORDINATION SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER §
6 24-1502(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

7 24-1502.

8 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE COORDINATION
9 SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND.

10 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO MAKE GRANTS TO COUNTIES AND
11 MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE CARE COORDINATION SERVICES ~~AND~~
12 ~~EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTS OR INTERVENTIONS~~ TO LOW-INCOME PREGNANT AND
13 POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND TO CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 3 YEARS OLD.

14 (C) THE SECRETARY SHALL:

15 (1) AWARD GRANTS FROM THE FUND; AND

16 (2) OVERSEE THE OPERATION OF THE FUND.

17 (D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
18 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

19 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,
20 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

21 (E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

22 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

23 (2) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND

24 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
25 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

26 (F) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR
27 THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET \$50,000
28 FOR THE FUND.

1 ~~(F)~~ (G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTIES
2 AND MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE CARE COORDINATION SERVICES ~~AND~~
3 ~~EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTS OR INTERVENTIONS~~ TO LOW-INCOME PREGNANT AND
4 POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 3 YEARS OLD.

5 ~~(G)~~ (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE
6 FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

7 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
8 THE FUND, INCLUDING INTEREST EARNINGS UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS
9 SECTION.

10 ~~(H)~~ (I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN
11 ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

12 ~~(I)~~ (J) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR GRANTS UNDER THIS
13 SUBTITLE IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF
14 FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR CARE COORDINATION
15 SERVICES.

16 ~~(J)~~ (K) THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE
17 AUDITS AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

18 24-1503.

19 (A) ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR A
20 GRANT FROM THE FUND TO BE APPLIED TOWARD A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CARE
21 COORDINATION SERVICES ~~AND EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTS OR INTERVENTIONS~~ TO
22 LOW-INCOME PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND TO CHILDREN FROM
23 BIRTH TO 3 YEARS OLD.

24 (B) AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE FUND SHALL INCLUDE, AT
25 MINIMUM:

26 (1) EVIDENCE THAT THE COUNTY'S OR MUNICIPALITY'S CARE
27 COORDINATION SERVICES WILL BE A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT INVOLVING:

28 (I) THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES; AND

29 (II) COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS; AND

30 (2) A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DATABASE THAT
31 COLLECTS DATA FROM THE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT THE PROVISION OF

1 ~~SERVICES, SUPPORTS, AND INTERVENTIONS ARE~~ IS PROVIDED TO THE FAMILIES
2 WITH THE HIGHEST NEED.

3 24-1504.

4 (A) THE SECRETARY, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE
5 CHILDREN'S CABINET, SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF
6 MONEY FROM THE FUND.

7 (B) PRIORITY ON AWARDING GRANTS SHALL BE GIVEN TO PROPOSALS
8 FROM A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT:

9 (1) HAS:

10 (I) A HIGH NUMBER OF BIRTHS TO WOMEN ENROLLED IN
11 MEDICAID;

12 (II) HIGH RATES OF INFANT MORTALITY; AND

13 (III) HIGH RATES OF PRETERM BIRTHS; AND

14 (2) DEMONSTRATES THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE COORDINATED
15 WITH COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS.

16 24-1505.

17 A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY AWARDED A GRANT FROM THE FUND SHALL
18 SUBMIT ANNUALLY TO THE SECRETARY AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF
19 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT THAT
20 INCLUDES DATA DESCRIBING:

21 (1) THE SERVICES PROVIDED;

22 (2) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES;

23 (3) OUTCOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES; AND

24 (4) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE FUNDED ACTIVITIES' ABILITY TO SCALE.

25 Article – State Finance and Procurement

26 6-226.

27 (a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
28 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the

1 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
2 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to
3 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
4 Fund of the State.

5 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
6 to the following funds:

7 101. the Advance Directive Program Fund; [and]

8 102. the Make Office Vacancies Extinct Matching Fund; AND

9 **103. THE MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE**
10 **COORDINATION SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND.**

11 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
12 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.