

SENATE BILL 703

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By: **Senator Klausmeier**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program;
4 providing for the purpose of the Program; requiring the Maryland Department of
5 Health to administer the Program; requiring the Program to award certain grants
6 to local behavioral health authorities to establish and expand certain behavioral
7 health crisis response programs and services; authorizing certain uses of funds
8 distributed under the Program; establishing that funds distributed under the
9 Program shall be used to supplement, and not supplant, certain other funding;
10 authorizing a local behavioral health authority to submit a certain proposal to the
11 Department; requiring the Department to award grants according to certain
12 priorities; requiring certain recipients of funding under the Program to report certain
13 data to the Department; requiring the Department to establish certain application
14 procedures, a certain system of outcome measurement, and certain guidelines and
15 procedures; requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include in the budget
16 bill certain appropriations for the Program; requiring, on or before a certain date
17 each year, the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly;
18 defining a certain term; and generally relating to the Behavioral Health Crisis
19 Response Grant Program.

20 BY adding to

21 Article – Health – General
22 Section 7.5–208
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

27 **Article – Health – General**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **7.5-208.**

2 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "PROGRAM" MEANS THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
3 CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT PROGRAM.

4 (B) (1) THERE IS A BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT
5 PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

6 (2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE FUNDS TO LOCAL
7 JURISDICTIONS TO ESTABLISH AND EXPAND COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
8 CRISIS RESPONSE SYSTEMS.

9 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

10 (D) (1) THE PROGRAM SHALL AWARD COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO LOCAL
11 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES TO ESTABLISH AND EXPAND BEHAVIORAL
12 HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT:

13 (I) SERVE LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS FOR CHILDREN,
14 ADULTS, AND OLDER ADULTS;

15 (II) MEET NATIONAL STANDARDS;

16 (III) INTEGRATE THE DELIVERY OF MENTAL HEALTH AND
17 SUBSTANCE USE TREATMENT; AND

18 (IV) CONNECT INDIVIDUALS TO APPROPRIATE
19 COMMUNITY-BASED CARE IN A TIMELY MANNER ON DISCHARGE.

20 (2) FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO A LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
21 AUTHORITY UNDER THE PROGRAM:

22 (I) MAY BE USED TO ESTABLISH OR EXPAND BEHAVIORAL
23 HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, SUCH AS:

24 1. MOBILE CRISIS TEAMS;

25 2. ON-DEMAND WALK-IN SERVICES;

26 3. CRISIS RESIDENTIAL BEDS; AND

27 4. OTHER BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS PROGRAMS AND
28 SERVICES THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONSIDERS ELIGIBLE FOR PROGRAM FUNDS;

1 AND

2 (II) SHALL BE USED TO SUPPLEMENT, AND NOT SUPPLANT, ANY
3 OTHER FUNDING FOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE PROGRAMS AND
4 SERVICES.

5 (3) A LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY MAY SUBMIT A
6 PROPOSAL REQUESTING PROGRAM FUNDING TO THE DEPARTMENT.

7 (4) IN AWARDING GRANTS UNDER THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT
8 SHALL PRIORITIZE PROPOSALS THAT:

9 (I) MAKE USE OF MORE THAN ONE FUNDING SOURCE;

10 (II) DEMONSTRATE EFFICIENCY IN SERVICE DELIVERY
11 THROUGH REGIONALIZATION, INTEGRATION OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS
12 PROGRAM OR SERVICE WITH EXISTING PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY
13 RESOURCES, AND OTHER STRATEGIES TO ACHIEVE ECONOMIES OF SCALE; AND

14 (III) EVIDENCE A STRONG PLAN FOR INTEGRATION INTO THE
15 EXISTING BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM OF CARE AND SUPPORTS TO PROVIDE
16 SEAMLESS AFTERCARE.

17 (5) FOR EACH SERVICE OR PROGRAM THAT RECEIVES FUNDING
18 UNDER THE PROGRAM, A LOCAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AUTHORITY SHALL REPORT
19 TO THE DEPARTMENT ALL OUTCOME MEASUREMENT DATA REQUIRED BY THE
20 DEPARTMENT.

21 (6) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH:

22 (I) APPLICATION PROCEDURES;

23 (II) A STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF OUTCOME MEASUREMENT TO
24 ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS AND ADEQUACY OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS
25 RESPONSE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS;

26 (III) GUIDELINES THAT REQUIRE PROGRAMS TO BILL
27 THIRD-PARTY INSURERS AND, WHEN APPROPRIATE, THE MARYLAND MEDICAL
28 ASSISTANCE PROGRAM; AND

29 (IV) ANY OTHER PROCEDURES OR CRITERIA NECESSARY TO
30 CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

1 **(E) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET**
2 **BILL THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FOR THE PROGRAM:**

3 **(1) \$2,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020;**

4 **(2) \$4,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021;**

5 **(3) \$6,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022;**

6 **(4) \$8,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023; AND**

7 **(5) \$10,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR**
8 **THEREAFTER.**

9 **(F) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR BEGINNING IN 2020, THE**
10 **DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH §**
11 **2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A**
12 **REPORT THAT INCLUDES, FOR THE MOST RECENT CLOSED FISCAL YEAR:**

13 **(1) THE NUMBER OF GRANTS DISTRIBUTED;**

14 **(2) FUNDS DISTRIBUTED BY COUNTY;**

15 **(3) INFORMATION ABOUT GRANT RECIPIENTS AND PROGRAMS AND**
16 **SERVICES PROVIDED; AND**

17 **(4) OUTCOME DATA REPORTED UNDER THE STATEWIDE SYSTEM OF**
18 **MEASUREMENT REQUIRED IN SUBSECTION (D)(6)(II) OF THIS SECTION.**

19 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July**
20 **1, 2018.**