

Chapter 558

(House Bill 1685)

AN ACT concerning

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

FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Health to award grants from the Fund and oversee the operation of the Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a certain provision of law; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund separately and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget certain funding for the Fund beginning in a certain fiscal year; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; providing that money expended from the Fund for certain grants are supplemental to and not intended to take the place of certain other appropriations; providing that the Fund is subject to audit; authorizing any county or municipality to apply to the Secretary for a grant from the Fund to be applied toward a certain program; requiring that an application for a grant from the Fund include certain evidence and a certain plan; requiring the Secretary, after consultation with members of the Children's Cabinet, to establish certain procedures; requiring that priority on the awarding of grants be given to certain proposals; requiring a county or municipality awarded a grant from the Fund to submit a certain report each year to the Secretary and the General Assembly that includes certain information; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund.

BY adding to

Article – Health – General

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

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – State Finance and Procurement

Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – State Finance and Procurement
 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102.
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

BY adding to
 Article – State Finance and Procurement
 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)103.
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

Article – Health – General

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

24–1501.

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

(B) “CARE COORDINATION SERVICES” MEANS AN ACTIVE, ONGOING PROCESS OF ASSISTING AN INDIVIDUAL TO IDENTIFY, ACCESS, AND USE COMMUNITY RESOURCES AND COORDINATING SERVICES TO MEET THE INDIVIDUAL’S NEEDS.

(C) “FUND” MEANS THE MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE COORDINATION SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER § 24–1502(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

24–1502.

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

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

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL:

- (1) AWARD GRANTS FROM THE FUND; AND
- (2) OVERSEE THE OPERATION OF THE FUND.

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

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

(E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

- (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;
- (2) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND
- (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24-1503.

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

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

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

(I) THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES; AND

(II) COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS; AND

(2) A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DATABASE THAT COLLECTS DATA FROM THE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT THE PROVISION OF SERVICES, ~~SUPPORTS, AND INTERVENTIONS ARE~~ IS PROVIDED TO THE FAMILIES WITH THE HIGHEST NEED.

24-1504.

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

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

(1) HAS:

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

(II) HIGH RATES OF INFANT MORTALITY; AND

(III) HIGH RATES OF PRETERM BIRTHS; AND

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

24-1505.

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

- (1) THE SERVICES PROVIDED;**
- (2) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES;**
- (3) OUTCOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES; AND**
- (4) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE FUNDED ACTIVITIES' ABILITY TO SCALE.**

Article – State Finance and Procurement

6-226.

(a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General Fund of the State.

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

101. the Advance Directive Program Fund; [and]

102. the Make Office Vacancies Extinct Matching Fund; AND

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

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

Approved by the Governor, May 8, 2018.