

# SENATE BILL 645

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By: **Senators Klausmeier, Guzzone, Hester, and Kagan**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Health Services Funding – Modifications**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a certain annual appropriation for local health services  
4 funding beginning in a certain fiscal year; providing for the distribution of a certain  
5 appropriation for local health services funding for a certain fiscal year; modifying the  
6 calculation of local health services funding beginning with a certain fiscal year;  
7 prohibiting certain State funding to a subdivision for local health services from being  
8 less than the subdivision received in a certain fiscal year; repealing obsolete  
9 provisions of law; and generally relating to local health services funding.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
11 Article – Health – General  
12 Section 2–301 and 2–303  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
16 Article – Health – General  
17 Section 2–302  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Health – General**

23 2–301.

24 The Governor shall include in the State budget, beginning with fiscal year 1997, at  
25 a minimum, sufficient funds for local health services as required by this subtitle.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 2-302.

2 (a) The funding required in the State budget for local health services, exclusive of  
3 special fund and federal appropriations, shall be at least the amount set forth in subsection  
4 (b) of this section.

5 (b) The funding shall be:

6 [(1) \$37,283,484 in each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012, to be distributed as  
7 follows:

8 (i) Allegany County.....\$908,719;

9 (ii) Anne Arundel County.....\$3,141,951;

10 (iii) Baltimore City.....\$6,675,053;

11 (iv) Baltimore County.....\$4,302,255;

12 (v) Calvert County.....\$369,812;

13 (vi) Caroline County.....\$538,253;

14 (vii) Carroll County.....\$1,231,995;

15 (viii) Cecil County.....\$806,392;

16 (ix) Charles County.....\$994,528;

17 (x) Dorchester County.....\$428,709;

18 (xi) Frederick County.....\$1,512,159;

19 (xii) Garrett County.....\$437,403;

20 (xiii) Harford County.....\$1,737,473;

21 (xiv) Howard County.....\$1,215,070;

22 (xv) Kent County.....\$335,941;

23 (xvi) Montgomery County.....\$3,014,680;

24 (xvii) Prince George’s County.....\$5,007,057;

25 (xviii) Queen Anne’s County.....\$417,744;

- 1 (xix) St. Mary’s County.....\$808,576;
- 2 (xx) Somerset County.....\$429,385;
- 3 (xxi) Talbot County.....\$328,705;
- 4 (xxii) Washington County.....\$1,381,306;
- 5 (xxiii) Wicomico County.....\$947,374;
- 6 and
- 7 (xxiv) Worcester County.....\$312,944;

8 (2) For fiscal years 2013 and 2014, \$37,283,484 adjusted for:

9 (i) Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (All Urban  
10 Consumers), for the second preceding fiscal year, calculated by the U.S. Department of  
11 Commerce; and

12 (ii) Population growth, as measured by the growth in the total  
13 population of the State of Maryland for the second preceding fiscal year, according to the  
14 most recent statistics available through the Maryland Department of Health;

15 (3) For fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017, the amount of funding for the  
16 preceding fiscal year adjusted for:

17 (i) Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (All Urban  
18 Consumers), for the second preceding fiscal year, calculated by the U.S. Department of  
19 Commerce; and

20 (ii) Population growth, as measured by the growth in the total  
21 population of the State for the second preceding fiscal year, according to the most recent  
22 statistics available through the Maryland Department of Health;

23 (4) For fiscal year 2018, \$49,488,474 to be distributed to each municipality  
24 or subdivision in the same amount as the municipality or subdivision received in fiscal year  
25 2017; and]

26 **(1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, \$80,439,548 TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO**  
27 **EACH MUNICIPALITY OR SUBDIVISION IN THE SAME PROPORTION AS THE FISCAL**  
28 **YEAR 2020 FUNDING DISTRIBUTED TO EACH MUNICIPALITY OR SUBDIVISION; AND**

29 **[(5)] (2) For fiscal year [2019] 2022 and each subsequent fiscal year, the**  
30 **GREATER OF:**

1                   **(I) THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 APPROPRIATION OF \$80,439,548;**  
2 **OR**

3                   **(II) THE** amount of funding provided through the formula for the  
4 preceding fiscal year adjusted for:

5                   **[(i)] 1.** Inflation, as measured by the **MEDICAL CARE**  
6 **COMPONENT OF THE** Consumer Price Index (All Urban Consumers), on June 30 of the  
7 second preceding fiscal year, calculated by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S.  
8 Department of Labor; and

9                   **[(ii)] 2.** Population growth, as measured by the growth in the total  
10 population of the State on June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year, according to the most  
11 recent statistics available through the U.S. Department of Commerce.

12               (c) For fiscal year **[2013] 2022** and each subsequent fiscal year, no subdivision  
13 may receive less State funding for local health services under this section than that  
14 subdivision received in fiscal year **[2012] 2021**.

15               (d) The Secretary shall, in consultation with local health department directors,  
16 adopt regulations to guide the distribution of the funding required under this section. The  
17 regulations shall give consideration to appropriate measures of community health need,  
18 local funding effort, and other relevant factors.

19 2–303.

20               As to appropriations required by this subtitle, a local match shall be required as a  
21 condition of any distribution to a subdivision; however, the local match percentage required  
22 by the Secretary of Health may not exceed the local match percentage required for the  
23 subdivision for fiscal year 1996.

24               **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July  
25 1, 2019.