

## Chapter 724

**(House Bill 1160)**

AN ACT concerning

**Public Health – Breathe Easy East Baltimore Pilot Program**

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the director of the Asthma Control Program in the Maryland Department of Health to establish the Breathe Easy Pilot Program in cooperation and consultation with certain entities~~ establishing the Breathe Easy East Baltimore Pilot Program in the Baltimore City Health Department; providing for the purpose of the Pilot Program; requiring the ~~director~~ Baltimore City Health Department, in consultation with a certain entity, to select, on or before a certain date, certain households to participate in the Pilot Program, to provide certain households with certain asthma remediation services, and to study certain information; authorizing the ~~director~~ Baltimore City Health Department to include in the Pilot Program, at the discretion of the ~~director~~ Baltimore City Health Department, the implementation of certain policies ~~in the Baltimore City Health Department~~ and the development of a certain referral process or certain integrated partnerships through which certain households may access certain programs or services; requiring the ~~director~~ Baltimore City Health Department to attempt to access certain federal funds; requiring the ~~director~~ Baltimore City Health Department to submit a certain report to the Governor and General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; requiring, for a certain fiscal year, the Governor to include in the State budget certain funding; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Breathe Easy East Baltimore Pilot Program.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Health – General  
Section 13-1701 through 13-1703  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)~~

BY adding to  
Article – Health – General  
Section ~~13-1707~~ 13-17A-01 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17A. Breathe Easy East Baltimore Pilot Program”  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

**Article – Health – General**~~13-1701.~~

~~In this subtitle, "Program" means the Asthma Control Program.~~

~~13-1702.~~

~~There is an Asthma Control Program in the Department.~~

~~13-1703.~~

~~(a) The Secretary shall appoint a director for the Program.~~

~~(b) The director may establish advisory councils, task forces, committees, and work groups to the extent necessary to implement the Program.~~

**SUBTITLE 17A. BREATHE EASY EAST BALTIMORE PILOT PROGRAM.**

~~13-1707.~~ **13-17A-01.**

(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.

~~(2) "DIRECTOR" MEANS THE DIRECTOR FOR THE PROGRAM.~~

~~(3) (2)~~ **"ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLD" MEANS A HOUSEHOLD LOCATED IN EAST BALTIMORE CITY THAT:**

**(I) HAS A HOUSEHOLD INCOME OF NOT MORE THAN 150% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL; AND**

**(II) INCLUDES AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 14 YEARS.**

~~(4) (3)~~ **"PILOT PROGRAM" MEANS THE BREATHE EASY EAST BALTIMORE PILOT PROGRAM.**

**(B) (1) ~~IN COOPERATION WITH THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AND IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GREEN AND HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVE, THE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH THE BREATHE EASY PILOT PROGRAM~~ THERE IS A BREATHE EASY EAST BALTIMORE PILOT PROGRAM IN THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.**

**(2) THE PURPOSE OF THE PILOT PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE AND STUDY THE EFFECTS OF ASTHMA REMEDIATION SERVICES ON ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS.**

(3) ASTHMA REMEDIATION SERVICES PROVIDED BY THE PILOT PROGRAM MAY INCLUDE CLEANING, EDUCATION, STRUCTURAL INTERVENTIONS, AND ANY OTHER SERVICES THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GREEN AND HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVE, DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY.

(C) THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE GREEN AND HEALTHY HOMES INITIATIVE, SHALL:

(1) ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2020, SELECT ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM;

(2) PROVIDE PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS WITH ASTHMA REMEDIATION SERVICES; AND

(3) STUDY THE EFFECT THAT ASTHMA REMEDIATION SERVICES HAVE ON THE WELL-BEING OF MEMBERS OF PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS BY MEASURING, RELATIVE TO INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT RECEIVE ASTHMA REMEDIATION SERVICES:

(I) HEALTH OUTCOMES;

(II) ECONOMIC OUTCOMES; AND

(III) EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN.

(D) IN ADDITION TO THE ITEMS LISTED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT MAY INCLUDE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM, AT THE DISCRETION OF THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT:

(1) IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ~~IN THE BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT~~ TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN THE PILOT PROGRAM; AND

(2) DEVELOPMENT OF A ~~BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT~~ REFERRAL PROCESS OR INTEGRATED PARTNERSHIPS WITH OTHER LOCAL OR STATE AGENCIES THROUGH WHICH ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS MAY ACCESS PROGRAMS AND SERVICES THAT TARGET IMPROVED HEALTH.

(E) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PILOT PROGRAM, THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL

ATTEMPT TO ACCESS ANY FEDERAL FUNDS RELATED TO ASTHMA REMEDIATION SERVICES FOR HOUSEHOLDS.

(F) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, ~~2023~~ 2024, THE ~~DIRECTOR~~ BALTIMORE CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THE PILOT PROGRAM.

(2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THE NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS PARTICIPATING IN THE PILOT PROGRAM;

(II) INFORMATION REGARDING HOW THE PILOT PROGRAM HAS AFFECTED THE HEALTH, ECONOMIC, AND EDUCATIONAL WELL-BEING OF THE MEMBERS OF PARTICIPATING ELIGIBLE HOUSEHOLDS; AND

(III) A RECOMMENDATION ON WHETHER THE PILOT PROGRAM SHOULD BE EXTENDED OR EXPANDED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, for fiscal year 2021, the Governor shall include in the State budget an appropriation of ~~\$500,000~~ \$100,000 to the Baltimore City Health Department for the administration of the Breathe Easy East Baltimore Pilot Program established under ~~§ 13-1707~~ § 13-17A-01 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019. It shall remain effective for a period of ~~5~~ 6 years and, at the end of June 30, ~~2024~~ 2025, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 25, 2019.