



Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill Number: House Bill 1009 – Public Health – Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program – Recovery of Funding

Hearing Date: March 21, 2024

Position: Support

The Maryland Assembly on School-Based Health Centers (MASBHC) supports *House Bill 1009 – Public Health – Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program – Recovery of Funding*. The bill would align the lease requirements for the State’s Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) grant program with other State capital programs. Under the current program, the State has a 30-year right of recovery for renovations of leased properties. The bill would prevent the State’s right of recovery if the property was leased by the FQHC more than 15 years after completion of the project or if the property was owned by the FQHC more than 30 years after completion of the project.

MASBHC represents about 90 school-based health centers providing somatic, behavioral, and oral health across Maryland’s underserved communities. Many of our school-based health centers are sponsored by FQHCs. We support this legislation because it provides greater flexibility for FQHCs to renovate or build new locations to meet the changing needs of their patients. It is important for the students served by school-based health centers, as our sponsoring FQHCs also serve our student patients and their families.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.