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TITLE: SB 587 Maryland Patient Safety Center Fund- Funding

DATE: February 25th 2026

COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

POSITION: Letter of Information

SUMMARY OF BILL: This legislation reinstates the mandates that the Governor include an appropriation of \$1 million for the Maryland Patient Safety Center Fund in FY27 and each year thereafter. The Maryland Patient Safety Center is responsible for developing, coordinating, and implementing patient safety initiatives across the State.

EXPLANATION: This legislation would require an appropriation of \$1 million. General fund expenditures would increase annually. Previously, there was a funding mandate for FY 2023 to 2025; however, the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2025 eliminated it, effective in fiscal year 2026. If passed, this will increase general fund expenditures in the State by \$1 million annually beginning in fiscal year 2028.

Given the significant uncertainty in federal policy and the escalating fiscal shortfalls forecasted through Fiscal Year 2028, the Department urges caution against legislation that increases expenditures or diverts revenue without sustainable funding offsets. In light of the current fiscal crisis, the State must remain disciplined and strategic in its funding decisions to protect essential services for all Marylanders.

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