

SENATE BILL 975

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Safety – Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program –**
3 **Establishment**
4 **(Supporting Reproductive Health Care Clinics Act)**

5 FOR the purpose of establishing the Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant
6 Program in the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services
7 to assist reproductive health care clinics in the State with costs associated with
8 security improvements and safety operational expenses; and generally relating to
9 the Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Public Safety
12 Section 4–1701 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 17. Reproductive Health Care
13 Clinic Security Grant Program”
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Public Safety**

19 **SUBTITLE 17. REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE CLINIC SECURITY GRANT**
20 **PROGRAM.**

21 **4–1701.**

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(2) “EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR” MEANS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF**
2 **THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES.**

3 **(3) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE CLINIC**
4 **SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM.**

5 **(B) THERE IS A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE CLINIC SECURITY GRANT**
6 **PROGRAM IN THE GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND**
7 **VICTIM SERVICES.**

8 **(C) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.**

9 **(D) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO ASSIST REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH**
10 **CARE CLINICS IN THE STATE WITH THE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH SECURITY**
11 **IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR FACILITY HARDENING,**
12 **PERIMETER LIGHTING, FENCING AND OTHER BARRIERS, DOOR LOCKS AND ACCESS**
13 **CONTROL SYSTEMS, SECURITY CAMERAS, ALARMS, PANIC BUTTONS, LOCKDOWN**
14 **SYSTEMS, AND PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS.**

15 **(E) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR:**

16 **(1) THE APPLICATION AND AWARD PROCESSES; AND**

17 **(2) THE CRITERIA A REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE CLINIC MUST**
18 **MEET TO QUALIFY FOR A GRANT UNDER THE PROGRAM.**

19 **(F) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE**
20 **ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$500,000 TO THE PROGRAM.**

21 **(2) UP TO 5% OF THE MONEY APPROPRIATED TO THE PROGRAM MAY**
22 **BE USED FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES.**

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 October 1, 2024.