

SENATE BILL 755

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By: **Senator Hooper**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Health Services Funding - Amount - Salary Adjustment**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that State funding of local health services be adjusted
4 for any salary adjustment for State employees, as determined in a certain
5 manner; and generally relating to local health services funding.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
7 Article - Health - General
8 Section 2-302
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (1994 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

13 **Article - Health - General**

14 2-302.

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

18 (b) The funding shall be:

19 (1) \$41.0 million for Fiscal Year 1997; and

20 (2) For Fiscal Year 1998 and each subsequent fiscal year, the amount of
21 funding for Fiscal Year 1997 adjusted for:

22 (i) Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index - all urban
23 consumers for the second preceding fiscal year, calculated by the U.S. Department of
24 Commerce; [and]

25 (ii) Population growth, as measured by the growth in the total
26 population of the State of Maryland for the second preceding fiscal year, according to

1 the most recent statistics available through the Department of Health and Mental
2 Hygiene; AND

3 (III) IN ADDITION TO THE ADJUSTMENT UNDER ITEMS (I) AND (II) OF
4 THIS ITEM, THE SUM OF THE FOLLOWING:

5 1. IF THERE IS A GENERAL SALARY INCREASE FOR STATE
6 EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR A FISCAL YEAR, THE AMOUNT
7 ADJUSTED UNDER ITEMS (I) AND (II) OF THIS ITEM MULTIPLIED BY 80% TIMES THE
8 PERCENT OF THE GENERAL SALARY INCREASE;

9 2. IF THERE IS A COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT FOR STATE
10 EMPLOYEES INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET FOR A FISCAL YEAR, THE AMOUNT
11 ADJUSTED UNDER ITEMS (I) AND (II) OF THIS ITEM MULTIPLIED BY 80% TIMES THE
12 PERCENT OF THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT; AND

13 3. IF THERE IS A SPECIAL SALARY ADJUSTMENT THAT
14 AFFECTS A STATE POSITION CLASSIFICATION OR CLASSIFICATION SERIES THAT IS
15 HISTORICALLY USED BY A LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, THE AMOUNT ADJUSTED
16 UNDER ITEMS (I) AND (II) OF THIS ITEM MULTIPLIED BY 80% TIMES 1%.

17 (c) (1) For Fiscal Year 1997, no subdivision may receive less State funding
18 for local health services under this section than that subdivision received in Fiscal
19 Year 1996.

20 (2) For Fiscal Year 1998 and each subsequent fiscal year, no subdivision
21 may receive less State funding for local health services under this section than that
22 subdivision received in Fiscal Year 1997.

23 (3) The Secretary shall, in consultation with local health department
24 directors, adopt regulations to guide the distribution of the funding required under
25 this section. The regulations shall give consideration to appropriate measures of
26 community health need, local funding effort, and other relevant factors.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 July 1, 2000.