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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health - Maryland Cord Blood Bank**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to  
4 establish a Maryland Cord Blood Bank; providing for the purpose of the Bank;  
5 requiring the Department to develop and disseminate certain educational  
6 materials concerning umbilical cord blood to certain health care professionals  
7 and hospitals; requiring the Governor to include certain funds in the State  
8 budget in a certain fiscal year and each subsequent fiscal year; requiring the  
9 Department to maximize the use of certain federal funds or matching funding  
10 programs; authorizing the Department to solicit and accept certain grants or  
11 donations from certain sources; defining a certain term; and generally relating  
12 to the Maryland Cord Blood Bank.

13 BY adding to

14 Article - Health - General

15 Section 24-1501 to be under the new subtitle "Subtitle 15. Maryland Cord Blood  
16 Bank"

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

20 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article - Health - General**

22 **SUBTITLE 15. MARYLAND CORD BLOOD BANK.**

23 24-1501.

24 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BANK" MEANS THE MARYLAND CORD BLOOD BANK.

25 (B) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH A MARYLAND CORD BLOOD BANK.

1 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE BANK IS TO:

2 (1) PREPARE, STORE, AND DISTRIBUTE HUMAN UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD  
3 STEM CELLS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PATIENTS; AND

4 (2) SUPPORT PEER-REVIEWED RESEARCH USING HUMAN UMBILICAL  
5 CORD BLOOD STEM CELLS.

6 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP AND DISSEMINATE EDUCATIONAL  
7 MATERIALS TO HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS AND HOSPITALS IN THE STATE  
8 CONCERNING THE VALUE, USES, AND DONATION OF UMBILICAL CORD BLOOD.

9 (E) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR, THE  
10 GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE SUFFICIENT FUNDS IN THE STATE BUDGET TO  
11 IMPLEMENT THIS SECTION.

12 (2) THE DEPARTMENT:

13 (I) SHALL MAXIMIZE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS OR MATCHING  
14 FUNDING PROGRAMS TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE; AND

15 (II) MAY SOLICIT AND ACCEPT GRANTS OR DONATIONS FROM  
16 STATE, LOCAL, OR PRIVATE ENTITIES.

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
18 October 1, 2006.