

SB0001/383825/1

BY: Senator Exum

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 1, AS AMENDED
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1 of the bill, in line 14, before “making” insert “authorizing the transfer of certain funds by budget amendment for a certain fiscal year from a certain special fund to be used only to provide a certain grant; providing that a certain grant may not be provided except under certain circumstances;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 8 of the bill, before line 24, insert:

“SECTION 14. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(a) For fiscal year 2008 only, up to \$20,000,000 may be transferred from the Dedicated Purpose Account established under § 7-310 of the State Finance and Procurement Article by budget amendment to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for the purpose of providing a special fund operating grant to an independent entity with authority over the facilities currently operated and health care services currently provided by Dimensions Healthcare System until the facilities and obligation to provide the services are transferred to a new owner or operator.

(b) (1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may not provide a special fund operating grant under this section until a long-term, comprehensive solution to the control and operation of the facilities and provision of health care services currently operated and provided by Dimensions Healthcare System is reached through:

(i) an Act of the General Assembly; or

(Over)

(ii) a memorandum of understanding between the State and Prince George’s County.

(2) The long-term, comprehensive solution required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall address issues related to health care needs in Prince George’s County and the surrounding region, including:

(i) the transfer to a new owner or operator of the facilities currently operated and the obligation to provide the health care services currently provided by Dimensions Healthcare System;

(ii) a plan for the assets currently held by Prince George’s County related to the facilities currently operated by Dimensions Healthcare System;

(iii) a mechanism to provide a steady revenue stream to help support ongoing operations of the facilities currently operated by Dimensions Healthcare System and to retire the long-term bond indebtedness and satisfy the unfunded pension liability of Dimensions Healthcare System; and

(iv) a mechanism to assure equitable and sustainable funding from Prince George’s County and the State.”.

On page 18 of the Budget and Taxation Committee Amendments (SB0001/949430/1), in line 2 of Amendment No. 8, strike “14.” and “16.”, respectively, and substitute “15.” and “17.”, respectively; in line 4, strike “15.” and substitute “16.”; in line 2 of Amendment No. 9, strike “17.” and substitute “18.”; and in line 3, strike “14 through 16” and substitute “15 through 17”.