

HOUSE BILL 1039

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—Health and Government Operations / Budget and Taxation—

Introduced by **Prince George’s County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County Hospital Authority**

3 **PG 403-08**

4 ~~FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George’s County Hospital Authority;~~
5 ~~providing for the mission of the Authority; providing that the Authority is an~~
6 ~~instrumentality of the State and a public corporation; providing that the~~
7 ~~exercise by the Authority of certain powers is the performance of an essential~~
8 ~~public function; requiring the Authority to be subject to the State Open~~
9 ~~Meetings Law; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of State law;~~
10 ~~providing that the employees of the Authority are not State personnel as~~
11 ~~defined in a certain provision of State law; authorizing the Authority to take~~
12 ~~certain actions to fulfill its mission; requiring Prince George’s County to~~
13 ~~automatically transfer a certain title under certain circumstances; requiring the~~
14 ~~Authority to allow the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene access to certain~~

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



~~records, notes, contracts, and plans; requiring the county to provide the Authority with access to certain books and records; requiring the Authority to submit certain reports to the Governor and the General Assembly at certain times; requiring that the Authority be governed by a Board of Directors; providing for the membership of the Board; providing for the removal of Board members under certain circumstances; establishing certain duties of the Board; providing that a member of the Board is entitled to reimbursement for certain expenses; providing that an officer or director of the Authority is not liable personally for actions taken as an officer or director under certain circumstances; providing that Board members are subject to the provisions of the State ethics laws; specifying the terms of the initial members of the Board; requiring the Authority to enter into certain negotiations; providing that a certain agreement is contingent on the fulfillment of certain contingencies; providing for the powers and duties of the Authority; requiring the Authority to submit certain information to the State Treasurer, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, certain legislative committees, the County Executive, and the County Council within a certain time period; providing that a certain health care entity shall be recognized as a merged asset system under certain provisions of law; authorizing the Authority to issue revenue bonds for a certain purpose; establishing the rights and duties associated with revenue bonding authority; requiring Prince George's County to pay as a grant to the Authority certain amounts on or before a certain date and in certain fiscal years; authorizing the Authority to use the amounts paid by the county for certain purposes; authorizing the State under certain circumstances to redirect to the Authority certain State funds otherwise required to be paid to the county; requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations in the annual State budget bill for certain fiscal years for the operating costs of the Authority; requiring the Governor to include certain amounts in the annual State capital budget for the capital costs of the Authority; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding certain State funding for the support of the Prince George's Hospital Center; defining certain terms; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Business and Economic Development to provide certain staffing and receive certain reimbursement; stating the intent of the General Assembly that State funding for certain purposes will not be affected by certain State support for the Prince George's County Hospital Authority; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to the establishment of the Prince George's County Hospital Authority.~~

FOR the purpose of establishing the Prince George's County Hospital Authority; providing for the mission of the Authority; providing that the Authority is an instrumentality of the State and a public corporation; providing that the exercise by the Authority of certain powers is the performance of an essential public function; requiring the Authority to be subject to the State Open Meetings Law and the State Tort Claims Act; exempting the Authority from certain provisions of State law; providing that the employees of the Authority are not State personnel as defined in a certain provision of State law; requiring

1 the Authority to publish certain notices in certain newspapers of record;
2 authorizing the Authority to take certain actions to fulfill its mission; requiring
3 the Authority to allow the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and Prince
4 George's County access to certain records, notes, contracts, and plans; requiring
5 the County and Dimensions Health Corporation to provide certain persons
6 access to certain books and records; requiring the Authority to submit a certain
7 request for proposals and certain reports to the Governor, the Secretary, the
8 State Treasurer, the Prince George's County Executive, the Prince George's
9 County Council, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
10 Delegates, and certain committees of the General Assembly at certain times;
11 providing for the powers, duties, and funding of the Authority; ~~requiring the~~
12 ~~Authority to be governed by a Board of Directors;~~ providing for the membership
13 of the ~~Board~~ Authority; providing for the removal of ~~Board~~ Authority members
14 under certain circumstances; ~~establishing certain duties of the Board~~ specifying
15 the membership of the Authority that constitutes a quorum; providing that a
16 member of the ~~Board~~ Authority is entitled to reimbursement for certain
17 expenses; providing that a member of the ~~Board~~ Authority is not liable
18 personally for actions taken as a member under certain circumstances;
19 providing that ~~Board~~ Authority members are subject to the provisions of the
20 State ethics laws; specifying the terms of the members of the ~~Board~~ Authority;
21 requiring the Governor, the County Executive, and the County Council to
22 appoint certain representatives and reach certain agreements; providing that
23 certain obligations shall be null and void under certain circumstances; requiring
24 the Authority to establish and implement a certain bidding process for the
25 transfer of a certain health care system to a new owner or owners; ~~establishing~~
26 ~~certain requirements a new owner or owners must meet;~~ requiring the Authority
27 to establish certain time frames and deadlines for the bidding and selection
28 processes; requiring the Authority to implement and adhere to a certain time
29 frame and certain deadlines and requirements; providing that a certain
30 agreement may be made contingent on certain conditions and shall include a
31 certain plan; relieving the State and the County of their respective obligations
32 under certain circumstances; requiring the Authority to develop certain plans;
33 requiring the Authority to submit certain information to certain persons under
34 certain circumstances; providing that a certain health care entity shall be
35 recognized as a merged asset system under certain provisions of law; providing
36 for the transfer of certain property to a new owner of a certain health care
37 system under certain circumstances; providing for certain compensation to the
38 County for a certain acquisition under certain circumstances; authorizing the
39 Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual State budget bill for a
40 certain fiscal year for the support of a certain health care system; requiring the
41 Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual State budget bill for a
42 certain fiscal year for the support of a certain health care system under certain
43 circumstances; requiring Prince George's County to make certain appropriations
44 for the support of a certain health care system for certain fiscal years under
45 certain circumstances; stating the intent of the General Assembly regarding
46 certain State and County funding for the support of the Prince George's
47 Hospital Center and regarding the expenditure of funds appropriated to the

Authority for operating expenses; authorizing the transfer of certain funds from the Dedicated Purpose Account under certain circumstances; defining certain terms; requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Business and Economic Development to provide certain staffing and receive certain reimbursement; stating the intent of the General Assembly that State funding for certain purposes will not be affected by certain State support for the Prince George's County Hospital Authority; making this Act an emergency measure; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the establishment of the Prince George's County Hospital Authority.

10 BY adding to

11 Article – Health – General

12 Section 24–1601 through ~~24–1609~~ 24–1608 to be under the new subtitle

13 “Subtitle 16. Prince George’s County Hospital Authority”

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Health – General**

19 **SUBTITLE 16. PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.**

20 ~~**24–1601.**~~

21 ~~(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS~~
22 ~~INDICATED.~~

23 ~~(B) “AUTHORITY” MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY HOSPITAL~~
24 ~~AUTHORITY.~~

25 ~~(C) “BOARD” MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUTHORITY.~~

26 ~~(D) “COUNTY” MEANS PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY.~~

27 ~~(E) (1) “DIMENSIONS” MEANS DIMENSIONS HEALTH CORPORATION.~~

28 ~~(2) “DIMENSIONS” INCLUDES ANY SUCCESSOR, ASSIGNEE,~~
29 ~~SUBSIDIARY, OR AFFILIATE OF DIMENSIONS HEALTH CORPORATION THAT~~
30 ~~OPERATES OR PROVIDES SERVICES AT:~~

31 ~~(I) PRINCE GEORGE’S HOSPITAL CENTER;~~

32 ~~(II) LAUREL REGIONAL HOSPITAL;~~

1 ~~(III) BOWIE HEALTH CAMPUS;~~

2 ~~(IV) GLADYS SPELLMAN SPECIALTY HOSPITAL AND~~
3 ~~NURSING CENTER; OR~~

4 ~~(V) LARKIN CHASE NURSING AND REHABILITATION~~
5 ~~CENTER.~~

6 ~~(F) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL~~
7 ~~HYGIENE.~~

8 ~~24-1602.~~

9 ~~(A) THERE IS A BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC KNOWN AS THE PRINCE~~
10 ~~GEORGE'S COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.~~

11 ~~(B) THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY IS TO:~~

12 ~~(1) DEVELOP A LONG TERM STRATEGY FOR DELIVERING~~
13 ~~HOSPITAL SERVICES AND RELATED HEALTH CARE IN THE COUNTY; AND~~

14 ~~(2) PUT IN PLACE ORGANIZATIONAL AND OPERATING~~
15 ~~STRUCTURES THAT ARE:~~

16 ~~(I) SELF-SUSTAINING; AND~~

17 ~~(II) CONSISTENT WITH THE LONG TERM STRATEGY,~~
18 ~~CAPABLE OF:~~

19 ~~1. PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY,~~
20 ~~COMMUNITY ORIENTED HEALTH CARE TO ALL COUNTY RESIDENTS; AND~~

21 ~~2. MEETING THE SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM~~
22 ~~HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS.~~

23 ~~(C) THE AUTHORITY IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE AND A~~
24 ~~PUBLIC CORPORATION BY THAT NAME, STYLE, AND TITLE.~~

25 ~~(D) (1) THE EXERCISE BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE POWERS~~
26 ~~CONFERRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IS THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC~~
27 ~~FUNCTION.~~

28 ~~(2) THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE STATE OPEN~~
29 ~~MEETINGS LAW, TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~

1 ~~(3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE FOLLOWING~~
2 ~~PROVISIONS OF MARYLAND LAW:~~

3 ~~(I) THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE;~~

4 ~~(II) TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT~~
5 ~~ARTICLE;~~

6 ~~(III) DIVISION II OF THE STATE FINANCE AND~~
7 ~~PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND~~

8 ~~(IV) THE CLEARINGHOUSE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN~~
9 ~~§§ 5-310, 5-504, AND 5-505 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT~~
10 ~~ARTICLE.~~

11 ~~(4) THE EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE NOT STATE~~
12 ~~PERSONNEL AS DEFINED IN § 12-101 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~

13 ~~(E) TO FULFILL ITS MISSION AND NOTWITHSTANDING ANY~~
14 ~~CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS BETWEEN DIMENSIONS AND THE COUNTY, THE~~
15 ~~AUTHORITY MAY:~~

16 ~~(1) ACQUIRE RIGHTS TO OR OPERATE ANY HEALTH CARE~~
17 ~~FACILITIES AND LEASEHOLD RIGHTS HELD OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS;~~

18 ~~(2) SEEK, THROUGH A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS OR OTHERWISE,~~
19 ~~A NEW OWNER OR OPERATOR FOR ANY HEALTH CARE FACILITY OPERATED BY~~
20 ~~DIMENSIONS;~~

21 ~~(3) TRANSFER HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND LEASEHOLD~~
22 ~~RIGHTS HELD OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS TO ANOTHER HEALTH CARE~~
23 ~~ENTITY;~~

24 ~~(4) ENGAGE IN NEW HEALTH CARE ACTIVITIES CONSISTENT WITH~~
25 ~~THE AUTHORITY'S MISSION;~~

26 ~~(5) BUILD OR ACQUIRE NEW COMMUNITY-ORIENTED HEALTH~~
27 ~~CARE FACILITIES; AND~~

28 ~~(6) ISSUE REVENUE BONDS.~~

29 ~~(F) THE TITLE TO ANY LAND OR ASSETS OWNED BY THE COUNTY THAT~~
30 ~~ARE UNDER THE POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF DIMENSIONS, AS A RESULT OF~~

1 ~~ANY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY, SHALL AUTOMATICALLY TRANSFER~~
2 ~~TO:~~

3 ~~(1) THE AUTHORITY, ON THE ACQUISITION BY THE AUTHORITY~~
4 ~~OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND LEASEHOLD RIGHTS HELD OR OPERATED BY~~
5 ~~DIMENSIONS; OR~~

6 ~~(2) ANOTHER HEALTH CARE ENTITY, ON THE TRANSFER TO THE~~
7 ~~HEALTH CARE ENTITY OF HEALTH CARE FACILITIES AND LEASEHOLD RIGHTS~~
8 ~~HELD OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS.~~

9 ~~(G) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ALLOW THE SECRETARY ACCESS TO~~
10 ~~ALL RECORDS, NOTES, CONTRACTS, AND PLANS OF THE AUTHORITY.~~

11 ~~(2) THE COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY WITH ACCESS~~
12 ~~TO ALL BOOKS AND RECORDS IN THE COUNTY'S POSSESSION RELATING TO~~
13 ~~DIMENSIONS AND THE PROPERTY ON WHICH DIMENSIONS' HOSPITAL~~
14 ~~FACILITIES ARE LOCATED.~~

15 ~~(H) SIX MONTHS AFTER THE AUTHORITY IS ESTABLISHED AND~~
16 ~~ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT ON ITS~~
17 ~~PROGRESS IN FULFILLING ITS MISSION UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO THE~~
18 ~~GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT~~
19 ~~ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.~~

20 ~~24-1603.~~

21 ~~(A) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF~~
22 ~~DIRECTORS.~~

23 ~~(2) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF FIVE MEMBERS APPOINTED~~
24 ~~BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.~~

25 ~~(3) EACH MEMBER OF THE BOARD SHALL RESIDE IN THE~~
26 ~~COUNTY.~~

27 ~~(4) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE A MEMBER TO SERVE AS~~
28 ~~THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD.~~

29 ~~(B) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 3 YEARS.~~

30 ~~(2) THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED.~~

1 ~~(3) AT THE END OF A TERM, A MEMBER CONTINUES TO SERVE~~
2 ~~UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.~~

3 ~~(4) A MEMBER WHO IS APPOINTED AFTER A TERM HAS BEGUN~~
4 ~~SERVES ONLY FOR THE REST OF THE TERM AND UNTIL A SUCCESSOR IS~~
5 ~~APPOINTED AND QUALIFIES.~~

6 ~~(5) THE GOVERNOR MAY REMOVE A MEMBER FOR NEGLIGENCE OF~~
7 ~~DUTY, INCOMPETENCE, OR MISCONDUCT.~~

8 ~~(C) A MEMBER MAY NOT HAVE A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN:~~

9 ~~(1) DIMENSIONS;~~

10 ~~(2) ANY ENTITY AFFILIATED WITH DIMENSIONS; OR~~

11 ~~(3) ANY ENTITY WITH WHICH THE AUTHORITY DOES BUSINESS.~~

12 ~~(D) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A~~
13 ~~MEMBER OF THE BOARD BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES~~
14 ~~UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE~~
15 ~~STATE BUDGET.~~

16 ~~(E) THE BOARD SHALL BE THE GOVERNING BODY FOR ALL FACILITIES~~
17 ~~OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY.~~

18 ~~(F) THE BOARD SHALL APPROVE THE MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS FOR~~
19 ~~EACH FACILITY OWNED OR OPERATED BY THE AUTHORITY.~~

20 ~~(G) (1) AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL~~
21 ~~PERFORM THE OFFICER'S OR DIRECTOR'S DUTIES:~~

22 ~~(I) IN GOOD FAITH;~~

23 ~~(II) IN THE MANNER THE OFFICER OR DIRECTOR~~
24 ~~REASONABLY BELIEVES TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AUTHORITY;~~
25 ~~AND~~

26 ~~(III) WITH THE CARE AN ORDINARILY PRUDENT PERSON IN A~~
27 ~~LIKE POSITION WOULD USE UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.~~

28 ~~(2) AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR WHO PERFORMS THE OFFICER'S~~
29 ~~OR DIRECTOR'S DUTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD PROVIDED IN~~

1 ~~PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL NOT BE LIABLE PERSONALLY FOR~~
2 ~~ACTIONS TAKEN AS AN OFFICER OR DIRECTOR.~~

3 ~~(H) BOARD MEMBERS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF THE~~
4 ~~STATE ETHICS LAWS, TITLE 15, SUBTITLES 1 THROUGH 7 OF THE STATE~~
5 ~~GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.~~

6 ~~24-1604.~~

7 ~~(A) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH~~
8 ~~DIMENSIONS TO REACH DEFINITIVE AGREEMENTS REGARDING THE~~
9 ~~FOLLOWING:~~

10 ~~(1) ACQUIRING TITLE AND RIGHTS TO SOME OR ALL PROPERTY,~~
11 ~~LEASEHOLD RIGHTS, AND OPERATING RIGHTS HELD OR USED BY DIMENSIONS;~~
12 ~~AND~~

13 ~~(2) ASSUMING CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES HELD BY~~
14 ~~DIMENSIONS, INCLUDING BOND INDEBTEDNESS AND PENSION LIABILITY.~~

15 ~~(B) THE AUTHORITY MAY MAKE AN ACQUISITION OF THE TITLE AND~~
16 ~~RIGHTS OR AN ASSUMPTION OF THE OBLIGATIONS AND LIABILITIES DESCRIBED~~
17 ~~IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION CONTINGENT ON:~~

18 ~~(1) RECEIVING COMMITMENTS FOR SPECIFIC FINANCIAL AID AND~~
19 ~~ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING LONG TERM CAPITAL FINANCING OR OPERATING~~
20 ~~ASSISTANCE, FROM THE STATE OR COUNTY GOVERNMENT OR ELSEWHERE; OR~~

21 ~~(2) THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF AGREEMENTS TO~~
22 ~~TRANSFER TITLE AND CONTROL OVER FACILITIES OR OPERATIONS, IN WHOLE~~
23 ~~OR IN PART, TO ANOTHER ENTITY.~~

24 ~~(C) (1) THE AUTHORITY MAY OPERATE OR MANAGE ANY FACILITIES~~
25 ~~AND INTERESTS ACQUIRED UNTIL THE FACILITIES AND INTERESTS ARE~~
26 ~~TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER ENTITY.~~

27 ~~(2) CONSISTENT WITH ITS MISSION, WHILE THE AUTHORITY IS~~
28 ~~OPERATING OR MANAGING FACILITIES AND INTERESTS ACQUIRED, THE~~
29 ~~AUTHORITY MAY TAKE ANY LAWFUL AND NECESSARY ACTIONS, INCLUDING:~~

30 ~~(i) HIRING STAFF, CONTRACTORS, CONSULTANTS,~~
31 ~~ATTORNEYS, ACCOUNTANTS, AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS;~~

1 ~~(H) ENTERING INTO BUSINESS ARRANGEMENTS NECESSARY~~
2 ~~FOR THE EFFICIENT AND PROPER MANAGEMENT AND OPERATION OF THE~~
3 ~~HEALTH CARE FACILITIES;~~

4 ~~(III) ENTERING INTO JOINT VENTURES, PARTNERSHIPS, AND~~
5 ~~OTHER AGREEMENTS TO ENHANCE THE OPERATIONS MANAGED BY THE~~
6 ~~AUTHORITY OR ANY SUBSEQUENT OPERATOR; AND~~

7 ~~(IV) ENTERING INTO SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM~~
8 ~~ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MANAGEMENT OR SATISFACTION OF ANY~~
9 ~~INDEBTEDNESS OR THE FUNDING OF ANY LONG TERM LIABILITIES OWED BY~~
10 ~~DIMENSIONS RELATED TO THE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES IN THE COUNTY.~~

11 ~~24-1605.~~

12 ~~(A) CONSISTENT WITH ITS MISSION, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ACTIVELY~~
13 ~~APPROACH AND ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER ENTITIES PROVIDING~~
14 ~~HEALTH CARE SERVICES INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE STATE FOR THE SALE OR~~
15 ~~TRANSFER OF ANY OR ALL FACILITIES, RIGHTS, OR OPERATIONS THE~~
16 ~~AUTHORITY MAY HAVE ACQUIRED.~~

17 ~~(B) THE AUTHORITY MAY ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER~~
18 ~~ENTITIES, AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, ON A~~
19 ~~CONTINGENT BASIS AND BEFORE THE AUTHORITY ACQUIRES OWNERSHIP OR~~
20 ~~CONTROL OVER ANY FACILITIES.~~

21 ~~(C) THE AUTHORITY MAY CONSULT WITH, AND FINANCE OR REFINANCE~~
22 ~~THE AUTHORITY'S ACQUISITIONS AND PROJECTS THROUGH, THE MARYLAND~~
23 ~~HEALTH AND HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY, IF THE~~
24 ~~AUTHORITY IS ELIGIBLE TO DO SO UNDER ARTICLE 43C OF THE CODE.~~

25 ~~(D) ANY AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF FACILITIES,~~
26 ~~RIGHTS, OR OPERATIONS MAY BE MADE CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF~~
27 ~~SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS FROM THE STATE, THE COUNTY, OR A RELATED~~
28 ~~REGULATORY AGENCY.~~

29 ~~(E) AT LEAST 60 DAYS BEFORE THE AUTHORITY COMPLETES THE SALE~~
30 ~~OR TRANSFER OF ANY MATERIAL PART OF THE PROPERTY OR OPERATIONS OF~~
31 ~~DIMENSIONS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT INFORMATION ON THE TERMS OF~~
32 ~~THE SALE OR TRANSFER TO THE SECRETARY, THE STATE TREASURER, THE~~
33 ~~SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE~~
34 ~~COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE HEALTH~~
35 ~~AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND~~
36 ~~THE COUNTY COUNCIL.~~

~~(F) ANY HEALTH CARE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES THE TRANSFER OF THE FACILITIES AND LEASEHOLD RIGHTS HELD OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS SHALL BE RECOGNIZED UNDER MARYLAND HEALTH PLANNING LAW AS A MERGED ASSET SYSTEM UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS ARTICLE.~~

~~24-1606.~~

~~(A) (1) SUBJECT TO ANY LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, THE AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE ALL POWERS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT FOR THE OPERATION, MANAGEMENT, CONTROL, AND USE OF THE AUTHORITY'S ASSETS.~~

~~(2) THE ENUMERATION OF SPECIFIC POWERS IN THIS SUBTITLE IS NOT INTENDED TO RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY'S POWER TO TAKE ANY LAWFUL ACTION THAT THE AUTHORITY DETERMINES IS NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO FURTHER ITS MISSION.~~

~~(B) IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE AUTHORITY MAY:~~

~~(1) ADOPT AND ALTER AN OFFICIAL SEAL;~~

~~(2) SUE AND BE SUED, PLEAD AND BE IMPEADED;~~

~~(3) ADOPT BYLAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~

~~(4) MAINTAIN AN OFFICE AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED BY THE AUTHORITY;~~

~~(5) EMPLOY OR RETAIN ANY PERSONNEL THAT THE AUTHORITY DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY AND FIX THEIR COMPENSATION;~~

~~(6) ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO MANAGE ITS OWN AFFAIRS;~~

~~(7) ACQUIRE PROPERTY AND RIGHTS, INCLUDING, SUBJECT TO APPLICABLE LAW AND REGULATION, THE RIGHT TO CONSTRUCT, LEASE, OR OPERATE ADDITIONAL FACILITIES AS MAY BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE TO THE FULFILLMENT OF THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY;~~

~~(8) APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE FUNDING FROM STATE, LOCAL, AND NATIONAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES;~~

1 ~~(9) APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE GRANTS, CONTRACTS, OR OTHER~~
2 ~~FUNDING; AND~~

3 ~~(10) ENTER INTO SHORT TERM AND LONG TERM FINANCIAL~~
4 ~~ARRANGEMENTS, INCLUDING ISSUANCE OF DEBT AS PROVIDED IN § 24-1607 OF~~
5 ~~THIS SUBTITLE, AS NECESSARY TO FULFILL THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY.~~
6 ~~24-1607.~~

7 ~~(A) THE AUTHORITY MAY ISSUE REVENUE BONDS, IN ACCORDANCE~~
8 ~~WITH TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT~~
9 ~~ARTICLE, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FULFILLING THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY.~~

10 ~~(B) REVENUE BONDS SHALL BE AUTHORIZED BY A RESOLUTION OF THE~~
11 ~~AUTHORITY AND MAY BE ISSUED AS FIXED OR VARIABLE RATE BONDS.~~

12 ~~(C) THE RESOLUTION OF THE AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE REVENUE~~
13 ~~BONDS:~~

14 ~~(1) SHALL APPROVE THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE~~
15 ~~BONDS;~~

16 ~~(2) SHALL DESCRIBE THE PROJECTS WHICH ARE TO BE~~
17 ~~FINANCED OR REFINANCED BY THE BONDS;~~

18 ~~(3) SHALL DESCRIBE THE SOURCES OF PAYMENT OF THE BONDS;~~

19 ~~(4) MAY PROVIDE THAT THE BONDS MAY BE SUBJECT TO EARLY~~
20 ~~REDEMPTION AS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY; AND~~

21 ~~(5) SHALL PROVIDE THAT THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS SHALL~~
22 ~~BE INVESTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 6-222 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND~~
23 ~~PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.~~

24 ~~(D) AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MARYLAND HEALTH AND~~
25 ~~HIGHER EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES AUTHORITY, THE REVENUE BONDS SHALL~~
26 ~~BE SOLD IN THE MANNER AND ON THE TERMS DETERMINED BY THE AUTHORITY~~
27 ~~AND, NOTWITHSTANDING § 8-206(B) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND~~
28 ~~PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, MAY BE SOLD AT A PRIVATE OR NEGOTIATED SALE.~~

29 ~~(E) REVENUE BONDS MAY BE ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS~~
30 ~~SUBTITLE;~~

1 ~~(1) WITHOUT OBTAINING THE CONSENT OF ANY DEPARTMENT,~~
2 ~~DIVISION, COMMISSION, BOARD, BUREAU, OR AGENCY OF THE STATE; OR~~

3 ~~(2) WITHOUT ANY OTHER PROCEEDINGS OR THE OCCURRENCE~~
4 ~~OF ANY OTHER CONDITIONS OTHER THAN THOSE PROCEEDINGS OR CONDITIONS~~
5 ~~THAT ARE REQUIRED SPECIFICALLY BY PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

6 ~~(F) (1) EACH REVENUE BOND ISSUED BY THE AUTHORITY UNDER~~
7 ~~THIS SUBTITLE SHALL STATE PLAINLY ON ITS FACE THAT THE BOND:~~

8 ~~(I) WAS ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS~~
9 ~~SUBTITLE;~~

10 ~~(II) DOES NOT CREATE OR CONSTITUTE ANY INDEBTEDNESS~~
11 ~~OR OBLIGATION OF THE STATE OR OF ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE~~
12 ~~STATE; AND~~

13 ~~(III) DOES NOT PLEDGE THE FAITH OR CREDIT OF THE~~
14 ~~STATE OR ANY PUBLIC BODY WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE III, § 34 OF~~
15 ~~THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.~~

16 ~~(2) THE REVENUE BONDS ISSUED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE DO NOT~~
17 ~~CONSTITUTE A DEBT OR OBLIGATION CONTRACTED BY THE STATE OR A PLEDGE~~
18 ~~OF THE FAITH OR CREDIT OF THE STATE OR ANY PUBLIC BODY WITHIN THE~~
19 ~~MEANING OF ARTICLE III, § 34 OF THE MARYLAND CONSTITUTION.~~

20 ~~(3) NEITHER THE REVENUE BONDS NOR THE INTEREST ON THE~~
21 ~~BONDS SHALL EVER:~~

22 ~~(I) CONSTITUTE AN INDEBTEDNESS OR A CHARGE AGAINST~~
23 ~~THE GENERAL CREDIT OR TAXING POWERS OF ANY PUBLIC BODY WITHIN THE~~
24 ~~MEANING OF ANY CONSTITUTIONAL OR CHARTER PROVISION OR STATUTORY~~
25 ~~LIMITATION; OR~~

26 ~~(II) CONSTITUTE OR GIVE RISE TO ANY PECUNIARY~~
27 ~~LIABILITY OF ANY ISSUING PUBLIC BODY.~~

28 ~~(G) THE REVENUE BONDS SHALL BE PAYABLE FROM AND SECURED~~
29 ~~SOLELY BY:~~

30 ~~(1) ALL OR ANY PART OF THE FEES OR REVENUES GENERATED BY~~
31 ~~AN ACTIVITY OF THE AUTHORITY TO THE EXTENT LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR~~
32 ~~THAT PURPOSE;~~

1 ~~(2) COUNTY GRANTS TO THE AUTHORITY;~~

2 ~~(3) THE PROCEEDS OF THE BONDS AND INVESTMENT EARNINGS~~
3 ~~ON THE BONDS;~~

4 ~~(4) ANY OTHER GRANT OR GIFT RECEIVED BY THE AUTHORITY TO~~
5 ~~THE EXTENT LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE;~~

6 ~~(5) RESERVES OR OTHER FUNDS ESTABLISHED FOR THE BONDS~~
7 ~~UNDER THE RESOLUTION OR TRUST AGREEMENT;~~

8 ~~(6) ANY MONEYS THAT MAY LAWFULLY BE APPLIED TO THE~~
9 ~~PAYMENT OF THE BONDS, INCLUDING ANY APPROPRIATION BY THE STATE OR~~
10 ~~THE COUNTY MADE LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE; OR~~

11 ~~(7) ANY SOURCE OF FUNDS TO WHICH THE AUTHORITY HAS~~
12 ~~ACCESS TO THE EXTENT LAWFULLY AVAILABLE FOR THAT PURPOSE.~~

13 ~~(H) ALL REVENUE BONDS ISSUED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS~~
14 ~~SUBTITLE SHALL HAVE ALL THE QUALITIES AND INCIDENTS OF NEGOTIABLE~~
15 ~~INSTRUMENTS UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE RELATING TO NEGOTIABLE~~
16 ~~INSTRUMENTS.~~

17 ~~24-1608.~~

18 ~~(A) THE COUNTY SHALL PAY AS A GRANT TO THE AUTHORITY:~~

19 ~~(1) ON OR BEFORE MAY 1, 2008, THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED~~
20 ~~FOR DIMENSIONS IN THE COUNTY'S FISCAL YEAR 2008 BUDGET; AND~~

21 ~~(2) IN EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2009 THROUGH 2015, \$17,000,000.~~

22 ~~(B) THE AUTHORITY MAY USE THE AMOUNTS PAID BY THE COUNTY FOR:~~

23 ~~(1) THE OPERATION OF THE AUTHORITY;~~

24 ~~(2) CAPITAL INVESTMENT;~~

25 ~~(3) SECURITY FOR REVENUE BONDS; OR~~

26 ~~(4) ANY OTHER PURPOSE CONSISTENT WITH THE MISSION OF THE~~
27 ~~AUTHORITY.~~

1 ~~(C) (1) IF THE COUNTY FAILS TO PAY THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED~~
2 ~~UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE, ACTING THROUGH THE~~
3 ~~COMPTROLLER OR OTHERWISE, SHALL IMMEDIATELY REDIRECT TO THE~~
4 ~~AUTHORITY STATE FUNDS OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE PAID TO THE COUNTY~~
5 ~~IN THE AMOUNT OF THE DELINQUENT PAYMENT.~~

6 ~~(2) NOTWITHSTANDING § 2-608 OF THE TAX — GENERAL~~
7 ~~ARTICLE OR ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE REDIRECTION OF FUNDS~~
8 ~~FROM THE COUNTY TO THE AUTHORITY AUTHORIZED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION~~
9 ~~MAY BE EFFECTED BY REDUCING ANY LOCAL AID OR GRANT FUNDS OTHERWISE~~
10 ~~PAYABLE TO THE COUNTY OR BY WITHHOLDING FROM THE COUNTY ANY INCOME~~
11 ~~TAX REVENUE OTHERWISE REQUIRED TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE COUNTY~~
12 ~~UNDER § 2-608 OF THE TAX — GENERAL ARTICLE AND PAYING OVER DIRECTLY~~
13 ~~TO THE AUTHORITY THE FUNDS OR REVENUE SO REDUCED OR WITHHELD.~~

14 ~~24-1609.~~

15 ~~(A) FOR EACH OF THE FISCAL YEARS 2010 THROUGH 2014, THE~~
16 ~~GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL SUBMITTED TO THE~~
17 ~~GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$10,000,000 FOR THE~~
18 ~~OPERATING COSTS OF THE AUTHORITY.~~

19 ~~(B) FOR EACH OF THE FISCAL YEARS 2010 THROUGH 2015, THE~~
20 ~~GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET AT LEAST~~
21 ~~\$13,000,000 FOR THE CAPITAL COSTS OF THE AUTHORITY.~~

22 ~~(C) IF THE AUTHORITY SELECTS A NEW OWNER OR OPERATOR FOR~~
23 ~~HEALTH CARE FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS, THE~~
24 ~~AUTHORITY SHALL TRANSFER TO THAT OWNER OR OPERATOR FUNDS RECEIVED~~
25 ~~FROM THE STATE OR COUNTY AS THE AUTHORITY CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE.~~

26 ~~(D) IF THE AUTHORITY SELECTS A NEW OWNER OR OPERATOR OF THE~~
27 ~~FACILITIES PREVIOUSLY OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS AND THAT OWNER OR~~
28 ~~OPERATOR'S CONTRACT TO OPERATE THE FACILITIES REQUIRES LESS~~
29 ~~FINANCIAL SUPPORT THAN THAT SPECIFIED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE, THE~~
30 ~~AUTHORITY SHALL REFUND ANY EXCESS TO THE STATE AND COUNTY, PRO RATA~~
31 ~~ACCORDING TO THEIR RESPECTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.~~

32 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the initial~~
33 ~~members of the Board of the Prince George's County Hospital Authority, established~~
34 ~~under Section 1 of this Act, shall expire as follows:~~

35 ~~(1) one member in 2009;~~

1 ~~(2)~~ ~~two members in 2010; and~~

2 ~~(3)~~ ~~two members in 2011.~~

3 **24-1601.**

4 **(A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
5 **INDICATED.**

6 **(B) "AUTHORITY" MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HOSPITAL**
7 **AUTHORITY.**

8 ~~(C) "BOARD" MEANS THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE AUTHORITY.~~

9 ~~(D)~~ **(C) "COUNTY" MEANS PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND.**

10 ~~(E)~~ **(D) "COUNTY COUNCIL" MEANS THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**
11 **COUNCIL.**

12 ~~(F)~~ **(E) "COUNTY EXECUTIVE" MEANS THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF**
13 **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY.**

14 ~~(G)~~ **(F) (1) "DIMENSIONS" MEANS DIMENSIONS HEALTH**
15 **CORPORATION.**

16 **(2) "DIMENSIONS" INCLUDES ANY SUCCESSOR, ASSIGNEE,**
17 **SUBSIDIARY, OR AFFILIATE OF DIMENSIONS HEALTH CORPORATION, OR ANY**
18 **HOLDER OF A FINANCIAL INTEREST IN DIMENSIONS HEALTH CORPORATION,**
19 **THAT OPERATES OR PROVIDES SERVICES AT:**

20 **(I) PRINCE GEORGE'S HOSPITAL CENTER;**

21 **(II) LAUREL REGIONAL HOSPITAL;**

22 **(III) BOWIE HEALTH CAMPUS;**

23 **(IV) GLADYS SPELLMAN SPECIALTY HOSPITAL AND**
24 **NURSING CENTER; OR**

25 **(V) LARKIN CHASE NURSING AND REHABILITATION**
26 **CENTER.**

27 ~~(H)~~ **(G) "PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM" MEANS**
28 **THE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, ASSETS, LEASEHOLD RIGHTS, LIABILITIES, AND**

1 OPERATIONS CURRENTLY HELD, CONDUCTED, OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS
2 AT:

3 (I) PRINCE GEORGE'S HOSPITAL CENTER;

4 (II) LAUREL REGIONAL HOSPITAL;

5 (III) BOWIE HEALTH CAMPUS;

6 (IV) GLADYS SPELLMAN SPECIALTY HOSPITAL AND
7 NURSING CENTER; OR

8 (V) LARKIN CHASE NURSING AND REHABILITATION
9 CENTER.

10 ~~(H)~~ (H) "SECRETARY" MEANS THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND
11 MENTAL HYGIENE.

12 24-1602.

13 (A) THERE IS A BODY CORPORATE AND POLITIC KNOWN AS THE PRINCE
14 GEORGE'S COUNTY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY.

15 (B) THE MISSION OF THE AUTHORITY IS TO ESTABLISH AND
16 IMPLEMENT AN OPEN, TRANSPARENT, AND COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS
17 FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRANSFERRING THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH
18 CARE SYSTEM TO ONE OR MORE NEW OWNERS.

19 (C) THE NEW OWNER OR OWNERS SELECTED THROUGH THE
20 COMPETITIVE BIDDING PROCESS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL:

21 (1) PROVIDE ACCESS TO, IMPROVE, AND DELIVER HIGH QUALITY,
22 COMMUNITY-ORIENTED HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES IN THE COUNTY
23 THAT MEET THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY AND
24 SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH PRINCIPLES OF
25 STATE HEALTH PLANNING LAW UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS ARTICLE;
26 AND

27 (2) BE A FINANCIALLY SELF-SUSTAINING ENTITY OR ENTITIES
28 CAPABLE OF:

29 (I) OPERATING AND ACHIEVING THE GOALS SET FORTH IN
30 ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION INDEPENDENTLY OF THE STATE AND THE
31 COUNTY;

1 **(II) DEVELOPING A PLAN TO SATISFY ANY LIABILITIES,**
2 **INCLUDING LONG-TERM BOND INDEBTEDNESS, PENSION OBLIGATIONS,**
3 **MALPRACTICE LIABILITIES, AND ANY ENCUMBRANCES PLACED BY DIMENSIONS**
4 **ARISING FROM THE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, ASSETS, LEASEHOLD RIGHTS,**
5 **LIABILITIES, OR OPERATIONS HELD OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS;**

6 **(III) COVERING THE OPERATING AND CAPITAL EXPENSES**
7 **ARISING FROM THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM; AND**

8 **(IV) ACHIEVING ACCESS TO LONG-TERM CAPITAL**
9 **RESOURCES.**

10 **(D) THE AUTHORITY IS AN INSTRUMENTALITY OF THE STATE AND A**
11 **PUBLIC CORPORATION BY THAT NAME, STYLE, AND TITLE.**

12 **(E) (1) THE EXERCISE BY THE AUTHORITY OF THE POWERS**
13 **CONFERRED BY THIS SUBTITLE IS THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ESSENTIAL PUBLIC**
14 **FUNCTION.**

15 **(2) THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE SUBJECT TO:**

16 **(I) THE STATE OPEN MEETINGS LAW, TITLE 10, SUBTITLE**
17 **5 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; AND**

18 **(II) THE STATE TORT CLAIMS ACT, TITLE 12, SUBTITLE 1**
19 **OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

20 **(3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THE FOLLOWING**
21 **PROVISIONS OF STATE LAW:**

22 **(I) THE STATE PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE;**

23 **(II) TITLE 10, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
24 **ARTICLE;**

25 **(III) DIVISION II OF THE STATE FINANCE AND**
26 **PROCUREMENT ARTICLE; AND**

27 **(IV) THE CLEARINGHOUSE PROVISIONS SET FORTH IN**
28 **§§ 5-310, 5-504, AND 5-505 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT**
29 **ARTICLE.**

1 **(4) THE EMPLOYEES OF THE AUTHORITY ARE NOT STATE**
2 **PERSONNEL AS DEFINED IN § 12-101 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

3 **(5) THE AUTHORITY SHALL PUBLISH ALL NOTICES REQUIRED TO**
4 **BE PUBLISHED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE IN NEWSPAPERS OF RECORD IN THE**
5 **COUNTY AS PROVIDED BY SECTION 1008 OF THE COUNTY CHARTER.**

6 **(F) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ALLOW THE SECRETARY AND THE**
7 **COUNTY ACCESS TO ALL RECORDS, NOTES, CONTRACTS, AND PLANS OF THE**
8 **AUTHORITY WHICH ARE NOT PROPRIETARY OR CONFIDENTIAL.**

9 **(2) THE COUNTY AND DIMENSIONS SHALL PROVIDE THE**
10 **AUTHORITY, REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE STATE AND COUNTY**
11 **PARTICIPATING IN THE NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE PUBLIC**
12 **FUNDING COMMITMENTS UNDER § 24-1604 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND ALL**
13 **ENTITIES PARTICIPATING IN THE BIDDING PROCESS SET FORTH IN § 24-1605 OF**
14 **THIS SUBTITLE, TIMELY AND COMPLETE ACCESS TO ALL BOOKS AND RECORDS**
15 **IN THE COUNTY'S POSSESSION OR CONTROL RELATING TO:**

16 **(I) DIMENSIONS;**

17 **(II) THE HEALTH CARE SERVICES PROVIDED BY**
18 **DIMENSIONS;**

19 **(III) THE FACILITIES HELD OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS;**

20 **(IV) THE PROPERTY OR ASSETS UNDER THE POSSESSION OR**
21 **CONTROL OF DIMENSIONS UNDER A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY;**
22 **AND**

23 **(V) ALL LIABILITIES ARISING FROM THESE SERVICES,**
24 **OPERATIONS, FACILITIES, ASSETS, AND PROPERTY.**

25 **(G) (1) ON RELEASE OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO BE ISSUED**
26 **IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 24-1605 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE AUTHORITY**
27 **IMMEDIATELY SHALL SUBMIT A COPY OF THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO THE**
28 **GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY, THE STATE TREASURER, THE COUNTY**
29 **EXECUTIVE, THE COUNTY COUNCIL, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF**
30 **THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE**
31 **SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION**
32 **COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE**
33 **APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT**
34 **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE.**

1 **(2) EVERY 3 MONTHS AFTER THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS IS**
 2 **ISSUED, THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A STATUS REPORT ON ITS ABILITY TO**
 3 **FULFILL ITS MISSION WITHIN THE TIMEFRAMES AND DEADLINES REQUIRED**
 4 **UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY, THE PRINCE**
 5 **GEORGE'S COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL**
 6 **AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE,**
 7 **THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF**
 8 **DELEGATES, THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE**
 9 **FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE**
 10 **HOUSE HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE.**

11 **24-1603.**

12 **(A) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL BE GOVERNED BY A BOARD OF**
 13 **DIRECTORS.**

14 **(2) THE BOARD SHALL CONSIST OF SEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED**
 15 **AS FOLLOWS:**

16 **(I) THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE**
 17 **GOVERNOR;**

18 **(II) THREE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED JOINTLY BY**
 19 **THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL; AND**

20 **(III) ONE MEMBER SHALL BE APPOINTED JOINTLY BY THE**
 21 **PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES.**

22 **(3) (2) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE A MEMBER TO**
 23 **SERVE AS THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD AUTHORITY.**

24 **(4) (3) (I) THE GOVERNOR, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE**
 25 **COUNTY COUNCIL, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, AND THE SPEAKER OF**
 26 **THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES SHALL APPOINT THEIR RESPECTIVE MEMBERS OF**
 27 **THE BOARD AUTHORITY NO LATER THAN 30 DAYS AFTER THE AUTHORITY IS**
 28 **ESTABLISHED.**

29 **(II) THE BOARD AUTHORITY SHALL BEGIN ITS WORK**
 30 **IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE EARLIER OF:**

31 **1. ALL MEMBERS BEING APPOINTED; OR**

32 **2. 30 DAYS AFTER THE AUTHORITY IS ESTABLISHED.**

1 **(B) (1) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 2 YEARS.**

2 **(2) A MEMBER MAY BE REMOVED FOR NEGLIGENCE OF DUTY,**
3 **INCOMPETENCE, OR MISCONDUCT BY:**

4 **(I) THE GOVERNOR, IF THE MEMBER WAS APPOINTED BY**
5 **THE GOVERNOR;**

6 **(II) THE JOINT ACTION OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AND**
7 **COUNTY COUNCIL, IF THE MEMBER WAS APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY**
8 **EXECUTIVE AND COUNTY COUNCIL; AND**

9 **(III) THE JOINT ACTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE**
10 **AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, IF THE MEMBER WAS**
11 **APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT AND SPEAKER.**

12 **(3) A MEMBER MAY NOT:**

13 **(I) BE A CURRENT OR FORMER ELECTED OFFICIAL OF**
14 **STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT; OR**

15 **(II) HAVE A CURRENT OR PAST FINANCIAL INTEREST IN, OR**
16 **OTHER AFFILIATION AS AN EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF**
17 **DIRECTORS OF, DIMENSIONS OR ANY ENTITY AFFILIATED WITH DIMENSIONS;**

18 **(III) HAVE A CURRENT OR PAST FINANCIAL INTEREST IN OR**
19 **OTHER CONFLICT OF INTEREST WITH A POTENTIAL BIDDER;**

20 **(IV) BE A LOBBYIST LICENSED BY THE STATE ETHICS**
21 **COMMISSION;**

22 **(V) BE A CHAIR OR TREASURER OF A POLITICAL COMMITTEE**
23 **REGISTERED WITH THE STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OR THE FEDERAL**
24 **ELECTIONS COMMISSION; OR**

25 **(VI) BE A MEMBER OF A POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL**
26 **COMMITTEE.**

27 **~~(C) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS~~**
28 **~~SUBSECTION, A MAJORITY OF THE FULL AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE~~**
29 **~~BOARD SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.~~**

30 **~~(2) IF, AFTER 30 DAYS AFTER THE AUTHORITY IS ESTABLISHED~~**
31 **~~NOT ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE BEEN APPOINTED, A MAJORITY OF THE~~**

1 ~~MEMBERS WHO HAVE BEEN APPOINTED SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM UNTIL~~
2 ~~ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE BEEN APPOINTED.~~

3 (C) A MAJORITY OF THE FULL AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF THE
4 BOARD SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 3 OF ROBERT'S
5 RULES OF ORDER, 10TH EDITION.

6 (D) HAVING BEEN GIVEN PRIOR NOTICE OF THE MATTER, THE BOARD
7 AUTHORITY MAY ACT ON ANY MATTER WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF A QUORUM
8 BEING PRESENT AND VOTING.

9 (E) A MEMBER OF THE BOARD AUTHORITY IS ENTITLED TO
10 REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL
11 REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

12 (F) (1) A MEMBER OF THE AUTHORITY SHALL PERFORM THE
13 MEMBER'S DUTIES:

14 (I) IN GOOD FAITH;

15 (II) IN THE MANNER THE MEMBER REASONABLY BELIEVES
16 TO BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE AUTHORITY; AND

17 (III) WITHOUT INTENTIONAL OR RECKLESS DISREGARD OF
18 THE CARE AN ORDINARILY PRUDENT PERSON IN A LIKE POSITION WOULD USE
19 UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES.

20 (2) A MEMBER WHO PERFORMS THE MEMBER'S DUTIES IN
21 ACCORDANCE WITH THE STANDARD PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
22 SUBSECTION IS NOT LIABLE PERSONALLY FOR ACTIONS TAKEN AS A MEMBER.

23 (G) BOARD AUTHORITY MEMBERS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO THE
24 PROVISIONS OF THE STATE ETHICS LAWS, TITLE 15, SUBTITLES 1 THROUGH 7
25 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

26 24-1604.

27 (A) WITHIN 10 DAYS AFTER THE AUTHORITY IS ESTABLISHED, THE
28 GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE, AND THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
29 AND COUNTY COUNCIL JOINTLY SHALL APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE, TO
30 CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS TO REACH AGREEMENT ON THE FUNDING THE STATE
31 AND THE COUNTY WILL COMMIT FOR SUPPORT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S
32 COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN THE EVENT THAT THE BIDDING PROCESS
33 ESTABLISHED UNDER § 24-1605 OF THIS SUBTITLE RESULTS IN AN AGREEMENT

1 TO TRANSFER THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO A NEW
2 OWNER OR OWNERS.

3 (B) WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE AUTHORITY IS ESTABLISHED, THE
4 GOVERNOR, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL, WITH
5 INPUT FROM THE PRESIDING OFFICERS AND FISCAL LEADERSHIP OF THE
6 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, SHALL REACH AGREEMENT ON THE FUNDING THE STATE
7 AND THE COUNTY WILL COMMIT FOR SUPPORT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S
8 COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IF THE BIDDING PROCESS ESTABLISHED UNDER
9 § 24-1605 OF THIS SUBTITLE RESULTS IN AN AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER THE
10 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO A NEW OWNER OR
11 OWNERS.

12 (C) THE AGREEMENT ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS
13 SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

14 (1) THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF FUNDING;

15 (2) THE PERIOD OF YEARS OVER WHICH THE AGGREGATE
16 AMOUNT OF FUNDING SHALL BE PROVIDED, AND THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING TO
17 BE PROVIDED EACH YEAR; AND

18 (3) THE PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL FINANCIAL COMMITMENT
19 FOR WHICH THE STATE AND THE COUNTY WILL EACH BE RESPONSIBLE.

20 (D) IF, AT THE END OF THE 60 DAYS, THE GOVERNOR, THE COUNTY
21 EXECUTIVE, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL HAVE FAILED TO REACH AGREEMENT
22 BUT BELIEVE THAT AN EXTENSION OF TIME WOULD ENABLE THEM TO REACH
23 THE AGREEMENT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE
24 GOVERNOR, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

25 (1) MAY EXTEND THEIR NEGOTIATIONS FOR UP TO BUT NOT MORE
26 THAN 30 ADDITIONAL DAYS; AND

27 (2) SHALL NOTIFY THE AUTHORITY AND THE PRESIDING
28 OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE EXTENSION OF TIME.

29 ~~(D)~~ (E) (1) IF THE AGREEMENT FOR TRANSFER TO THE NEW
30 OWNER OR OWNERS SELECTED THROUGH THE BIDDING PROCESS ESTABLISHED
31 UNDER § 24-1605 OF THIS SUBTITLE REQUIRES LESS FINANCIAL SUPPORT
32 FROM THE STATE AND THE COUNTY THAN THAT AGREED UPON UNDER
33 SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE STATE AND THE COUNTY'S
34 FUNDING OBLIGATIONS SHALL BE REDUCED ON A PRO RATA BASIS.

1 **(2) IF, WITHIN 60 DAYS AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE**
2 **AUTHORITY, OR WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE**
3 **AUTHORITY IF THE PARTIES USE THE ADDITIONAL TIME AS SET FORTH IN**
4 **SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE GOVERNOR, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE,**
5 **AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH**
6 **SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE NEXT QUARTERLY PAYMENT,**
7 **AND ANY SUBSEQUENT PAYMENTS, DUE TO DIMENSIONS FROM THE STATE AND**
8 **THE COUNTY UNDER § 24-1608 OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE WITHHELD.**

9 **(3) IF THE GOVERNOR, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, AND THE**
10 **COUNTY COUNCIL FAIL TO REACH AGREEMENT WITHIN 60 OR 90 DAYS IN**
11 **ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTIONS ~~(B) AND (C)~~ (B), (C), AND (D) OF THIS**
12 **SECTION, ALL OTHER OBLIGATIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL BE NULL AND**
13 **VOID.**

14 **24-1605.**

15 **(A) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN ~~§ 24-1604(D)(3)~~ §**
16 **24-1604(E)(3) OF THIS SUBTITLE, WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER ITS ESTABLISHMENT,**
17 **THE AUTHORITY SHALL DEVELOP AND ISSUE A REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM**
18 **ENTITIES PROVIDING HEALTH CARE SERVICES INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE STATE**
19 **FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE**
20 **SYSTEM:**

21 **(1) IF THE AGREEMENT REQUIRED UNDER § 24-1604(B) OF THIS**
22 **SUBTITLE IS REACHED WITHIN 60 DAYS, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ISSUE THE**
23 **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WITHIN 90 DAYS AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE**
24 **AUTHORITY; AND**

25 **(2) IF THE AGREEMENT REQUIRED UNDER § 24-1604(B) OF THIS**
26 **SUBTITLE IS REACHED WITHIN 90 DAYS AS SET FORTH IN § 24-1604(D) OF THIS**
27 **SUBTITLE, THE AUTHORITY SHALL ISSUE THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS WITHIN**
28 **120 DAYS AFTER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE AUTHORITY.**

29 **(B) (1) THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL REQUIRE THAT**
30 **BIDDERS SUBMIT A PROPOSAL THAT DOES NOT REQUEST OR ASSUME PUBLIC**
31 **FUNDING IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT OF THE STATE AND THE COUNTY'S**
32 **FUNDING COMMITMENTS AGREED UPON UNDER § 24-1604 OF THIS SUBTITLE**
33 **AND SET FORTH IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS; AND**

34 **(2) RESPONSIVE BIDS MAY PROPOSE FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND**
35 **RESOURCES IN EXCESS OF THE PUBLIC FUNDING COMMITMENT, BUT ANY SUCH**
36 **ADDITIONAL SUPPORT SHALL BE PROVIDED BY SOURCES OTHER THAN THE**
37 **STATE AND THE COUNTY.**

1 **(C) THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SHALL ALLOW THE AUTHORITY TO**
2 **ASSESS AND GIVE CONSIDERATION TO A BIDDER'S PLAN AND ABILITY TO:**

3 **(1) MEET THE GOALS SET FORTH IN § 24-1602(C) OF THIS**
4 **SUBTITLE FOR ESTABLISHING A FINANCIALLY SELF-SUSTAINING HEALTH CARE**
5 **SYSTEM WHICH SHALL PROVIDE HIGH QUALITY, COMMUNITY-ORIENTED**
6 **HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS OF THE**
7 **COUNTY AND SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS;**

8 **(2) MEET THE GOALS WITHOUT REQUIRING ANY STATE OR**
9 **COUNTY FUNDING IN EXCESS OF THE AMOUNT AGREED UPON UNDER § 24-1604**
10 **OF THIS SUBTITLE AND PROVIDED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS, WITH ANY**
11 **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE BIDDER**
12 **OR SOURCES OTHER THAN THE STATE OR THE COUNTY;**

13 **(3) SUPPLEMENT THE PUBLIC FUNDING STREAM WITH ITS OWN**
14 **OR OTHER FINANCIAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES;**

15 **(4) DEVELOP A PLAN FOR SATISFACTION OF THE OBLIGATIONS**
16 **AND LIABILITIES HELD BY DIMENSIONS, INCLUDING BOND INDEBTEDNESS,**
17 **PENSION LIABILITY, MALPRACTICE LIABILITY, AND ANY REMAINING**
18 **ENCUMBRANCES PLACED ON THE REAL PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND FACILITIES BY**
19 **DIMENSIONS;**

20 **(5) ADDRESS THE CHRONIC PROBLEMS OF ATTRACTING AND**
21 **RETAINING QUALIFIED MEDICAL PERSONNEL TO SERVE THE HEALTH CARE**
22 **NEEDS OF RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY AND SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS;**
23 **AND**

24 **(6) DEVELOP A PLAN FOR USE OF ALL OF THE REAL PROPERTY,**
25 **ASSETS, AND FACILITIES CURRENTLY HELD OR OPERATED BY DIMENSIONS**
26 **THAT SHALL SPECIFY:**

27 **~~(I) THE PORTION OR PORTIONS OF THE REAL PROPERTY,~~**
28 **~~ASSETS, AND FACILITIES TO BE ACQUIRED OR TRANSFERRED UNDER THE~~**
29 **~~PROPOSAL;~~**

30 **(I) THE PORTION OR PORTIONS OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO**
31 **BE TRANSFERRED UNDER THE PROPOSAL;**

32 **(II) THE SPECIFIC PURPOSES FOR WHICH EACH PORTION**
33 **OF THE REAL PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND FACILITIES ACQUIRED OR TRANSFERRED**
34 **WILL BE USED; AND**

1 (III) THE PROJECTED TIMELINE FOR THE USE AND
2 DEVELOPMENT OF EACH PORTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND
3 FACILITIES TO BE ~~ACQUIRED OR~~ TRANSFERRED.

4 (D) THE ~~BOARD~~ AUTHORITY SHALL SELECT A BIDDER FROM AMONG
5 THE ENTITIES SUBMITTING A PROPOSAL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ITS BY-LAWS
6 ADOPTED UNDER § 24-1607 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

7 (E) ANY AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE PRINCE
8 GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM:

9 (1) MAY BE MADE CONTINGENT ON:

10 (I) THE RECEIPT OF SPECIFIC FUNDING COMMITMENTS
11 FROM THE STATE AND THE COUNTY;

12 (II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 24-1606 OF THIS SUBTITLE,
13 THE TRANSFER OF CLEAR LEGAL TITLE TO ALL REAL PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND
14 FACILITIES TO BE ~~ACQUIRED BY OR~~ TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW OWNER OR
15 OWNERS UNDER THE AGREEMENT; AND

16 ~~(III) ZONING OF THE REAL PROPERTY TO BE ACQUIRED BY~~
17 ~~OR TRANSFERRED TO THE NEW OWNER OR OWNERS TO PERMIT DEVELOPMENT~~
18 ~~CONSISTENT WITH THE SURROUNDING AREA AND NOT REZONED TO LIMIT OR~~
19 ~~REDUCE THE VALUE OR DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE REAL PROPERTY;~~

20 (III) THE DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL OF THE REAL
21 PROPERTY REMAINING CONSISTENT WITH THE SURROUNDING AREAS AS
22 NECESSARY TO IMPLEMENT THE AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER THE PRINCE
23 GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM; AND

24 (2) SHALL INCLUDE A PLAN FOR THE SATISFACTION OF ANY
25 INDEBTEDNESS, LIABILITIES, OR ENCUMBRANCES ON THE REAL PROPERTY
26 PLACED AND HELD BY DIMENSIONS AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE
27 TRANSFER TO THE NEW OWNER OR OWNERS.

28 (F) ANY HEALTH CARE ENTITY THAT RECEIVES THE TRANSFER OF THE
29 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM SHALL BE RECOGNIZED AS A
30 MERGED ASSET SYSTEM FOR CERTIFICATE OF NEED PURPOSES UNDER TITLE
31 19, SUBTITLE 1 OF THIS ARTICLE.

1 **(G) (1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL ESTABLISH A TIME FRAME AND**
2 **DEADLINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF BIDS AND SELECTION OF A SUCCESSFUL**
3 **BIDDER AFTER THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL IS ISSUED.**

4 **(2) THE TIME FRAME AND DEADLINES SHALL ENSURE THAT A**
5 **SUCCESSFUL BIDDER SHALL BE SELECTED AND AN AGREEMENT TO TRANSFER**
6 **THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO A NEW OWNER OR**
7 **OWNERS SHALL BE REACHED IN TIME TO PRESENT THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT**
8 **TO THE GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY, THE STATE TREASURER, THE SENATE**
9 **BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, THE**
10 **HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE HEALTH AND**
11 **GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, THE ~~PRINCE GEORGE'S~~ COUNTY**
12 **COUNCIL, AND THE ~~PRINCE GEORGE'S~~ COUNTY EXECUTIVE PRIOR TO THE**
13 **BEGINNING OF THE 2009 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

14 **(3) THE AUTHORITY SHALL IMPLEMENT AND ADHERE STRICTLY**
15 **TO THE TIME FRAME, DEADLINES, AND REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED UNDER**
16 **PARAGRAPHS (1) AND (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

17 **(H) EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (I) OF THIS**
18 **SECTION, IF THE AUTHORITY FAILS TO CONDUCT THE BIDDING PROCESS IN**
19 **ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS, TIME FRAME, AND DEADLINES SET**
20 **FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE, THE STATE AND THE COUNTY SHALL BE RELIEVED OF**
21 **THEIR OBLIGATION TO COMMIT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S**
22 **COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AS AGREED UPON UNDER § 24-1604(B) AND (C)**
23 **OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

24 **(I) IF THE AUTHORITY, ACTING IN GOOD FAITH AND WITH ALL DUE**
25 **DILIGENCE, CONDUCTS THE BIDDING PROCESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE**
26 **REQUIREMENTS, TIMEFRAME, AND DEADLINES SET FORTH IN THIS SUBTITLE,**
27 **BUT IN THE JUDGMENT OF A MAJORITY OF THE BOARD IS UNABLE TO MAKE A**
28 **FINAL SELECTION OF A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AND REACH FINAL AGREEMENT ON**
29 **THE TRANSFER OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM**
30 **BEFORE THE BEGINNING OF THE 2009 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**

31 **(1) THE AUTHORITY SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE**
32 **GOVERNOR, THE SECRETARY, THE STATE TREASURER, THE ~~PRINCE GEORGE'S~~**
33 **COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE ~~PRINCE GEORGE'S~~ COUNTY COUNCIL, AND, IN**
34 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE**
35 **SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE**
36 **COMMITTEE, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE**
37 **HEALTH AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE, BEFORE THE**
38 **BEGINNING OF THE 2009 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;**

1 **(2) THE REPORT SHALL EXPLAIN WHY THE AUTHORITY IS**
2 **UNABLE TO MAKE A TIMELY SELECTION OF A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AND REACH**
3 **A TIMELY AGREEMENT ON THE TRANSFER OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**
4 **HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, INCLUDING WHATEVER PROBLEMS THERE MAY HAVE**
5 **BEEN WITH THE BIDS AND THE STATUS OF ANY ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS OVER**
6 **THOSE BIDS; AND**

7 **(3) IF, IN THE JUDGMENT OF A MAJORITY OF THE AUTHORITY, AN**
8 **EXTENSION OF TIME WOULD ENABLE IT TO COMPLETE THE PROCESS OF**
9 **SELECTING A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER AND REACHING AGREEMENT ON THE**
10 **TRANSFER OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, THE**
11 **REPORT SHALL REQUEST AN EXTENSION OF TIME FOR UP TO BUT NO MORE**
12 **THAN 60 DAYS, SETTING FORTH THE AMOUNT OF TIME NEEDED AND THE**
13 **AUTHORITY'S PLAN FOR COMPLETING THE PROCESS WITHIN THE PROPOSED**
14 **PERIOD OF TIME.**

15 **(J) ON AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNOR, THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE, THE**
16 **COUNTY COUNCIL, AND THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE GENERAL**
17 **ASSEMBLY, THE AUTHORITY'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME SHALL BE**
18 **GRANTED.**

19 **(K) IF, AT THE END OF THE EXTENSION OF TIME AND NOT MORE THAN**
20 **60 DAYS FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE 2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THE**
21 **AUTHORITY HAS NOT REACHED A FINAL AGREEMENT ON THE TRANSFER OF THE**
22 **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO A SUCCESSFUL BIDDER,**
23 **THE STATE AND THE COUNTY SHALL BE RELIEVED OF THEIR OBLIGATION TO**
24 **COMMIT FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH**
25 **CARE SYSTEM AS AGREED UPON UNDER § 24-1604(B) AND (C) OF THIS**
26 **SUBTITLE.**

27 **24-1606.**

28 **(A) (1) ON THE ~~BOARD'S~~ AUTHORITY'S SELECTION OF A NEW OWNER**
29 **OR OWNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BIDDING PROCESS ESTABLISHED**
30 **UNDER § 24-1605 OF THIS SUBTITLE, AND ON AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OR**
31 **TRANSFER OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO THE**
32 **NEW OWNER OR OWNERS, DISPOSITION OF THE REAL PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND**
33 **FACILITIES OWNED BY THE COUNTY THAT ARE UNDER THE POSSESSION OR**
34 **CONTROL OF DIMENSIONS, AS A RESULT OF ANY LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE**
35 **COUNTY, SHALL OCCUR AS FOLLOWS:**

36 **(I) THE COUNTY SHALL TRANSFER TITLE TO ALL REAL**
37 **PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND FACILITIES ~~THAT ARE ACQUIRED BY THE NEW OWNER~~**
38 **~~OR OWNERS OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AS PART~~**

1 OF THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE *PRINCE GEORGE'S*
2 *COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO THE NEW OWNER OR OWNERS FOR*
3 *COMPENSATION TO THE COUNTY AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTIONS (B) AND*
4 *(C) OF THIS SECTION; AND*

5 (II) THE PROCESS FOR TRANSFER OF TITLE SHALL BE
6 COMPLETED BY THE DATE OF FINAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT
7 FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE *PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE*
8 *SYSTEM; AND.*

9 ~~(III) ANY PORTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND~~
10 ~~FACILITIES THAT ARE NOT ACQUIRED BY A NEW OWNER OR OWNERS AS PART OF~~
11 ~~THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM~~
12 ~~SHALL REMAIN UNDER THE CONTROL AND OWNERSHIP OF THE COUNTY.~~

13 (2) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS
14 SUBTITLE, ANY PROPERTY ON WHICH THERE IS NO FACILITY DEFINED AS PART
15 OF THE *PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM* AND WHICH THE NEW
16 OWNER OR OWNERS OF THE *PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM*
17 WILL NOT USE OR DEVELOP SHALL REMAIN UNDER THE CONTROL AND
18 OWNERSHIP OF THE COUNTY.

19 ~~(2)~~ (3) THE COUNTY SHALL SETTLE ALL ENCUMBRANCES THE
20 COUNTY HAS PLACED OR BEEN INVOLVED IN PLACING *FOR ITS BENEFIT* ON THE
21 REAL PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND FACILITIES TO BE ACQUIRED BY THE NEW
22 OWNER OR OWNERS PRIOR TO THE TRANSFER OF TITLE, SO THAT, EXCEPT FOR
23 ANY REMAINING ENCUMBRANCES PLACED AND HELD SOLELY BY DIMENSIONS,
24 CLEAR LEGAL TITLE WILL BE CONVEYED.

25 (B) (1) THE COUNTY MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION OR CREDIT
26 TOWARD ITS FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS AS AGREED UPON UNDER § 24-1604 OF
27 THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE REAL PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND FACILITIES ~~ACQUIRED~~
28 ~~BY THE NEW OWNER OR OWNERS~~ OF THE *PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH*
29 *CARE SYSTEM* THAT WILL BE USED FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE
30 OPERATIONS OF A HEALTH CARE SYSTEM, *IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GOALS SET*
31 *FOR THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM IN § 24-1602(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE, SERVING*
32 *THE RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY AND SURROUNDING JURISDICTIONS.*

33 (2) SPECIFIC PLANS FOR SUCH USE SHALL BE ESTABLISHED IN
34 THE AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE *PRINCE GEORGE'S*
35 *COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.*

36 (3) THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE REAL PROPERTY, ASSETS, AND
37 FACILITIES FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF A HEALTH CARE

1 SYSTEM SHALL OCCUR AND BE SUBSTANTIALLY UNDERWAY AT LEAST ~~ONE-YEAR~~
2 2 YEARS BEFORE THE END OF THE PERIOD DURING WHICH THE STATE AND THE
3 COUNTY ARE PROVIDING FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE *PRINCE GEORGE'S*
4 *COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.*

5 (C) (1) FOR ANY PORTION OR PORTIONS OF THE REAL PROPERTY,
6 ASSETS, OR FACILITIES ACQUIRED BY THE NEW OWNER OR OWNERS THAT WILL
7 NOT BE USED FOR PURPOSES RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF A HEALTH CARE
8 SYSTEM, IF ANY, THE COUNTY SHALL BE GIVEN A CREDIT TOWARDS ITS
9 OBLIGATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
10 HEALTH CARE SYSTEM AS AGREED UPON UNDER § 24-1604 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

11 (2) THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE
12 AVERAGE OF THREE INDEPENDENT APPRAISALS OF THE VALUE OF THAT
13 PORTION OR PORTIONS OF THE REAL PROPERTY, ASSETS, OR FACILITIES, AS
14 FOLLOWS:

15 (I) ~~TWO APPRAISALS~~ ONE APPRAISAL SHALL BE
16 CONDUCTED BY QUALIFIED APPRAISERS EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT
17 WITH THE STATE;

18 (II) ONE APPRAISAL SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY A QUALIFIED
19 APPRAISER EMPLOYED BY OR UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE COUNTY; ~~AND~~

20 (III) ONE APPRAISAL SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY AN
21 INDEPENDENT QUALIFIED APPRAISER SELECTED BY THE AUTHORITY THAT IS
22 NEITHER UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE STATE NOR THE COUNTY; AND

23 ~~(III)~~ (IV) THE APPRAISALS MAY NOT BE REDUCED BY THE
24 AMOUNT OF ANY REMAINING ENCUMBRANCES PLACED AND HELD BY
25 DIMENSIONS ~~OR THE COUNTY.~~

26 (3) ANY CREDIT ~~SHALL BE~~ MAY NOT BE REDUCED BY THE
27 AMOUNT OF FUNDING, IF ANY, REQUIRED TO REMOVE ANY ENCUMBRANCES
28 PLACED BY OR WITH THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE COUNTY *FOR ITS BENEFIT* ON
29 THE TITLE TO THE FACILITIES, ASSETS, AND REAL PROPERTY CONVEYED TO
30 THE NEW OWNER OR OWNERS.

31 (4) ANY CREDIT SHALL BE APPLIED ON A PRO RATA BASIS FOR
32 EACH YEAR OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDING OBLIGATION AS AGREED UPON UNDER §
33 24-1604 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

34 (D) IF THE AMOUNT OF THE CREDIT AS DETERMINED UNDER
35 SUBSECTION (C)(2) AND (3) OF THIS SECTION EXCEEDS THE COUNTY'S TOTAL

1 OBLIGATION FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT, THE NEW OWNER OR OWNERS SHALL
2 PROMPTLY PAY THE BALANCE TO THE COUNTY.

3 24-1607.

4 (A) (1) SUBJECT TO ANY LIMITATIONS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE OR
5 OTHER APPLICABLE LAW, THE AUTHORITY SHALL HAVE ~~ALL~~ THE POWERS
6 NECESSARY OR CONVENIENT TO FURTHER ITS MISSION.

7 (2) THE ENUMERATION OF SPECIFIC POWERS IN THIS SUBTITLE
8 IS NOT INTENDED TO RESTRICT THE AUTHORITY'S POWER TO TAKE ANY
9 LAWFUL ACTION THAT THE AUTHORITY DETERMINES IS NECESSARY OR
10 CONVENIENT TO FURTHER ITS MISSION.

11 (B) IN ADDITION TO THE POWERS SET FORTH ELSEWHERE IN THIS
12 SUBTITLE, THE AUTHORITY MAY:

13 (1) ADOPT AND ALTER AN OFFICIAL SEAL;

14 (2) SUE AND BE SUED, PLEAD AND BE IMPEADED;

15 (3) ADOPT BYLAWS, RULES, AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT
16 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

17 (4) MAINTAIN AN OFFICE ~~AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED BY THE~~
18 ~~AUTHORITY~~ IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY;

19 (5) EMPLOY OR RETAIN ANY PERSONNEL THAT THE AUTHORITY
20 DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY AND FIX THEIR COMPENSATION;

21 (6) ENTER INTO ANY AGREEMENTS NECESSARY TO MANAGE ITS
22 OWN AFFAIRS; AND

23 (7) APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE GRANTS, CONTRACTS, OR OTHER
24 PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FUNDING.

25 (C) THE AUTHORITY SHALL RECEIVE FUNDING IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO
26 EXCEED \$1,500,000, DIVIDED EVENLY BETWEEN THE STATE AND THE COUNTY
27 FROM THE APPROPRIATIONS PROVIDED UNDER § 24-1608 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

28 24-1608.

29 (A) SUBJECT TO ~~§ 24-1604(D)(2)~~ § 24-1604(E)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE:

1 **(1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009, THE GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN**
 2 **THE BUDGET SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN APPROPRIATION OF**
 3 **\$12,000,000 FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE FACILITIES, ASSETS,**
 4 **LEASEHOLD RIGHTS, LIABILITIES, AND OPERATIONS HELD OR OPERATED BY**
 5 **DIMENSIONS; AND**

6 **(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009, THE COUNTY SHALL APPROPRIATE**
 7 **\$12,000,000 FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE FACILITIES, ASSETS,**
 8 **LEASEHOLD RIGHTS, LIABILITIES, AND OPERATIONS HELD OR OPERATED BY**
 9 **DIMENSIONS.**

10 **(B) SUBJECT TO ~~§ 24-1604(D)(2)~~ § 24-1604(E)(2) OF THIS SUBTITLE,**
 11 **AND UNLESS AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SALE OR TRANSFER OF THE PRINCE**
 12 **GEORGE'S COUNTY HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO A NEW OWNER OR OWNERS IS**
 13 **REACHED THAT RENDERS THE ACTION NO LONGER NECESSARY:**

14 **(1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2010**
 15 **BUDGET SUBMITTED TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AN APPROPRIATION OF**
 16 **\$12,000,000 FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**
 17 **HEALTH CARE SYSTEM; AND**

18 **(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010, THE COUNTY SHALL APPROPRIATE**
 19 **\$12,000,000 FOR THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY**
 20 **HEALTH CARE SYSTEM.**

21 **(C) ~~(1)~~ THE STATE AND THE COUNTY SHALL MAKE THEIR**
 22 **RESPECTIVE PAYMENTS TO DIMENSIONS IN QUARTERLY INCREMENTS OF**
 23 **\$3,000,000 EACH, DUE AT THE BEGINNING OF EVERY QUARTER OF EACH FISCAL**
 24 **YEAR.**

25 **~~(2) (1) IF SCHEDULED PAYMENTS ARE NOT MADE BY THE~~**
 26 **~~FIFTEENTH DAY AFTER EACH PAYMENT IS DUE, CHARGES SHALL ACCRUE ON~~**
 27 **~~ANY UNPAID PAYMENTS AT A SIMPLE RATE OF 1% PER MONTH.~~**

28 **~~(H) LATE PAYMENT CHARGES SHALL BE ADDED TO THE~~**
 29 **~~SCHEDULED PAYMENT EVERY THIRTY DAYS THEREAFTER.~~**

30 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the**
 31 **members of the Board of the Prince George's County Hospital Authority, established**
 32 **under Section 1 of this Act, shall expire within ~~two~~ 2 years of after the effective date of**
 33 **this Act.**

34 **SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of**
 35 **Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and the Department of Business and Economic**

1 Development (DBED) shall provide initial staffing for the Prince George's County
2 Hospital Authority, established under Section 1 of this Act, until the Authority hires
3 or retains staff of its own. The Authority shall reimburse the DHMH and DBED,
4 respectively, for the cost of the initial staffing provided by them.

5 ~~SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the~~
6 ~~General Assembly that:~~

7 ~~(1) notwithstanding § 7-210 or § 7-310 of the State Finance and~~
8 ~~Procurement Article or any other law, the Governor is authorized to transfer by~~
9 ~~approved budget amendment from the Dedicated Purpose Account, as provided in~~
10 ~~Supplemental Budget No. 4 for fiscal year 2008, an operating grant in the amount of~~
11 ~~\$20,000,000 to the Prince George's County Hospital Authority for the purpose of~~
12 ~~operating support for the Prince George's Hospital Center;~~

13 ~~(2) for fiscal year 2009, \$10,000,000 may be appropriated for the purpose of~~
14 ~~providing an operating grant to the Prince George's County Hospital Authority;~~

15 ~~(3) the State shall provide capital support for the Prince George's Hospital~~
16 ~~Center to be available in fiscal year 2008 in the amount of \$13,000,000 as authorized~~
17 ~~in previously appropriated but unexpended capital funding in the 2004, 2005, and~~
18 ~~2006 capital budgets; and~~

19 ~~(4) in the fiscal year 2009 capital budget, the State may provide a grant to~~
20 ~~the Prince George's County Hospital Authority in the amount of \$13,000,000 for~~
21 ~~capital support for the Prince George's Hospital Center.~~

22 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
23 General Assembly that the State, subject to the conditions set forth in this Act, shall
24 provide support for the Prince George's Hospital Center in the amount of \$12,000,000
25 for each of fiscal years 2009 and 2010.

26 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
27 General Assembly that, if it becomes necessary to sustain operations at the Prince
28 George's County health care system, the State and the County shall each make an
29 initial payment in equal amounts to Dimensions out of the \$12,000,000 each has
30 appropriated for fiscal year 2009 in advance of the beginning of fiscal year 2009.

31 SECTION ~~5~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any
32 other provision of law, up to \$20,000,000 may be transferred from the Dedicated
33 Purpose Account established under § 7-310 of the State Finance and Procurement
34 Article by approved budget amendment to the Department of Health and Mental
35 Hygiene for the purpose of providing support to Dimensions for the operation of the
36 Prince George's County health care system pending implementation of the
37 requirements of this Act.

1 SECTION 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
 2 General Assembly that the money for operating expenses that the Prince George's
 3 County Hospital Authority receives from the State and Prince George's County in
 4 accordance with § 24-1607(c) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of
 5 this Act, shall be used only for necessary expenses and kept at a minimum for the
 6 purpose of maximizing the funding for the continued operation of the Prince George's
 7 County health care system. Any money provided to the Prince George's County Hospital
 8 Authority for operating expenses that is neither used nor necessary for use by the
 9 Authority shall be transferred to the Dimensions Health Corporation or the new owner
 10 or owners of the Prince George's County health care system.

11 SECTION ~~5~~ ~~6~~ 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
 12 General Assembly that State funding for education and public safety purposes will not
 13 be affected by any State support for the Prince George's County Hospital Authority.

14 SECTION ~~6~~ ~~7~~ 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an
 15 emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health
 16 or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the
 17 members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take
 18 effect from the date it is enacted.

19 SECTION ~~8~~ 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall remain
 20 effective for a period of ~~two~~ 2 years from the date it is enacted and, at the end of ~~two~~
 21 ~~years~~ the 2-year period, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
 22 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.