

HOUSE BILL 1545

J1, F5, J3

4lr1477
CF SB 1104

By: **Delegates Conway, M. Washington, and DeBoy**

Rules suspended

Introduced and read first time: March 7, 2014

Rules suspended

Assigned to: Appropriations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 12, 2014

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland Medical System Corporation – Governance – Medical**
3 **Center Employees**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland
5 Medical System Corporation to establish a nonprofit subsidiary to operate all or
6 a part of the University of Maryland Medical Center, to the extent approved by
7 the University of Maryland in the annual contract, in order to bring certain
8 Medical Center employees within the jurisdiction of the National Labor
9 Relations Act; requiring the subsidiary to have certain powers and be formed in
10 a certain manner to meet the jurisdictional requirements of the National Labor
11 Relations Board; authorizing the Medical System Corporation, on or after a
12 certain date, to amend its articles of incorporation to add certain voting
13 members to the Board of Directors; establishing a certain process for adding
14 certain voting members to the Board of Directors; clarifying that certain
15 provisions of law that apply to employees of the Medical System Corporation
16 apply to certain employees of a subsidiary established to operate all or a part of
17 the Medical Center; establishing the intent of the General Assembly; providing
18 for the construction of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the
19 application of this Act; honoring certain collective bargaining agreements
20 subject to certain terms and requirements; providing that certain individuals
21 exclusively represented maintain certain representation under certain
22 circumstances; and generally relating to the governance of the University of

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.



1 Maryland Medical System Corporation and the employees of the University of
2 Maryland Medical Center.

3 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
4 Article – Education
5 Section 13–302, 13–303(k), 13–304(b), and 13–305(b)
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Education
10 Section 13–304(a) and (c)
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

15 **Article – Education**

16 13–302.

17 It is hereby found and determined that:

18 (1) The purposes of the medical system are to provide medical care of
19 the type unique to University medical facilities for the citizens of the State and region
20 and, in accomplishing this objective, to provide a clinical context for education and
21 research conducted by the faculty of the University;

22 (2) The purposes extend to all citizens of the State, particularly
23 regarding health care needs which only an academic medical institution can
24 adequately meet such as extensive tertiary care, major shock trauma treatment, and
25 sophisticated surgical techniques;

26 (3) The purposes also include rendering comprehensive health care to
27 the community naturally served by University Hospital to assure its availability to
28 citizens of that community;

29 (4) These purposes separately and collectively serve the highest public
30 interest and are essential to the public health and welfare, but must be realized in the
31 most efficient manner and at the lowest cost practicable and consistent with these
32 purposes;

33 (5) It has proven unnecessarily costly and administratively
34 cumbersome for the University to finance, manage, and carry out the patient care
35 activities of an academic institution within the existing framework of a State agency,
36 since many applicable laws, management structures, and procedures were developed

1 to implement types of governmental functions which differ from the operations of a
2 major patient care facility in an environment of State and federal regulation; such
3 patient care operations are more efficiently served by contemporary legal,
4 management, and procedural structures utilized by similarly situated, private entities
5 throughout the nation;

6 (6) It is fiscally desirable for the State of Maryland to separate the
7 operations, revenues, and obligations of the medical system from the State to the end
8 that, to the maximum extent practicable, the medical system be a self-supporting
9 entity to which the State may make grants or with which the State may contract as
10 may be deemed appropriate from time to time; this separation will segregate patient
11 care costs and revenues from unrelated State activities;

12 (7) The interests of the citizens of the State, the region, and the
13 community naturally served by University Hospital will be best met by granting and
14 transferring State assets and liabilities related to the medical system to a private,
15 nonprofit, nonstock corporation in order to create a separate legal and organizational
16 structure for the medical system to provide independence and flexibility of
17 management and funding, while assuring a compatible and mutually beneficial
18 relationship with the University; [and]

19 (8) In order to maintain the highest quality patient care with the
20 maximum efficiency practicable, the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center will be
21 part of the medical system and will be governed by the Board of Directors; AND

22 **(9) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT:**

23 **(I) EMPLOYEES OF THE MEDICAL SYSTEM CORPORATION**
24 **AND ANY SUBSIDIARY OF THE MEDICAL SYSTEM CORPORATION WHO ARE NOT**
25 **MEDICAL SYSTEM UNIVERSITY PERSONNEL ENJOY THE RIGHTS AND**
26 **PROTECTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH FULL FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND**
27 **COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AFFORDED TO SIMILARLY SITUATED CITIZENS OF**
28 **THE STATE; AND**

29 **(II) EACH SUBSIDIARY ESTABLISHED BY THE MEDICAL**
30 **SYSTEM CORPORATION UNDER § 13-303(K) OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING A**
31 **SUBSIDIARY ESTABLISHED FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING ALL OR A PART OF**
32 **THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL CENTER, FALLS WITHIN THE**
33 **JURISDICTION OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD AND THE**
34 **EMPLOYEES OF THE SUBSIDIARY ARE SUBJECT TO THE BENEFITS AND**
35 **PROTECTIONS OF THE NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS ACT.**

36 13-303.

1 (k) (1) **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS SHALL ESTABLISH A NONPROFIT**
2 **SUBSIDIARY FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING ALL OR A PART OF THE**
3 **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL CENTER, TO THE EXTENT APPROVED BY**
4 **THE UNIVERSITY IN THE ANNUAL CONTRACT, THAT SHALL:**

5 **(I) HAVE ALL POWERS AVAILABLE UNDER THE LAWS**
6 **GOVERNING THE FORMATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY; AND**

7 **(II) BE FORMED IN A MANNER SO THAT THE SUBSIDIARY,**
8 **FOR THE PURPOSES OF MEETING THE JURISDICTIONAL REQUIREMENTS OF THE**
9 **NATIONAL LABOR RELATIONS BOARD:**

10 **1. DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A DEPARTMENT OR**
11 **ADMINISTRATIVE ARM OF THE STATE OR ANY AGENCY, POLITICAL SUBDIVISION,**
12 **PUBLIC BODY, PUBLIC CORPORATION, OR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; AND**

13 **2. IS NOT ADMINISTERED BY INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE**
14 **RESPONSIBLE TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS OR TO THE GENERAL ELECTORATE.**

15 **(2) [The] IN ADDITION TO ESTABLISHING A SUBSIDIARY UNDER**
16 **PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE Board of Directors may establish**
17 **nonprofit or for-profit subsidiaries or related entities, to the extent approved by the**
18 **University in the annual contract.**

19 13-304.

20 (a) The government of the Medical System Corporation is vested in the
21 Board of Directors.

22 (b) **(1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE**
23 **Board of Directors consists of 6 nonvoting members and not less than 22 and not more**
24 **than 27 voting members appointed by the Governor.**

25 **(2) (I) ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2014, THE MEDICAL SYSTEM**
26 **CORPORATION MAY AMEND ITS ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION TO ADD UP TO**
27 **THREE VOTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AS THE MEDICAL**
28 **SYSTEM CORPORATION DETERMINES TO BE NECESSARY AND APPROPRIATE.**

29 **(II) NOMINATIONS OF ADDITIONAL VOTING MEMBERS**
30 **SHALL BE MADE BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD**
31 **OF REGENTS FOR COMMENT AND TO THE GOVERNOR FOR CONSIDERATION.**

32 **(III) ANY MEMBER ADDED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**
33 **UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL:**

1 **1. REPRESENT AN ENTITY THAT AFFILIATES WITH**
2 **THE MEDICAL SYSTEM CORPORATION ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2014;**

3 **2. BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND**

4 **3. BE DESIGNATED AS AN AFFILIATE BOARD**
5 **MEMBER.**

6 **(IV) THE VOTING MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD OF**
7 **DIRECTORS MAY NOT EXCEED 30 MEMBERS.**

8 **(V) NOTHING IN THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE CONSTRUED TO**
9 **REQUIRE THE MEDICAL SYSTEM CORPORATION TO NOMINATE A**
10 **REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ENTITY THAT AFFILIATES WITH THE MEDICAL SYSTEM**
11 **CORPORATION ON OR AFTER OCTOBER 1, 2014, TO BE AN ADDITIONAL BOARD**
12 **MEMBER.**

13 (c) (1) Each member shall be a resident of this State.

14 (2) Three voting members shall be members of the Board of Regents.

15 (3) Two voting members shall be members of the General Assembly, 1
16 nominated by the President of the Senate and 1 nominated by the Speaker of the
17 House of Delegates.

18 (4) At least 1 voting member of the Board shall be appointed by the
19 Governor, upon nomination by the membership of the Community Advisory Council,
20 from the membership of the Community Advisory Council.

21 (5) At least 1 voting member of the Board of Directors shall have
22 expertise in the hospital field.

23 (6) In appointing the voting members of the Board of Directors, the
24 Governor shall insure that the composition of the Board fairly represents the minority
25 composition of the State.

26 (7) The nonvoting members shall be, ex officio, the Chancellor of the
27 University System of Maryland, the President, the Chief Executive Officer, the Dean
28 of the School of Medicine, the President of the medical staff organization of the
29 medical system, and the Associate Director of nursing services for the medical system.

30 13-305.

31 (b) (1) **IN THIS SUBSECTION, “MEDICAL SYSTEM CORPORATION**
32 **EMPLOYEES” INCLUDE THE EMPLOYEES OF A SUBSIDIARY ESTABLISHED UNDER**

1 **§ 13-303(K) OF THIS SUBTITLE FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING ALL OR A**
2 **PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL CENTER.**

3 [(1)] (2) The Medical System Corporation shall utilize both Medical
4 System Corporation employees and medical system University personnel.

5 [(2)] (3) Prior to the transfer date, each University employee working
6 in the medical system shall elect to be either a Medical System Corporation employee
7 or a part of medical system University personnel. No University employee may be
8 required to become an employee of the Medical System Corporation as a condition of
9 employment or promotion. All medical system University personnel are University
10 employees in all respects.

11 [(3)] (4) With respect to promotion opportunities, the Medical System
12 Corporation shall treat medical system University personnel on the same basis as
13 Medical System Corporation employees.

14 [(4)] (5) The Medical System Corporation shall establish an
15 integrated seniority list composed of Medical System Corporation employees and
16 medical system University personnel. Each listed employee's seniority will be
17 calculated by including all employment with the University or the Medical System
18 Corporation or both.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

20 (1) Nothing in Section 1 of this Act shall be construed to affect the
21 recognition of bargaining representatives of employees working at the University of
22 Maryland Medical Center that are in existence on the effective date of this Act;

23 (2) Following the effective date of this Act, any collective bargaining
24 agreements shall continue to be honored by the subsidiary established in Section 1 of
25 this Act, subject to the terms of the collective bargaining agreements and the
26 requirements of the National Labor Relations Act; and

27 (3) Those individuals employed by the Medical System Corporation
28 who have elected to be exclusively represented shall not have that representation
29 affected by the creation of the new subsidiary established in Section 1 of this Act.

30 SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
31 effect October 1, 2014.