

HOUSE BILL 1685

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By: **Delegates Jones and Gaines**

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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund**
3 **(Thrive by Three Fund)**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination
5 Services Grant Program Fund; providing for the purpose of the Fund; requiring the
6 Secretary of Health to award grants from the Fund and oversee the operation of the
7 Fund; providing that the Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund not subject to a certain
8 provision of law; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund separately and the
9 Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; specifying
10 the purpose for which the Fund may be used; providing for the investment of money
11 in and expenditures from the Fund; providing that money expended from the Fund
12 for certain grants are supplemental to and not intended to take the place of certain
13 other appropriations; providing that the Fund is subject to audit; authorizing any
14 county or municipality to apply to the Secretary for a grant from the Fund to be
15 applied toward a certain program; requiring that an application for a grant from the
16 Fund include certain evidence and a certain plan; requiring the Secretary, after
17 consultation with members of the Children's Cabinet, to establish certain
18 procedures; requiring that priority on the awarding of grants be given to certain
19 proposals; requiring a county or municipality awarded a grant from the Fund to
20 submit a certain report each year to the Secretary and the General Assembly that
21 includes certain information; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited
22 to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law requiring interest
23 earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the State; defining certain
24 terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care
25 Coordination Services Grant Program Fund.

26 BY adding to

27 Article – Health – General

28 Section 24–1501 through 24–1505 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15.
29 Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program
30 Fund”

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

3 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
4 Article – State Finance and Procurement
5 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
6 Annotated Code of Maryland
7 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

8 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
9 Article – State Finance and Procurement
10 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102.
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

13 BY adding to
14 Article – State Finance and Procurement
15 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)103.
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

20 **Article – Health – General**

21 **SUBTITLE 15. MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE COORDINATION**
22 **SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND.**

23 **24–1501.**

24 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
25 INDICATED.

26 (B) “CARE COORDINATION SERVICES” MEANS AN ACTIVE, ONGOING
27 PROCESS OF ASSISTING AN INDIVIDUAL TO IDENTIFY, ACCESS, AND USE COMMUNITY
28 RESOURCES AND COORDINATING SERVICES TO MEET THE INDIVIDUAL’S NEEDS.

29 (C) “FUND” MEANS THE MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE
30 COORDINATION SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER §
31 24–1502(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

32 **24–1502.**

33 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE COORDINATION

1 **SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND.**

2 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO MAKE GRANTS TO COUNTIES AND
3 MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE CARE COORDINATION SERVICES AND
4 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTS OR INTERVENTIONS TO LOW-INCOME PREGNANT AND
5 POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND TO CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 3 YEARS OLD.

6 (C) THE SECRETARY SHALL:

7 (1) AWARD GRANTS FROM THE FUND; AND

8 (2) OVERSEE THE OPERATION OF THE FUND.

9 (D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
10 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

11 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,
12 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

13 (E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

14 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

15 (2) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND

16 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
17 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

18 (F) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTIES AND
19 MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE CARE COORDINATION SERVICES AND
20 EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTS OR INTERVENTIONS TO LOW-INCOME PREGNANT AND
21 POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 3 YEARS OLD.

22 (G) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
23 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

24 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
25 THE FUND, INCLUDING INTEREST EARNINGS UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS
26 SECTION.

27 (H) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
28 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

29 (I) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR GRANTS UNDER THIS

1 SUBTITLE IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF
2 FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR CARE COORDINATION
3 SERVICES.

4 (J) THE FUND IS SUBJECT TO AUDIT BY THE OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE
5 AUDITS AS PROVIDED IN § 2-1220 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.

6 24-1503.

7 (A) ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR A
8 GRANT FROM THE FUND TO BE APPLIED TOWARD A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CARE
9 COORDINATION SERVICES AND EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTS OR INTERVENTIONS TO
10 LOW-INCOME PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND TO CHILDREN FROM
11 BIRTH TO 3 YEARS OLD.

12 (B) AN APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE FUND SHALL INCLUDE, AT
13 MINIMUM:

14 (1) EVIDENCE THAT THE COUNTY'S OR MUNICIPALITY'S CARE
15 COORDINATION SERVICES WILL BE A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT INVOLVING:

16 (I) THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES; AND

17 (II) COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS; AND

18 (2) A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DATABASE THAT
19 COLLECTS DATA FROM THE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT THE PROVISION OF
20 SERVICES, SUPPORTS, AND INTERVENTIONS ARE PROVIDED TO THE FAMILIES WITH
21 THE HIGHEST NEED.

22 24-1504.

23 (A) THE SECRETARY, AFTER CONSULTATION WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE
24 CHILDREN'S CABINET, SHALL ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF
25 MONEY FROM THE FUND.

26 (B) PRIORITY ON AWARDING GRANTS SHALL BE GIVEN TO PROPOSALS
27 FROM A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY THAT:

28 (1) HAS:

29 (I) A HIGH NUMBER OF BIRTHS TO WOMEN ENROLLED IN
30 MEDICAID;

1 (II) HIGH RATES OF INFANT MORTALITY; AND

2 (III) HIGH RATES OF PRETERM BIRTHS; AND

3 (2) DEMONSTRATES THAT THE PROGRAM WILL BE COORDINATED
4 WITH COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE PROVIDERS.

5 24-1505.

6 A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY AWARDED A GRANT FROM THE FUND SHALL
7 SUBMIT ANNUALLY TO THE SECRETARY AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF
8 THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY A REPORT THAT
9 INCLUDES DATA DESCRIBING:

10 (1) THE SERVICES PROVIDED;

11 (2) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES;

12 (3) OUTCOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES; AND

13 (4) AN ASSESSMENT OF THE FUNDED ACTIVITIES' ABILITY TO SCALE.

14 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

15 6-226.

16 (a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
17 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the
18 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
19 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to
20 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
21 Fund of the State.

22 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
23 to the following funds:

24 101. the Advance Directive Program Fund; [and]

25 102. the Make Office Vacancies Extinct Matching Fund; AND

26 **103. THE MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE**
27 **COORDINATION SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND.**

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

1 October 1, 2018.