

SENATE BILL 912

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ENROLLED BILL

— Finance/Health and Government Operations —

Introduced by **Senators Ferguson, Madaleno, Rosapepe, Young, and Zucker**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

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; *requiring*
10 *the Governor to include in the annual budget certain funding for the Fund beginning*
11 *in a certain fiscal year*; specifying the purpose for which the Fund may be used;
12 providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; providing
13 that money expended from the Fund for certain grants are supplemental to and not
14 intended to take the place of certain other appropriations; providing that the Fund
15 is subject to audit; authorizing any county or municipality to apply to the Secretary

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.



1 for a grant from the Fund to be applied toward a certain program; requiring that an
2 application for a grant from the Fund include certain evidence and a certain plan;
3 requiring the Secretary, after consultation with members of the Children’s Cabinet,
4 to establish certain procedures; requiring that priority on the awarding of grants be
5 given to certain proposals; requiring a county or municipality awarded a grant from
6 the Fund to submit a certain report each year to the Secretary and the General
7 Assembly that includes certain information; requiring interest earnings of the Fund
8 to be credited to the Fund; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law
9 requiring interest earnings on State money to accrue to the General Fund of the
10 State; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the Maryland Prenatal and
11 Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund.

12 BY adding to
13 Article – Health – General
14 Section 24–1501 through 24–1505 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 15.
15 Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program
16 Fund”
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

19 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
20 Article – State Finance and Procurement
21 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
25 Article – State Finance and Procurement
26 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102.
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

29 BY adding to
30 Article – State Finance and Procurement
31 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)103.
32 Annotated Code of Maryland
33 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

36 **Article – Health – General**

37 **SUBTITLE 15. MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE COORDINATION**
38 **SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND.**

1 **24-1501.**

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
3 INDICATED.

4 (B) "CARE COORDINATION SERVICES" MEANS AN ACTIVE, ONGOING
5 PROCESS OF ASSISTING AN INDIVIDUAL TO IDENTIFY, ACCESS, AND USE COMMUNITY
6 RESOURCES AND COORDINATING SERVICES TO MEET THE INDIVIDUAL'S NEEDS.

7 (C) "FUND" MEANS THE MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE
8 COORDINATION SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND ESTABLISHED UNDER §
9 24-1502(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

10 **24-1502.**

11 (A) THERE IS A MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE COORDINATION
12 SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND.

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

17 (C) THE SECRETARY SHALL:

18 (1) AWARD GRANTS FROM THE FUND; AND

19 (2) OVERSEE THE OPERATION OF THE FUND.

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

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

24 (E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

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

26 (2) INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND

27 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
28 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

1 (F) BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND IN EACH FISCAL YEAR
 2 THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET \$50,000
 3 FOR THE FUND.

4 ~~(F)~~ (G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO COUNTIES
 5 AND MUNICIPALITIES TO PROVIDE CARE COORDINATION SERVICES ~~AND~~
 6 ~~EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTS OR INTERVENTIONS~~ TO LOW-INCOME PREGNANT AND
 7 POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO 3 YEARS OLD.

8 ~~(G)~~ (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE
 9 FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

10 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
 11 THE FUND, INCLUDING INTEREST EARNINGS UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS
 12 SECTION.

13 ~~(H)~~ (I) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN
 14 ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

15 ~~(I)~~ (J) MONEY EXPENDED FROM THE FUND FOR GRANTS UNDER THIS
 16 SUBTITLE IS SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF
 17 FUNDING THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR CARE COORDINATION
 18 SERVICES.

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

21 24-1503.

22 (A) ANY COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY MAY APPLY TO THE SECRETARY FOR A
 23 GRANT FROM THE FUND TO BE APPLIED TOWARD A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES CARE
 24 COORDINATION SERVICES ~~AND EVIDENCE-BASED SUPPORTS OR INTERVENTIONS~~ TO
 25 LOW-INCOME PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND TO CHILDREN FROM
 26 BIRTH TO 3 YEARS OLD.

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

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

31 (I) THE APPROPRIATE PUBLIC SERVICE AGENCIES; AND

32 (II) COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDERS; AND

1 (2) A PLAN FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A DATABASE THAT
2 COLLECTS DATA FROM THE PROGRAM TO ENSURE THAT THE PROVISION OF
3 SERVICES, ~~SUPPORTS, AND INTERVENTIONS ARE~~ IS PROVIDED TO THE FAMILIES
4 WITH THE HIGHEST NEED.

5 24-1504.

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

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

11 (1) HAS:

12 (I) A HIGH NUMBER OF BIRTHS TO WOMEN ENROLLED IN
13 MEDICAID;

14 (II) HIGH RATES OF INFANT MORTALITY; AND

15 (III) HIGH RATES OF PRETERM BIRTHS; AND

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

18 24-1505.

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

23 (1) THE SERVICES PROVIDED;

24 (2) THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES;

25 (3) OUTCOMES FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING SERVICES; AND

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

27 Article - State Finance and Procurement

28 6-226.

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

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

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

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

11 **103. THE MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE**
 12 **COORDINATION SERVICES GRANT PROGRAM FUND.**

13 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
 14 October 1, 2018.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.