

# SENATE BILL 976

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By: **Senators Klausmeier and Smith**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Health Services Funding – Modifications**

3 FOR the purpose of modifying the calculation of local health services funding beginning for  
4 a certain fiscal year; and generally relating to local health services funding.

5 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
6 Article – Health – General  
7 Section 2–301, 2–302(a), (c), and (d), and 2–303  
8 Annotated Code of Maryland  
9 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Health – General  
12 Section 2–302(b)(4) and (5)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

15 BY adding to  
16 Article – Health – General  
17 Section 2–302(b)(6)  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Health – General**

23 2–301.

24 The Governor shall include in the State budget, beginning with fiscal year 1997, at

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 a minimum, sufficient funds for local health services as required by this subtitle.

2 2–302.

3 (a) The funding required in the State budget for local health services, exclusive of  
4 special fund and federal appropriations, shall be at least the amount set forth in subsection  
5 (b) of this section.

6 (b) The funding shall be:

7 (4) For fiscal year 2018, \$49,488,474 to be distributed to each municipality  
8 or subdivision in the same amount as the municipality or subdivision received in fiscal year  
9 2017; [and]

10 (5) For fiscal year 2019 [and each subsequent fiscal year], the amount of  
11 funding for the preceding fiscal year adjusted for:

12 (i) Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (All Urban  
13 Consumers), for the second preceding fiscal year, calculated by the U.S. Department of  
14 Commerce; and

15 (ii) Population growth, as measured by the growth in the total  
16 population of the State for the second preceding fiscal year, according to the most recent  
17 statistics available through the Maryland Department of Health; AND

18 **(6) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020 AND EACH SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR,**  
19 **THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR**  
20 **ADJUSTED FOR:**

21 **(I) INFLATION, AS MEASURED BY THE CONSUMER PRICE**  
22 **INDEX FOR ALL URBAN CONSUMERS FOR MEDICAL CARE FOR THE**  
23 **WASHINGTON–BALTIMORE REGION, FOR THE SECOND IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING**  
24 **FISCAL YEAR, CALCULATED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE; AND**

25 **(II) POPULATION GROWTH, AS MEASURED BY THE GROWTH IN**  
26 **THE TOTAL POPULATION OF THE STATE FOR THE SECOND IMMEDIATELY**  
27 **PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, ACCORDING TO THE MOST RECENT STATISTICS**  
28 **AVAILABLE THROUGH THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH.**

29 (c) For fiscal year 2013 and each subsequent fiscal year, no subdivision may  
30 receive less State funding for local health services under this section than that subdivision  
31 received in fiscal year 2012.

32 (d) The Secretary shall, in consultation with local health department directors,  
33 adopt regulations to guide the distribution of the funding required under this section. The  
34 regulations shall give consideration to appropriate measures of community health need,

1 local funding effort, and other relevant factors.

2 2–303.

3 As to appropriations required by this subtitle, a local match shall be required as a  
4 condition of any distribution to a subdivision; however, the local match percentage required  
5 by the Secretary of Health may not exceed the local match percentage required for the  
6 subdivision for fiscal year 1996.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
8 1, 2018.