

# HOUSE BILL 1043

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By: **Delegate Rosenberg**

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Assigned to: Appropriations

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Local Health Services – Funding and Infrastructure**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include a certain  
4 appropriation in the annual budget bill for local health services; requiring the  
5 Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the State designated health  
6 information exchange, to develop a certain plan; requiring, on or before a certain  
7 date, the Department to submit a certain plan to the Governor and the General  
8 Assembly; and generally relating to local health services.

9 BY repealing

10 Article – Health – General  
11 Section 2–302  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Health – General  
16 Section 2–302  
17 Annotated Code of Maryland  
18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2020 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Health – General**

22 [2–302.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

4 (b) The funding shall be:

5 (1) \$37,283,484 in each of fiscal years 2011 and 2012, to be distributed as  
 6 follows:

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|----|---------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| 7  | (i)     | Allegany County.....        | \$908,719;   |
| 8  | (ii)    | Anne Arundel County.....    | \$3,141,951; |
| 9  | (iii)   | Baltimore City.....         | \$6,675,053; |
| 10 | (iv)    | Baltimore County.....       | \$4,302,255; |
| 11 | (v)     | Calvert County.....         | \$369,812;   |
| 12 | (vi)    | Caroline County.....        | \$538,253;   |
| 13 | (vii)   | Carroll County.....         | \$1,231,995; |
| 14 | (viii)  | Cecil County.....           | \$806,392;   |
| 15 | (ix)    | Charles County.....         | \$994,528;   |
| 16 | (x)     | Dorchester County.....      | \$428,709;   |
| 17 | (xi)    | Frederick County.....       | \$1,512,159; |
| 18 | (xii)   | Garrett County.....         | \$437,403;   |
| 19 | (xiii)  | Harford County.....         | \$1,737,473; |
| 20 | (xiv)   | Howard County.....          | \$1,215,070; |
| 21 | (xv)    | Kent County.....            | \$335,941;   |
| 22 | (xvi)   | Montgomery County.....      | \$3,014,680; |
| 23 | (xvii)  | Prince George's County..... | \$5,007,057; |
| 24 | (xviii) | Queen Anne's County.....    | \$417,744;   |
| 25 | (xix)   | St. Mary's County.....      | \$808,576;   |

1 (xx) Somerset County.....\$429,385;

2 (xxi) Talbot County.....\$328,705;

3 (xxii) Washington County.....\$1,381,306;

4 (xxiii) Wicomico County.....\$947,374;

5 and

6 (xxiv) Worcester County.....\$312,944;

7 (2) For fiscal years 2013 and 2014, \$37,283,484 adjusted for:

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

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

14 (3) For fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017, the amount of funding for the  
15 preceding fiscal year adjusted for:

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

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

22 (4) For fiscal year 2018, \$49,488,474 to be distributed to each municipality  
23 or subdivision in the same amount as the municipality or subdivision received in fiscal year  
24 2017; and

25 (5) For fiscal year 2019 and each subsequent fiscal year, the amount of  
26 funding provided through the formula for the preceding fiscal year adjusted for:

27 (i) Inflation, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (All Urban  
28 Consumers), on June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year, calculated by the Bureau of  
29 Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor; and

30 (ii) Population growth, as measured by the growth in the total  
31 population of the State on June 30 of the second preceding fiscal year, according to the most  
32 recent statistics available through the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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

4 (d) The Secretary shall, in consultation with local health department directors,  
5 adopt regulations to guide the distribution of the funding required under this section. The  
6 regulations shall give consideration to appropriate measures of community health need,  
7 local funding effort, and other relevant factors.]

8 **2-302.**

9 (A) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE**  
10 **ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION OF NOT LESS THAN**  
11 **\$67,000,000 FOR LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

12 (B) **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE**  
13 **GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL A GENERAL FUND**  
14 **APPROPRIATION FOR LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES IN AN AMOUNT NOT LESS THAN THE**  
15 **AMOUNT OF THE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION FOR LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES**  
16 **AS APPROVED IN THE STATE BUDGET ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR**  
17 **THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR, INCREASED BY NOT LESS THAN THE**  
18 **PERCENTAGE BY WHICH THE PROJECTED TOTAL GENERAL FUND REVENUES FOR**  
19 **THE UPCOMING FISCAL YEAR EXCEED THE REVISED ESTIMATE OF TOTAL GENERAL**  
20 **FUND REVENUES FOR THE CURRENT FISCAL YEAR, AS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT**  
21 **OF ESTIMATED STATE REVENUES SUBMITTED BY THE BOARD OF REVENUE**  
22 **ESTIMATES TO THE GOVERNOR UNDER § 6-106(B) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND**  
23 **PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.**

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

25 (a) The Maryland Department of Health, in consultation with the State  
26 designated health information exchange, shall develop a plan to provide local health  
27 departments with uniform software necessary to fulfill the duties of the local health  
28 department that provides for interconnectivity between local health departments, the  
29 Maryland Department of Health, and other State agencies.

30 (b) On or before December 1, 2021, the Maryland Department of Health shall  
31 submit the plan required under subsection (a) of this section to the Governor and, in  
32 accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

33 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
34 1, 2021.