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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in
4 Maryland to study the adequacy of trauma center funding across the State for
5 operating, capital, and workforce costs; and generally relating to the Commission to
6 Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
8 That:

9 (a) There is a Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland.

10 (b) The Commission consists of the following members:

11 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
12 the Senate;

13 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
14 House;

15 (3) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee; and

16 (4) the following members, appointed by the Secretary of Health:

17 (i) one representative of the Maryland Institute for Emergency
18 Medical Services Systems;

19 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Trauma Center Network;

20 (iii) one representative of the Maryland Patient Safety Center;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (iv) one representative of the Health Services Cost Review
2 Commission;

3 (v) one representative of the Maryland Health Care Commission;
4 and

5 (vi) five representatives of trauma centers in the State located in
6 geographically diverse regions, to the extent practicable, including:

7 1. one representative from a primary adult resource center;

8 2. one representative from a level I trauma center;

9 3. one representative from a level II trauma center;

10 4. one representative from a level III trauma center; and

11 5. one representative from a pediatric trauma center.

12 (c) The Secretary of Health or the Secretary's designee shall be the chair of the
13 Commission.

14 (d) The Maryland Department of Health shall provide staff for the Commission.

15 (e) A member of the Commission:

16 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

17 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State
18 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

19 (f) The Commission shall study the adequacy of trauma center funding across the
20 State for operating, capital, and workforce costs, including:

21 (1) current funding sources for trauma centers in the State;

22 (2) Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund expenditures and revenues
23 since its inception;

24 (3) statutory and regulatory requirements for trauma centers at the time
25 the Fund was established;

26 (4) changes to statutory and regulatory requirements for trauma centers
27 since the Fund was established;

28 (5) changes in staffing, recruitment, compensation, or other factors that
29 would impact the funding needed to operate a trauma center in the State;

- 1 (6) changes to approved uses of the Fund over time;
- 2 (7) the amount of funding needed to adequately fund trauma centers in the
3 State;
- 4 (8) the funding mechanisms available to adequately fund trauma centers;
5 and
- 6 (9) funding criteria that would impact the receipt of funds by existing or
7 new trauma centers.

8 (g) The Commission shall make findings and recommendations regarding:

- 9 (1) changes in staffing, recruitment, compensation, or other factors that
10 would impact the funding needed to operate a trauma center in the State;
- 11 (2) changes to approved uses of the Fund over time;
- 12 (3) the amount of funding needed to adequately fund trauma centers in the
13 State;
- 14 (4) the funding mechanisms available to adequately fund trauma centers;
15 and
- 16 (5) funding criteria that would impact the receipt of funds by existing or
17 new trauma centers.

18 (h) On or before December 1, 2023, the Commission shall report its findings and
19 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State
20 Government Article, the General Assembly.

21 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
22 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
23 30, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
24 abrogated and of no further force and effect.