

SENATE BILL 493

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CHAPTER _____

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) In this section, "MIEMSS" means the Maryland Institute for Emergency
10 Medical Services Systems.

11 ~~(a)~~ (b) There is a Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland.

12 ~~(b)~~ (c) The Commission consists of the following members:

13 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
14 the Senate;

15 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
16 House;

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.



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

2 (4) the Executive Director of MIEMSS, or the Executive Director's
3 designee;

4 (5) the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission, or the
5 Executive Director's designee; and

6 ~~(4)~~ (6) the following members, appointed by the Secretary of Health:

7 (i) one representative of ~~the Maryland Institute for Emergency~~
8 ~~Medical Services Systems~~ MIEMSS;

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

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

11 (iv) one representative of the Health Services Cost Review
12 Commission;

13 (v) one representative of the Maryland Health Care Commission;
14 and

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

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

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

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

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

21 5. one representative from a pediatric trauma center.

22 ~~(e)~~ (d) ~~The Secretary of Health or the Secretary's designee~~ Executive Director of
23 MIEMSS, or the Executive Director's designee, and the Executive Director of the Maryland
24 Health Care Commission, or the Executive Director's designee, shall be the ~~chair~~ cochairs
25 of the Commission.

26 ~~(d)~~ (e) ~~The Maryland Department of Health~~ MIEMSS and the Maryland Health Care
27 Commission jointly shall provide staff for the Commission.

28 ~~(e)~~ (f) A member of the Commission:

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

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

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

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

6 (2) Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund expenditures and revenues
7 since its inception;

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

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

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

14 (6) changes to approved uses of the Fund over time;

15 (7) the amount of funding needed to adequately fund trauma centers in the
16 State;

17 (8) the funding mechanisms available to adequately fund trauma centers;
18 and

19 (9) funding criteria that would impact the receipt of funds by existing or
20 new trauma centers.

21 ~~(g)~~ (h) The Commission shall make findings and recommendations regarding:

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

24 (2) changes to approved uses of the Fund over time;

25 (3) the amount of funding needed to adequately fund trauma centers in the
26 State;

27 (4) the funding mechanisms available to adequately fund trauma centers;
28 and

29 (5) funding criteria that would impact the receipt of funds by existing or
30 new trauma centers.

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

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
5 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
6 30, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
7 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.