

SENATE BILL 628

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By: **Senator Lam**

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Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **School-Based Health Centers – Services, Infrastructure, and Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide
4 coverage for sports physicals performed by school-based health centers; requiring
5 the Secretary of Health to include certain infrastructure needs in guidelines on the
6 expansion of school-based health centers; requiring the Maryland Department of
7 Health, on or before a certain date, to develop a certain school-based health center
8 funding allocation formula and a certain budget proposal; and generally relating to
9 school-based health centers.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Health – General
12 Section 15–103(a)(1)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Health – General
17 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xx) and (xxi) and 19–22A–01
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Health – General
22 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xxii), 19–22A–02, and 19–22A–03
23 Annotated Code of Maryland
24 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **Article – Health – General**

2 15–103.

3 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance
4 Program.

5 (2) The Program:

6 (xx) Beginning on July 1, 2023, shall provide, subject to federal
7 approval and limitations of the State budget, community violence prevention services in
8 accordance with 15–141.3 of this subtitle; [and]9 (xxi) Beginning on January 1, 2023, shall provide, subject to the
10 limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, coverage for self–measured
11 blood pressure monitoring for all Program recipients diagnosed with uncontrolled high
12 blood pressure, including:13 1. The provision of validated home blood pressure monitors;
14 and15 2. Reimbursement of health care provider and other staff
16 time used for patient training, transmission of blood pressure data, interpretation of blood
17 pressure readings and reporting, and the delivery of co–interventions, including
18 educational materials or classes, behavioral change management, and medication
19 management; AND20 **(XXII) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2024, SHALL PROVIDE,**
21 **SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS OF THE STATE BUDGET, COVERAGE FOR SPORTS**
22 **PHYSICALS PERFORMED BY SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTERS.**

23 19–22A–01.

24 **(A)** The Secretary, in consultation with the State Department of Education and
25 other stakeholders, shall develop guidelines to support the expansion of school–based
26 health centers.27 **(B) THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION**
28 **SHALL INCLUDE:**29 **(1) THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT IS NEEDED FOR SCHOOL–BASED**
30 **HEALTH CENTERS TO JOIN THE FEDERAL VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM,**
31 **INCLUDING THE IMPACT OF THE NEEDED INFRASTRUCTURE ON THE**
32 **INFRASTRUCTURE ON SCHOOLS WITH A SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTER; AND**33 **(2) HOW TO ACCOUNT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE IN SCHOOL**

1 DEVELOPMENT CONSTRUCTION PLANS THAT IS NEEDED FOR SCHOOLS TO
2 ESTABLISH A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER, INCLUDING THE INFRASTRUCTURE
3 NEEDED FOR A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FEDERAL
4 VACCINES FOR CHILDREN PROGRAM.

5 (C) THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
6 SHALL INCLUDE ESTIMATED COSTS FOR ADDRESSING THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS
7 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (B)(1) OF THIS SECTION.

8 19-22A-02.

9 (A) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP
10 A FUNDING ALLOCATION FORMULA FOR SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS THAT
11 INCORPORATES:

12 (1) MULTI-YEAR OPERATIONAL GRANT FUNDING TO ENABLE
13 EXISTING SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS TO PLAN FOR AND TO REDUCE THE
14 ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ON SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS AND THE
15 DEPARTMENT;

16 (2) FUNDING TO ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE CONSIDERING OPENING
17 SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTERS;

18 (3) BASE FUNDING TO ANY APPROVED SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH
19 CENTER SEEKING STATE FUNDING THAT IS BASED ON STAFFING, HOURS OF
20 OPERATIONS, AND SERVICES OFFERED; AND

21 (4) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, ADD-ON
22 PAYMENTS FOR THE HIGHEST NEED AREAS AND FOR MEETING QUALITY METRICS,
23 INCLUDING INCREASED SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER ENROLLMENT AND
24 SERVICE UTILIZATION.

25 (B) (1) THE QUALITY METRICS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (A)(4)
26 OF THIS SECTION MAY USE ANNUAL SURVEY DATA RELATED TO SCHOOL-BASED
27 HEALTH CENTERS IN THE STATE TO DETERMINE YEAR-OVER-YEAR CHANGES IN
28 ENROLLMENT AND SERVICE UTILIZATION.

29 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY:

30 (I) USE ANNUAL SURVEY DATA RELATED TO SCHOOL-BASED
31 HEALTH CENTERS TO SET A PERCENT INCREASE IMPROVEMENT TARGET; AND

32 (II) ALLOCATE FUNDING EQUALLY ACROSS ALL SCHOOL-BASED

1 HEALTH CENTERS THAT MEET THE IMPROVEMENT TARGET.

2 19-22A-03.

3 ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2024, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A
4 BUDGET PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FUNDING WITH THE GOAL OF
5 ESTABLISHING AT LEAST ONE SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER IN EACH COUNTY.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
7 October 1, 2023.