SENATE BILL 224

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By: Chair, Finance Committee (By Request - Departmental - Health)

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CHAPTER

1 AN ACT concerning

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Opioid–Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs – Appeals and Membership of Standing Advisory Committee

- 4 FOR the purpose of authorizing a local health department or community-based 5 organization to appeal to the Secretary of Health or the Secretary's designee, rather 6 than to the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services, an adverse decision of the 7 Maryland Department of Health and a local health officer regarding an application 8 for authorization to operate an Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach 9 Program; altering the membership of the Standing Advisory Committee on 10 Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs; and generally 11 relating to Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs.
- 12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 13 Article Health General
- 14 Section 24–901(a) and (f)
- 15 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 16 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)
- 17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
- 18 Article Health General
- 19 Section 24–902, 24–904, and 24–905
- 20 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 21 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

<u>Underlining</u> indicates amendments to bill.

Strike out indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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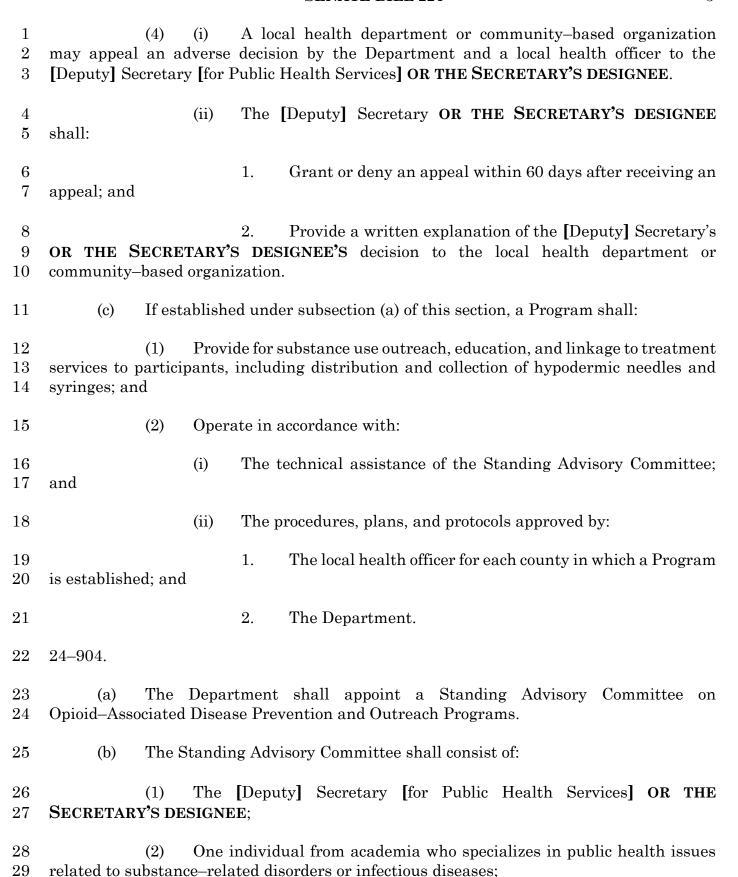
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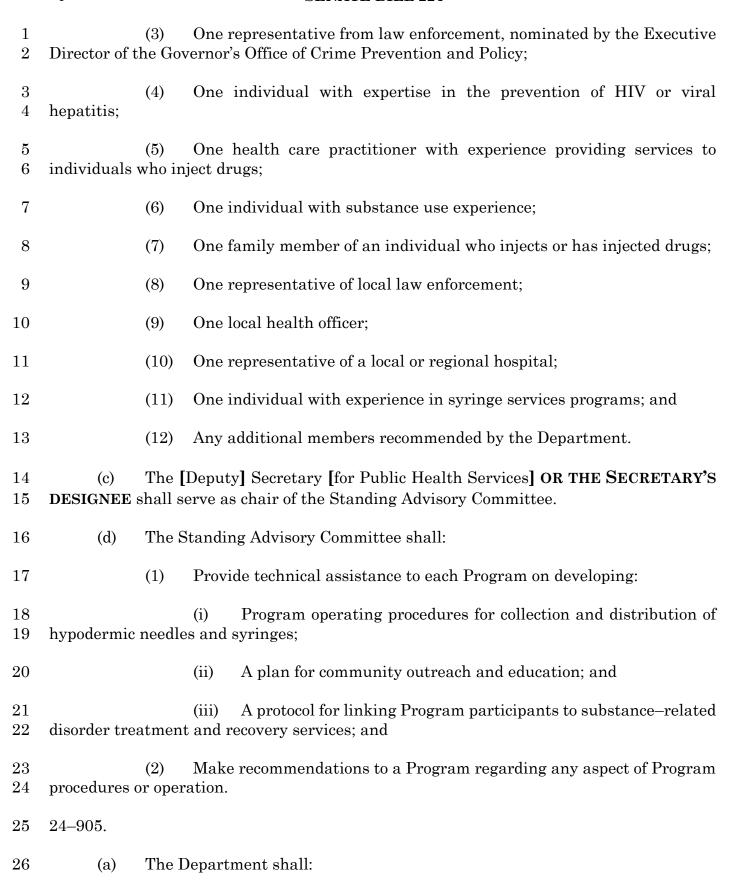
(ii)

the Department and local health officer.

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, 2 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows: 3 Article - Health - General 24-901. 4 5 In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated. (a) 6 "Program" means an Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach (f) 7 Program. 8 24-902. 9 A Program may be established by a local health department or a (a) (1) community-based organization, subject to the provisions of this subtitle. 10 11 (2)(i) A county may cooperate with another county to establish a 12 Program. 13 A community-based organization may establish a multicounty (ii) 14 Program. 15 (3)This subtitle does not apply to the AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Program established under Subtitle 8 of this title. 16 17 (b) (1) A local health department or community-based organization (i) 18 shall apply to the Department and a local health officer for authorization to operate a Program. 19 20 A local health department or community-based organization 21may apply at any time for authorization to operate a Program under subparagraph (i) of 22this paragraph. 23 The Department and a local health officer jointly shall issue an 24authorization determination based on the ability of a Program to meet the requirements of 25this subtitle. 26 The Department and a local health officer shall: (3)27 Approve or deny an application for authorization to operate a Program within 60 days after receiving a complete application; and 28

Provide to the applicant a written explanation of the decision of





1 2 3	consultation	(1) Adopt regulations for the implementation of this subtitle, in with the Standing Advisory Committee and the Maryland Association of the Officers; and
4 5		(2) Ensure the provision of technical assistance to a Program about best st practice protocols, and other subject areas.
6	(b)	The regulations adopted under subsection (a)(1) of this section shall establish
7 8	equipment;	(1) Procedures for ensuring the security of Program locations and
9 10 11 12	(2) An appeals process for appeals authorized by § 24–902(b)(4) of this subtitle, including the standard of review that the [Deputy] Secretary [for Public Health Services] OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE must apply when reviewing a decision of the Department and a local health officer; and	
13		(3) Procedures for data collection and Program evaluation.
14 15	SECTI 1, 2025.	ION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
	Approved:	
		Governor.
		President of the Senate.
		Speaker of the House of Delegates.