

SENATE BILL 519

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By: **Senator Charles**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prostate Cancer Care Access Grant Program and Fund – Establishment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Prostate Cancer Care Access Grant Program to provide
4 grants to improve awareness of and access to prostate cancer care services for
5 individuals in the State; establishing the Prostate Cancer Care Access Grant
6 Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grants under the Program;
7 requiring that interest earned by the Fund be credited to the Fund; and generally
8 relating to the Prostate Cancer Care Access Grant Program and Fund.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General

11 Section 13–5501 through 13–5504 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 55. Prostate
12 Cancer Care Access Grant Program”

13 Annotated Code of Maryland

14 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article – State Finance and Procurement

17 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article – State Finance and Procurement

22 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205.

23 Annotated Code of Maryland

24 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

25 BY adding to

26 Article – State Finance and Procurement

27 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)206.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 Annotated Code of Maryland
2 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

5 **Article – Health – General**

6 **SUBTITLE 55. PROSTATE CANCER CARE ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM.**

7 **13–5501.**

8 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
9 INDICATED.

10 (B) “FUND” MEANS THE PROSTATE CANCER CARE ACCESS GRANT
11 PROGRAM FUND.

12 (C) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE PROSTATE CANCER CARE ACCESS GRANT
13 PROGRAM.

14 **13–5502.**

15 (A) THERE IS A PROSTATE CANCER CARE ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM.

16 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO IMPROVE
17 AWARENESS OF AND ACCESS TO PROSTATE CANCER CARE SERVICES FOR
18 INDIVIDUALS IN THE STATE.

19 (C) THE SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS TO SUPPORT:

20 (1) ENTITIES AND PROSTATE CANCER CARE PROVIDERS TO
21 INCREASE THE GENERAL PUBLIC’S KNOWLEDGE AND AWARENESS OF PROSTATE
22 CANCER;

23 (2) TRAVEL AND RELATED COSTS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE
24 UNABLE TO ACCESS PROSTATE CANCER CARE IN THEIR OWN COMMUNITIES; AND

25 (3) ANY OTHER INITIATIVE TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO PROSTATE
26 CANCER CARE AS DETERMINED BY THE SECRETARY IN CONSULTATION WITH
27 ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE A FOCUS ON INCREASING ACCESS TO CULTURALLY
28 COMPETENT PROSTATE CANCER CARE.

29 **13–5503.**

1 (A) THERE IS A PROSTATE CANCER CARE ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM FUND.

2 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO PROVIDE GRANTS UNDER THE
3 PROGRAM.

4 (C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

5 (D) (1) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT
6 SUBJECT TO § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

7 (2) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY,
8 AND THE COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

9 (E) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

10 (1) MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE FUND;

11 (2) INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND; AND

12 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
13 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

14 (F) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE PROGRAM.

15 (G) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST THE MONEY OF THE FUND
16 IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE INVESTED.

17 (2) ANY INTEREST EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE CREDITED TO
18 THE FUND.

19 (H) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
20 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

21 13-5504.

22 (A) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2025, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ALLOCATE BY
23 BUDGET AMENDMENT AT LEAST \$100,000 OF THE FUND FOR THE PROGRAM FOR
24 FISCAL YEAR 2026.

25 (B) FOR EACH OF FISCAL YEARS 2027 AND 2028, THE GOVERNOR SHALL
26 INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$100,000 FOR THE
27 PROGRAM.

1 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

2 6–226.

3 (a) (2) (i) 1. This subparagraph does not apply in fiscal years 2024
4 through 2028.5 2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
6 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the
7 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
8 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to
9 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
10 Fund of the State.11 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
12 to the following funds:13 204. the Victims of Domestic Violence Program Grant Fund;
14 [and]

15 205. the Proposed Programs Collaborative Grant Fund; AND

16 **206. THE PROSTATE CANCER CARE ACCESS GRANT**
17 **PROGRAM FUND.**18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 October 1, 2025.