

SENATE BILL 589

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By: **Senator Augustine**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Opioid Restitution Fund – Interactive Dashboard**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response, in collaboration
4 with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop and maintain an interactive
5 dashboard on Opioid Restitution Fund spending to share prescription opioid–related
6 settlement information with the public; requiring the dashboard to include links to
7 the State, county, or municipal websites that provide access to additional
8 information on the use of opioid–related settlement funds; requiring counties and
9 municipalities receiving settlement funding to provide certain information to the
10 Department to include on the dashboard in a certain manner; requiring that the
11 dashboard be developed and maintained using funds from the Opioid Restitution
12 Fund appropriated through the State budget; and generally relating to an interactive
13 dashboard on Opioid Restitution Fund spending.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Health – General

16 Section 7.5–1001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Opioid Restitution
17 Settlement Funding Interactive Dashboard”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

22 **Article – Health – General**

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 SUBTITLE 10. OPIOID RESTITUTION SETTLEMENT FUNDING INTERACTIVE
2 DASHBOARD.

3 7.5–1001.

4 (A) THE MARYLAND OFFICE OF OVERDOSE RESPONSE, IN
5 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN AN
6 INTERACTIVE DASHBOARD ON OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND SPENDING FOR THE
7 PURPOSE OF SHARING PRESCRIPTION OPIOID–RELATED SETTLEMENT
8 INFORMATION WITH THE PUBLIC.

9 (B) THE DASHBOARD DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED UNDER SUBSECTION
10 (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE, DISAGGREGATED BY STATE, COUNTY, AND
11 MUNICIPALITY:

12 (1) PAYMENT SCHEDULE INFORMATION ON ESTIMATED PAYMENTS
13 TO THE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY FROM OPIOID SETTLEMENTS;

14 (2) PAST SPENDING OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS;

15 (3) SPENDING PLANS AND PRIORITIES; AND

16 (4) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ANY INITIATIVE FUNDED WITH
17 SETTLEMENT FUNDS, INCLUDING PERFORMANCE MEASURES IF APPLICABLE.

18 (C) ~~THE~~ IF THERE IS A STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL WEBSITE THAT
19 PROVIDES ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE USE OF OPIOID–RELATED
20 SETTLEMENT FUNDS BY THE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY, THE DASHBOARD
21 SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON PUBLIC HEARINGS CONDUCTED IN THE STATE,
22 COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY REGARDING THE USE OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM THE
23 OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND A LINK TO THE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL
24 WEBSITE.

25 (D) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A COUNTY OR
26 MUNICIPALITY THAT:

27 (I) COMPLIES WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
28 ESTABLISHED IN AN OPIOID–RELATED SETTLEMENT; AND

29 (II) SHARES THE DATA IN THE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER AN
30 OPIOID–RELATED SETTLEMENT WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATE ENTITY.

1 **(2)** A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RECEIVING SETTLEMENT FUNDS
2 SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION
3 RELATED TO SETTLEMENT FUNDING TO INCLUDE AS INFORMATION ON THE
4 DASHBOARD.

5 ~~(2)~~ **(3)** INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER
6 PARAGRAPH ~~(1)~~ **(2)** OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
7 TERMS OF ANY OPIOID-RELATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

8 ~~(3)~~ **(4)** THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPLOAD OPIOID-RELATED
9 SETTLEMENT INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A COUNTY OR
10 MUNICIPALITY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF AN OPIOID-RELATED
11 SETTLEMENT.

12 **(5)** THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AN ONLINE PORTAL WITH
13 INSTRUCTIONS FOR A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO REPORT OR UPLOAD REQUIRED
14 INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE IN THE DASHBOARD.

15 **(E)** TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE DASHBOARD SHALL USE EXISTING
16 PLATFORMS THAT PROVIDE DATA ON OPIOID USE AND OVERDOSES IN THE STATE.

17 **(F)** THE DASHBOARD SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED USING
18 FUNDS FROM THE OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND AS APPROPRIATED THROUGH THE
19 STATE BUDGET.

20 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
21 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.