

HOUSE BILL 1540

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By: ~~Delegate Harrison~~ Delegates Harrison, Ivey, Toles, Acevero, Ruff, and McCaskill

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center – Funding – Repeal of**
3 **Termination Date**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing the termination date for certain provisions of law requiring
5 that the Governor include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation for the
6 University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center; altering certain findings by
7 the General Assembly; and generally relating to funding for the University of
8 Maryland Capital Region Medical Center.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 19–2401
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Chapter 13 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016, as amended by Chapter 19
16 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017
17 Section 5

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

20 **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 19-2401.

2 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

3 ~~(1) The financial viability of the Prince George's County Regional Medical~~
4 ~~Center and the State's investment in the Center is contingent on high quality clinical~~
5 ~~programs at the existing Prince George's Hospital Center and the new Prince George's~~
6 ~~County Regional Medical Center;~~

7 ~~(2) The ability of the University of Maryland Medical System to develop~~
8 ~~and maintain high quality clinical programs at the existing Prince George's Hospital Center~~
9 ~~and to transition to the new Prince George's County Regional Medical Center is contingent~~
10 ~~on State operating and capital funding in specific years; AND~~

11 ~~(3) The ability to protect the State's investment in the new Prince George's~~
12 ~~County Regional Medical Center is jeopardized by the provisions of the Budget~~
13 ~~Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2017, as introduced, that alter both the operating and~~
14 ~~capital obligations mandated by Chapter 13 of the Acts of 2016]; and~~

15 ~~(4) The changed circumstances and the need to protect the State's~~
16 ~~investment require additional support in future years to ensure the financial viability of~~
17 ~~the new Prince George's County Regional Medical Center and ultimately the ability of the~~
18 ~~State to end State support for the Center].~~

19 **(1) IN 2011, THE STATE, PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, AND THE**
20 **UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM CAME TOGETHER IN A HISTORIC**
21 **PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP TO TRANSITION THE LAST COUNTY-OWNED**
22 **HOSPITAL SYSTEM IN THE STATE TO A PRIVATE, NONPROFIT INSTITUTION THAT IS**
23 **PART OF THE STATE'S LARGEST ACADEMIC MEDICAL SYSTEM, WITH THE GOAL OF**
24 **TRANSFORMING HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN THE SECOND MOST POPULOUS COUNTY**
25 **IN THE STATE;**

26 **(2) THE GOALS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE PARTNERSHIP INCLUDE:**

27 **(I) GROWING ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY CLINICAL PROGRAMS**
28 **IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY;**

29 **(II) ESTABLISHING A DELIVERY SYSTEM THAT ENABLES**
30 **RESIDENTS TO RECEIVE CARE WITHIN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY;**

31 **(III) ADDRESSING THE DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN OF**
32 **CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS IMPACTING RESIDENTS OF PRINCE GEORGE'S**
33 **COUNTY, INCLUDING HEART DISEASE AND CANCER; AND**

1 **(IV) SERVING AS AN ANCHOR INSTITUTION AND ENGINE OF**
2 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY AND THE SOUTHERN**
3 **MARYLAND REGION;**

4 **(3) KEY TO THE TRANSFORMATION OF CARE IN PRINCE GEORGE’S**
5 **COUNTY ARE EFFORTS TO:**

6 **(I) BUILD HIGH-QUALITY SPECIALTY CLINICAL PROGRAMS,**
7 **SUCH AS CANCER, CARDIAC, AND STROKE CARE;**

8 **(II) EXPAND PRIMARY CARE;**

9 **(III) ATTRACT AND RETAIN HIGHLY QUALIFIED CLINICIANS; AND**

10 **(IV) PRESERVE SERVICES THAT ADDRESS COMMUNITY NEEDS;**

11 **(4) SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND**
12 **CAPITAL REGION HEALTH AS PART OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL**
13 **SYSTEM IN 2017, THE ORGANIZATION HAS SUCCEEDED IN ADVANCING THE VISION**
14 **ARTICULATED BY THE HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE STATE, PRINCE**
15 **GEORGE’S COUNTY, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM TO**
16 **TRANSFORM CARE DELIVERY IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY AND THE SOUTHERN**
17 **MARYLAND REGION; AND**

18 **(5) THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CAPITAL REGION HEALTH**
19 **REQUIRES STATE SUPPORT AND INVESTMENT TO CONTINUE ITS MISSION TO**
20 **PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY CARE AND TRANSFORM HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN**
21 **PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY AND THE SOUTHERN MARYLAND REGION.**

22 (b) (1) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, for the purpose of providing an
23 operating grant to ensure and assist in the transition of a new Prince George’s County
24 Regional Medical System to the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation:

25 (i) For fiscal year 2018, the Governor shall include in the budget bill
26 an appropriation of \$28,000,000;

27 (ii) For fiscal year 2019, the Governor shall include in the budget bill
28 an appropriation of \$27,000,000;

29 (iii) For fiscal years 2020 and 2021, the Governor shall include in the
30 budget bill an appropriation of \$15,000,000; and

31 (iv) For fiscal [years] YEAR 2022 [through 2028] AND EACH FISCAL
32 YEAR THEREAFTER, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation of
33 \$10,000,000.

1 (2) Subject to subsection (c) of this section, Prince George's County shall
2 provide a combination of matching funds and other financial assistance to the University
3 of Maryland Medical System Corporation that constitutes total financial assistance as
4 follows:

5 (i) \$15,000,000 annually for fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year
6 2019; and

7 (ii) \$5,000,000 annually for fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

8 (c) The State and county funds described in subsection (b) of this section:

9 (1) Shall be used to support the transition of the Prince George's County
10 Regional Medical Center from operation under the Dimensions Health Care System to
11 operation as a participating institution of the University of Maryland Medical System
12 Corporation; and

13 (2) May be used only for:

14 (i) Providing increased access to critical health care services for the
15 region served by the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center and improving the
16 quality of the services provided; and

17 (ii) Facilitating cost containment measures to prevent additional
18 operating losses for the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center and its affiliated
19 institutions.

20 (d) (1) The Governor shall include in the capital or operating budget bill the
21 following amounts that are equal to the capital funds committed by Prince George's County
22 to be used for the construction of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center:

23 (i) \$11,300,000 for fiscal year 2018;

24 (ii) \$48,000,000 for fiscal year 2019; and

25 (iii) \$56,200,000 for fiscal year 2020.

26 (2) Prince George's County shall provide matching funds of \$208,000,000
27 for the capital construction of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center.

28 **Chapter 13 of the Acts of 2016, as amended by Chapter 19 of the Acts of 2017**

29 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
30 1, 2016. [It shall remain effective for a period of 12 years and 1 month and, at the end of
31 June 30, 2028, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
32 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2026.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.