

# SENATE BILL 587

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By: Senator Guzzone

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Maryland Patient Safety Center Fund – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring, rather than authorizing, the Governor to include in the  
4 annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Maryland Patient Safety Center  
5 Fund; and generally relating to funding for the Maryland Patient Safety Center  
6 Fund.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

8 Article – Health – General

9 Section 19–112

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

### 12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

#### 14 **Article – Health – General**

15 19–112.

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) “Center” means a Patient Safety Center designated by the Commission.

18 (3) “Fund” means the Maryland Patient Safety Center Fund.

19 (b) (1) On or before December 31, 2025, the Commission shall designate a  
20 Center for the State.

21 (2) The Center designated under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall  
22 continue to act as the State–designated Center for the duration of the designation period,

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 as determined by the Commission, if the Center continuously meets the standards and  
2 requirements established by the Commission.

3 (c) The designated Center shall:

4 (1) Develop, coordinate, and implement patient safety initiatives across the  
5 State;

6 (2) Be a model for patient safety innovation and implementation in the  
7 State;

8 (3) Convene health care providers, patients, and families to:

9 (i) Improve the quality of health care and reduce preventable and  
10 avoidable harm; and

11 (ii) Provide safe and equitable health care for State citizens; and

12 (4) Share information relating to best practices among providers and  
13 patients in the State.

14 (d) (1) There is a Patient Safety Center Fund.

15 (2) The purpose of the Fund is to subsidize a portion of the costs of the  
16 Center so that the Center may perform the duties described under subsection (c) of this  
17 section.

18 (3) The Commission shall administer the Fund.

19 (4) (i) The Fund is a special, nonlapsing fund that is not subject to §  
20 7-302 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

21 (ii) The State Treasurer shall hold the Fund separately, and the  
22 Comptroller shall account for the Fund.

23 (5) The Fund consists of:

24 (i) Money appropriated in the State budget to the Fund;

25 (ii) Interest earnings; and

26 (iii) Any other money from any other source accepted for the benefit  
27 of the Fund.

28 (6) The Fund may be used only to subsidize a portion of the costs of the  
29 Center so that the Center may perform the duties described under subsection (c) of this  
30 section.

(7) (i) The State Treasurer shall invest the money of the Fund in the same manner as other State money may be invested.

3 (ii) Any interest earnings of the Fund shall be credited to the Fund.

4 (e) (1) (i) For fiscal years 2023 through 2025, the Governor shall include in  
5 the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the Fund.

6 (ii) For fiscal year [2026] **2027** and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
7 Governor [may] **SHALL** include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$1,000,000  
8 for the Fund.

12 (3) Expenditures from the Fund may be made only in accordance with the  
13 State budget.

14 (4) Money expended from the Fund for the Center is supplemental to, and  
15 is not intended to take the place of, funding that otherwise would be appropriated for the  
16 Center.

17 (f) On or before October 1 each year, the Commission, in conjunction with the  
18 Center, shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and  
19 Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government  
20 Article, on:

23 (2) How the Center's statewide initiatives align with State-designated  
24 priorities.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
26 1, 2026.