

SENATE BILL 973

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(4lr2611)

ENROLLED BILL

— Budget and Taxation / Appropriations —

Introduced by **Senator Guzzone**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals – Private Hospital Grant Program – Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of codifying a private hospital grant program for the purpose of making
4 recommendations to the Governor for funding for capital projects at private hospitals
5 in the State; requiring the Maryland Hospital ~~Association~~ *Association* to establish
6 a certain review committee; authorizing the Governor to include in the capital or
7 operating budget bill a certain amount of funding in each fiscal year for the Private
8 Hospital Grant Program; and generally relating to funding for hospitals in the State.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 19–310.4
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2023 Replacement Volume)

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.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



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**

4 **19–310.4.**

5 (A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
6 INDICATED.

7 (2) “COMMITTEE” MEANS THE REVIEW COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED IN
8 ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

9 (3) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL GRANT PROGRAM.

10 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, THIS
11 SECTION MAY NOT BE CONSTRUED TO PROHIBIT AN ORGANIZATION FROM
12 RECEIVING FUNDS FROM A GOVERNMENT SOURCE OTHER THAN THE PRIVATE
13 HOSPITAL GRANT PROGRAM.

14 (C) THERE IS A PRIVATE HOSPITAL GRANT PROGRAM.

15 (D) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO
16 THE GOVERNOR FOR FUNDING IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET FOR CAPITAL
17 PROJECTS AT PRIVATE HOSPITALS IN THE STATE.

18 (E) (1) THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION SHALL ESTABLISH A
19 REVIEW COMMITTEE TO:

20 (I) DEVELOP THE PROCESS FOR HOSPITALS IN THE STATE TO
21 SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR FUNDING IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET;

22 (II) ESTABLISH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR A HOSPITAL TO
23 SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR FUNDING UNDER THE PROGRAM;

24 (III) ESTABLISH CRITERIA FOR PROJECTS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE
25 FUNDING UNDER THE PROGRAM;

26 (IV) ESTABLISH DEADLINES FOR THE SUBMISSION OF
27 REQUESTS FOR FUNDING AND THE DETERMINATION OF PROJECTS RECOMMENDED
28 FOR FUNDING;

29 (V) DEVELOP PROJECT SCORING AND SELECTION CRITERIA
30 GUIDELINES;

1 (VI) REVIEW ELIGIBLE REQUESTS FOR FUNDING; AND

2 (VII) MAKE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PROJECTS TO BE
3 FUNDED IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET.

4 (2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE
5 COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL
6 REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF HOSPITALS IN THE STATE.

7 (3) THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSULT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
8 BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
9 ~~SHALL CONSULT WITH THE COMMITTEE~~ IN:

10 (I) ESTABLISHING THE PROJECT FUNDING REQUEST PROCESS
11 UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

12 (II) MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FUNDING REQUESTS.

13 (F) IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND
14 MANAGEMENT, THE COMMITTEE MAY ESTABLISH CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH A
15 REQUEST FOR FUNDING MAY BE REJECTED FOR CONSIDERATION.

16 (G) THE MARYLAND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION SHALL SUBMIT THE
17 RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COMMITTEE TO THE GOVERNOR AND THE SECRETARY
18 OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT.

19 (H) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE
20 GOVERNOR MAY INCLUDE IN THE CAPITAL OR OPERATING BUDGET BILL AN
21 APPROPRIATION OF \$20,000,000 FOR THE PRIVATE HOSPITAL GRANT PROGRAM.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
23 1, 2024.