

HOUSE BILL 309

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center Act of 2016**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring that in certain fiscal years certain amounts be provided in a
4 certain manner as an operating grant to the Board of Directors of the University of
5 Maryland Medical System for certain purposes; requiring the Governor to include
6 certain appropriations in the budget bill for certain fiscal years for certain purposes;
7 requiring Prince George’s County to provide certain funds and other financial
8 assistance to the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System;
9 requiring that certain State and Prince George’s County funds be used for certain
10 purposes, including the construction of the Prince George’s County Regional Medical
11 Center; requiring the Governor to include certain amounts in the capital or operating
12 budget bill for certain fiscal years; declaring the intent of the General Assembly;
13 making this Act subject to a certain contingency; providing for the termination of
14 this Act; and generally relating to funding for certain purposes in connection with
15 the construction of the Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Health – General

18 Section 19–2401 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 24. Prince George’s County
19 Regional Medical Center”

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2015 Replacement Volume)

22 Preamble

23 WHEREAS, The residents of Prince George’s County and all of Southern Maryland
24 deserve access to a high–quality comprehensive health care system; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, Residents of Prince George's County suffer from higher rates of chronic
2 diseases and higher rates of death from heart disease and cancer than residents of
3 neighboring jurisdictions; and

4 WHEREAS, African American residents of Prince George's County suffer from rates
5 of chronic disease and deaths from heart disease and cancer that are significantly higher
6 than that of other minority and white residents of the county; and

7 WHEREAS, Residents of Prince George's County and Southern Maryland have less
8 access to all types of medical, dental, and mental health providers compared to residents of
9 neighboring jurisdictions; and

10 WHEREAS, Over 60% of Prince George's County residents who require
11 hospitalization in any given year now receive that care at hospitals outside the county and
12 often outside the State; and

13 WHEREAS, A study published by the University of Maryland School of Public
14 Health recommended that the development of a high-quality academically affiliated
15 regional medical center with a prevention-focused ambulatory care network should be the
16 anchor on which Prince George's County could develop a health care system to address the
17 underlying health issues facing residents of the jurisdiction; and

18 WHEREAS, In July 2011, the State, Prince George's County, the University of
19 Maryland Medical System Corporation, the University System of Maryland, and
20 Dimensions Health Corporation entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to
21 transform the county's existing health care delivery system into an efficient, effective, and
22 financially viable system with improved access; and

23 WHEREAS, The State fulfilled the requirements of the July 2011 Memorandum by
24 providing \$60 million in operating support and \$24 million in capital support between fiscal
25 year 2012 and fiscal year 2015; and

26 WHEREAS, The fiscal year 2016 Capital Improvement Plan called for the provision
27 of an additional \$45 million in State support in fiscal year 2017 and \$90 million in fiscal
28 year 2018 for the development of the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center; and

29 WHEREAS, The State, in partnership with Prince George's County and the
30 University of Maryland Medical System, has made a commitment to the residents of Prince
31 George's County and the Southern Maryland region to transform the regional health care
32 delivery system and to build and support the transition of the Dimensions Health Care
33 System to a new Prince George's County Regional Medical Facility and System within the
34 University of Maryland Medical System; and

35 WHEREAS, Prince George's County and the University of Maryland Medical System
36 have fulfilled and are prepared to continue to fulfill their commitments to the partnership
37 entered into in 2011, and the State should fulfill its commitment to both the partnership

1 and to advancing access to the highest quality health care services for the residents of
2 Prince George's County and the entire Southern Maryland region; now, therefore,

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 24. PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.**

7 **19-2401.**

8 **(A) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, FOR THE**
9 **PURPOSE OF PROVIDING AN OPERATING GRANT TO ENSURE AND ASSIST IN THE**
10 **TRANSITION OF A NEW PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL SYSTEM TO**
11 **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM:**

12 **(I) IN FISCAL YEAR 2017, \$15,000,000 SHALL BE**
13 **TRANSFERRED FROM THE DEDICATED PURPOSE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED UNDER §**
14 **7-310 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE;**

15 **(II) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN**
16 **THE BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF:**

17 **1. \$15,000,000; AND**

18 **2. IF THE AMOUNT UNDER ITEM (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH**
19 **IS NOT PROVIDED AS A GRANT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY**
20 **OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2017, AN ADDITIONAL**
21 **\$15,000,000;**

22 **(III) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN**
23 **THE BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000,000; AND**

24 **(IV) FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021, THE GOVERNOR SHALL**
25 **INCLUDE IN THE BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000.**

26 **(2) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, PRINCE**
27 **GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE A COMBINATION OF MATCHING FUNDS AND**
28 **OTHER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE UNIVERSITY**
29 **OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM THAT CONSTITUTES TOTAL FINANCIAL**
30 **ASSISTANCE AS FOLLOWS:**

1 (I) \$15,000,000 ANNUALLY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017 THROUGH
2 FISCAL YEAR 2019; AND

3 (II) \$5,000,000 ANNUALLY FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020 AND 2021.

4 (B) THE STATE AND COUNTY FUNDS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS
5 SECTION:

6 (1) SHALL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE TRANSITION OF THE PRINCE
7 GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER FROM OPERATION UNDER THE
8 DIMENSIONS HEALTH CARE SYSTEM TO OPERATION AS A PARTICIPATING
9 INSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM; AND

10 (2) MAY BE USED ONLY FOR:

11 (I) PROVIDING INCREASED ACCESS TO CRITICAL HEALTH CARE
12 SERVICES FOR THE REGION SERVED BY THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL
13 MEDICAL CENTER AND IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED; AND

14 (II) FACILITATING COST CONTAINMENT MEASURES TO
15 PREVENT ADDITIONAL OPERATING LOSSES FOR THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
16 REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER AND ITS PREDECESSOR INSTITUTIONS.

17 (C) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE CAPITAL OR OPERATING
18 BUDGET BILL THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS THAT ARE EQUAL TO THE CAPITAL FUNDS
19 COMMITTED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY TO BE USED FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
20 OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER:

21 (I) \$45,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017;

22 (II) \$90,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018; AND

23 (III) \$8,000,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019.

24 (2) PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY SHALL PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS
25 OF \$208,000,000 FOR THE CAPITAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE PRINCE GEORGE'S
26 COUNTY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General
28 Assembly that the Maryland Health Care Commission give priority to the certificate of
29 need applications of replacement facilities before consideration of new certificate of need
30 applications. The Maryland Health Care Commission shall make a determination on the
31 certificate of need for the replacement facility for the Prince George's Hospital on or before
32 July 1, 2016.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 contingent on the transfer of the governance of the Prince George's County Regional
3 Medical Center to the University of Maryland Medical System within 90 days after a
4 certificate of need for the Prince George's County Regional Medical Center is approved. The
5 University of Maryland Medical System shall notify the Department of Legislative Services
6 within 5 days after the transfer of governance to the University of Maryland Medical
7 System. If notice of the transfer is not received by the Department of Legislative Services
8 on or before December 31, 2016, this Act shall be null and void without the necessity of
9 further action by the General Assembly.

10 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 3 of this
11 Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years
12 and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2021, with no further action required by the
13 General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.