

HOUSE BILL 1540

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By: **Delegate Harrison**

Introduced and read first time: February 13, 2026

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

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; and generally relating to
7 funding for the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center.

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

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

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

19 **Article – Health – General**

20 19–2401.

21 (a) The General Assembly finds that:

22 (1) The financial viability of the Prince George’s County Regional Medical
23 Center and the State’s investment in the Center is contingent on high quality clinical

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 programs at the existing Prince George's Hospital Center and the new Prince George's
2 County Regional Medical Center;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 (iv) For fiscal [years] **YEAR 2022 [through 2028] AND EACH FISCAL**
25 **YEAR THEREAFTER**, the Governor shall include in the budget bill an appropriation of
26 \$10,000,000.

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

31 (i) \$15,000,000 annually for fiscal year 2017 through fiscal year
32 2019; and

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

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

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

5 (2) May be used only for:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
22 1, 2016. [It shall remain effective for a period of 12 years and 1 month and, at the end of
23 June 30, 2028, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
24 abrogated and of no further force and effect.]

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