

# SENATE BILL 406

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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 ~~Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Grant Funding and Task Force on~~  
3 Maryland Maternal and Child Health

4 FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Governor to include a certain amount of funding for the~~  
5 ~~Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund in~~  
6 ~~the annual budget beginning in a certain fiscal year;~~ establishing the Task Force on  
7 Maryland Maternal and Child Health; providing for the composition, chair, and staff  
8 for the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain  
9 compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the  
10 Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters;  
11 requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the General  
12 Assembly on or before a certain date; ~~providing for the effective dates of this Act;~~  
13 ~~providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act;~~ and generally relating  
14 to ~~prenatal and infant care coordination services~~ the Task Force on Maryland  
15 Maternal and Child Health.

16 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~  
17 ~~Article Health General~~  
18 ~~Section 24-1502(a)~~  
19 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
20 ~~(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)~~

21 ~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~

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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 ~~Article Health General~~  
 2 ~~Section 24-1502(f)~~  
 3 ~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~  
 4 ~~(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)~~

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

7 ~~Article Health General~~

8 ~~24-1502.~~

9 ~~(a) There is a Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant~~  
 10 ~~Program Fund.~~

11 ~~(f) (1) [Beginning in] IN fiscal year 2020 [and in each fiscal year thereafter],~~  
 12 ~~the Governor shall include in the annual budget \$50,000 for the Fund.~~

13 ~~(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,~~  
 14 ~~THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET \$5,000,000 FOR THE~~  
 15 ~~FUND.~~

16 ~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:~~

17 (a) There is a Task Force on Maryland Maternal and Child Health.

18 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

19 (1) one representative of the Maryland Department of Health, designated  
 20 by the Secretary of Health;

21 (2) one representative of the Maryland Department of Human Services,  
 22 designated by the Secretary of Human Services;

23 (3) one representative of the Maryland Medical Assistance Program,  
 24 designated by the Secretary of Health;

25 (4) one representative of the Health Services Cost Review Commission,  
 26 designated by the Executive Director of the Commission; and

27 (5) the following members, appointed by the Secretary of Health:

28 (i) one representative of Johns Hopkins Children's Center;

29 (ii) one representative from a community-based organization  
 30 focused on maternal and infant care support and currently partnered with Johns Hopkins  
 31 Children's Center;

1 (iii) one representative of University of Maryland Children's  
2 Hospital;

3 (iv) one representative from a community-based organization  
4 focused on maternal and infant care support and currently partnered with University of  
5 Maryland Children's Hospital; ~~and~~

6 (v) three representatives of participants who qualify for, are  
7 receiving or have received care coordination from targeted programs within the current  
8 care coordination system;

9 (vi) one representative of the Maryland Affiliate of the American  
10 College of Nurse Midwives; and

11 (vii) one representative of the Maryland Chapter of the American  
12 Academy of Pediatrics.

13 (c) The Secretary of Health shall designate the chair of the Task Force.

14 (d) The Maryland Department of Health, Maryland Department of Human  
15 Services, and the Health Services Cost Review Commission jointly shall provide staff for  
16 the Task Force.

17 (e) A member of the Task Force:

18 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

19 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State  
20 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

21 (f) The Task Force shall study and make recommendations on:

22 (1) how the policies of the Health Services Cost Review Commission can be  
23 used to incentivize early intervention and prevention of key adverse health outcomes, such  
24 as asthma, adverse birth outcomes, sickle cell crisis, and mental health crises; and

25 (2) how payment mechanisms can:

26 (i) support community-based and school-based models of care;

27 (ii) use the global budgets revenue system to improve child care;

28 (iii) assist in collaborations with public health care; and

29 (iv) use the Core Set of Children's Health Care Quality Measures for  
30 Medicaid to monitor improvements.

1 (g) On or before November 1, 2019, the Task Force shall report its findings and  
2 recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State  
3 Government Article.

4 ~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take~~  
5 ~~effect October 1, 2019.~~

6 SECTION ~~4.~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, ~~except as provided in~~  
7 ~~Section 3 of this Act,~~ this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019. ~~Section 2 of this Act~~ It shall  
8 remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of June 30, 2020, ~~Section 2 of this~~  
9 Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no  
10 further force and effect.

Approved:

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Governor.

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President of the Senate.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.