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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in
4 Maryland to study the adequacy of trauma center funding across the State for
5 operating, capital, and workforce costs; and generally relating to the Commission to
6 Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland.

7 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
8 That:

9 (a) In this section, “MIEMSS” means the Maryland Institute for Emergency
10 Medicine Services Systems.

11 (b) There is a Commission to Study Trauma Center Funding in Maryland.

12 (c) The Commission consists of the following members:

13 (1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
14 the Senate;

15 (2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the
16 House;

17 (3) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;

18 (4) the Executive Director of MIEMSS, or the Executive Director’s
19 designee;

20 (5) the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission, or the
21 Executive Director’s designee; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (6) the following members, appointed by the Secretary of Health:

2 (i) one representative of MIEMSS;

3 (ii) one representative of the Maryland Trauma Center Network;

4 (iii) one representative of the Maryland Patient Safety Center;

5 (iv) one representative of the Health Services Cost Review
6 Commission;

7 (v) one representative of the Maryland Health Care Commission;
8 and

9 (vi) five representatives of trauma centers in the State located in
10 geographically diverse regions, to the extent practicable, including:

11 1. one representative from a primary adult resource center;

12 2. one representative from a level I trauma center;

13 3. one representative from a level II trauma center;

14 4. one representative from a level III trauma center; and

15 5. one representative from a pediatric trauma center.

16 (d) The Executive Director of MIEMSS, or the Executive Director's designee, and
17 the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care Commission, or the Executive
18 Director's designee, shall be the co-chairs of the Commission.

19 (e) MIEMSS and the Maryland Health Care Commission jointly shall provide staff
20 for the Commission.

21 (f) A member of the Commission:

22 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

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

25 (g) The Commission shall study the adequacy of trauma center funding across the
26 State for operating, capital, and workforce costs, including:

27 (1) current funding sources for trauma centers in the State;

1 (2) Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund expenditures and revenues
2 since its inception;

3 (3) statutory and regulatory requirements for trauma centers at the time
4 the Fund was established;

5 (4) changes to statutory and regulatory requirements for trauma centers
6 since the Fund was established;

7 (5) changes in staffing, recruitment, compensation, or other factors that
8 would impact the funding needed to operate a trauma center in the State;

9 (6) changes to approved uses of the Fund over time;

10 (7) the amount of funding needed to adequately fund trauma centers in the
11 State;

12 (8) the funding mechanisms available to adequately fund trauma centers;
13 and

14 (9) funding criteria that would impact the receipt of funds by existing or
15 new trauma centers.

16 (h) The Commission shall make findings and recommendations regarding:

17 (1) changes in staffing, recruitment, compensation, or other factors that
18 would impact the funding needed to operate a trauma center in the State;

19 (2) changes to approved uses of the Fund over time;

20 (3) the amount of funding needed to adequately fund trauma centers in the
21 State;

22 (4) the funding mechanisms available to adequately fund trauma centers;
23 and

24 (5) funding criteria that would impact the receipt of funds by existing or
25 new trauma centers.

26 (i) On or before December 1, 2023, the Commission shall report its findings and
27 recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State
28 Government Article, the General Assembly.

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
30 1, 2023. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
31 30, 2024, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
32 abrogated and of no further force and effect.