

SENATE BILL 881

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By: **Senator Zucker**

Introduced and read first time: February 2, 2024

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program – Recovery**
3 **of Funding**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the number of years after completion of a project funded in
5 part by a grant of the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program after which
6 the State may recover funding under certain circumstances; and generally relating
7 to recovery proceedings and the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Health – General

10 Section 24–1302

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2023 Replacement Volume)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

14 Article – Health – General

15 Section 24–1306(a)

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2023 Replacement Volume)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Health – General**

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 24-1302.

2 (a) There is a Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program.

3 (b) On the recommendation of the Secretary, the Board of Public Works may
4 make grants to counties, municipal corporations, and nonprofit organizations for:

5 (1) The conversion of public buildings or parts of public buildings to
6 federally qualified health centers;

7 (2) The acquisition of existing buildings or parts of buildings for use as
8 federally qualified health centers;

9 (3) The renovation of federally qualified health centers;

10 (4) The purchase of capital equipment for federally qualified health
11 centers; or

12 (5) The planning, design, and construction of federally qualified health
13 centers.

14 24-1306.

15 (a) **(1) The EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS**
16 **SUBSECTION, THE** State may recover from either the transferor or transferee or, in the
17 case of a property that has ceased to be a federally qualified health center, from the owner,
18 an amount bearing the same ratio to the then current value of so much of the property as
19 constituted an approved project as the amount of the State participation bore to the total
20 eligible cost of the approved project, together with all costs and reasonable attorneys' fees
21 incurred by the State in the recovery proceedings, if, ~~within [30] 15 years after completion~~
22 ~~of a project,~~ a property for which funds have been paid under this subtitle:

23 ~~(1)~~ **(I)** Is sold or transferred to any person, agency, or organization that
24 would not qualify as an applicant under this subtitle, or that is not approved as a transferee
25 by the Board of Public Works; or

26 ~~(2)~~ **(II)** Ceases to be a federally qualified health center as defined in this
27 subtitle.

28 **(2) THE STATE MAY NOT RECOVER UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
29 **SUBSECTION:**

30 **(I) IF THE PROPERTY WAS LEASED BY THE FEDERALLY**
31 **QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, MORE THAN 15 YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE**
32 **PROJECT; OR**

1 **(ii) IF THE PROPERTY WAS OWNED BY THE FEDERALLY**
2 **QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER, MORE THAN 30 YEARS AFTER COMPLETION OF THE**
3 **PROJECT.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 October 1, 2024.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.