

HOUSE BILL 798

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House action: Adopted

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Opioid Restitution Fund – Interactive Dashboard**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Office of Overdose Response, in collaboration
4 with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop and maintain an interactive
5 dashboard on Opioid Restitution Fund spending to share prescription opioid-related
6 settlement information with the public; requiring the dashboard to include links to
7 the State, county, or municipal websites that provide access to additional
8 information on the use of opioid-related settlement funds; requiring counties and
9 municipalities receiving settlement funding to provide certain information to the
10 Department to include on the dashboard in a certain manner; requiring that the
11 dashboard be developed and maintained using funds from the Opioid Restitution
12 Fund appropriated through the State budget; and generally relating to an interactive
13 dashboard on Opioid Restitution Fund spending.

14 BY adding to

15 Article – Health – General

16 Section 7.5–1001 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 10. Opioid Restitution
17 Settlement Funding Interactive Dashboard”

18 Annotated Code of Maryland

19 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

3 Article – Health – General

4 SUBTITLE 10. OPIOID RESTITUTION SETTLEMENT FUNDING INTERACTIVE
5 DASHBOARD.

6 7.5–1001.

7 (A) THE MARYLAND OFFICE OF OVERDOSE RESPONSE, IN
8 COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, SHALL DEVELOP AND MAINTAIN AN
9 INTERACTIVE DASHBOARD ON OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND SPENDING FOR THE
10 PURPOSE OF SHARING PRESCRIPTION OPIOID-RELATED SETTLEMENT
11 INFORMATION WITH THE PUBLIC.

12 (B) THE DASHBOARD DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED UNDER SUBSECTION
13 (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE, DISAGGREGATED BY STATE, COUNTY, AND
14 MUNICIPALITY:

15 (1) PAYMENT SCHEDULE INFORMATION ON ESTIMATED PAYMENTS
16 TO THE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY FROM OPIOID SETTLEMENTS;

17 (2) PAST SPENDING OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS;

18 (3) SPENDING PLANS AND PRIORITIES; AND

19 (4) A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ANY INITIATIVE FUNDED WITH
20 SETTLEMENT FUNDS, INCLUDING PERFORMANCE MEASURES IF APPLICABLE.

21 (C) ~~THE~~ IF THERE IS A STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL WEBSITE THAT
22 PROVIDES ACCESS TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THE USE OF OPIOID-RELATED
23 SETTLEMENT FUNDS BY THE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY, THE DASHBOARD
24 SHALL INCLUDE INFORMATION ON PUBLIC HEARINGS CONDUCTED IN THE STATE,
25 COUNTY, OR MUNICIPALITY REGARDING THE USE OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS FROM THE
26 OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND A LINK TO THE STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL
27 WEBSITE.

28 (D) (1) THIS SUBSECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A COUNTY OR
29 MUNICIPALITY THAT:

30 (I) COMPLIES WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
31 ESTABLISHED IN AN OPIOID-RELATED SETTLEMENT; AND

1 (II) SHARES THE DATA IN THE REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER AN
2 OPIOID-RELATED SETTLEMENT WITH THE APPROPRIATE STATE ENTITY.

3 (2) A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY RECEIVING SETTLEMENT FUNDS
4 SHALL PROVIDE TO THE DEPARTMENT THE NECESSARY FINANCIAL INFORMATION
5 RELATED TO SETTLEMENT FUNDING TO INCLUDE AS INFORMATION ON THE
6 DASHBOARD.

7 ~~(2)~~ (3) INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE PROVIDED UNDER
8 PARAGRAPH ~~(1)~~ (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE
9 TERMS OF ANY OPIOID-RELATED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

10 ~~(3)~~ (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UPLOAD OPIOID-RELATED
11 SETTLEMENT INFORMATION SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT BY A COUNTY OR
12 MUNICIPALITY IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE TERMS OF AN OPIOID-RELATED
13 SETTLEMENT.

14 (5) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH AN ONLINE PORTAL WITH
15 INSTRUCTIONS FOR A COUNTY OR MUNICIPALITY TO REPORT OR UPLOAD REQUIRED
16 INFORMATION TO THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE IN THE DASHBOARD.

17 (E) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE DASHBOARD SHALL USE EXISTING
18 PLATFORMS THAT PROVIDE DATA ON OPIOID USE AND OVERDOSES IN THE STATE.

19 (F) THE DASHBOARD SHALL BE DEVELOPED AND MAINTAINED USING
20 FUNDS FROM THE OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND AS APPROPRIATED THROUGH THE
21 STATE BUDGET.

22 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
23 October 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.