

HOUSE BILL 390

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By: **Delegates Johnson and Lisanti**

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **University of Maryland – Harford Memorial Hospital Closure – Economic**
3 **Impact Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental
5 Service and Research to conduct a study on the economic impact of the closure of
6 Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace and the transfer of its services to
7 another location; requiring the Institute to conduct the study in a certain manner;
8 requiring the Institute to develop a revitalization plan for Havre de Grace in a
9 certain manner; requiring the Institute to report certain findings and information to
10 certain committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; requiring
11 the Institute to provide a copy of a certain report to certain State and local officials;
12 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the economic
13 impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital.

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That:

16 (a) The University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research
17 shall conduct a study on the economic impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital
18 and the subsequent transfer of its services to another campus under the University of
19 Maryland Upper Chesapeake Health System.

20 (b) (1) In conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section,
21 the Institute shall quantify the economic impact of the hospital closure on the City of Havre
22 de Grace.

23 (2) The study shall consider:

24 (i) the impact on existing small businesses in downtown Havre de
25 Grace, including any displacement effect from new businesses established at the new

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 campus;

2 (ii) the effect on employment at the existing facility at Harford
3 Memorial Hospital, including the costs and benefits of relocation to the new facility;

4 (iii) the effect on homeownership in the surrounding communities,
5 including any effect on property values and on Harford County's property tax assessable
6 base; and

7 (iv) any other potential consequences for the City of Havre de Grace
8 from a prolonged vacancy at the current hospital site.

9 (c) The Institute shall develop a revitalization plan for the City of Havre de Grace
10 that:

11 (1) is consistent with the City's current comprehensive plan;

12 (2) incorporates the findings of the economic impact study required under
13 subsection (a) of this section; and

14 (3) includes opportunities for public-private investment from the local,
15 State, and University of Maryland Medical System partnership.

16 (d) (1) On or before December 1, 2021, the Institute shall report to the Senate
17 Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with
18 § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the findings of the study required under
19 subsection (a) of this section and the revitalization plan required under subsection (c) of
20 this section.

21 (2) The Institute shall submit a copy of the report required under
22 paragraph (1) of this subsection to:

23 (i) the Senator who represents legislative district 34;

24 (ii) the Delegates who represent legislative district 34A; and

25 (iii) the Mayor and City Council of the City of Havre de Grace.

26 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
27 1, 2021. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of June
28 30, 2022, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
29 abrogated and of no further force and effect.