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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Abortion Care Access Act**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Abortion Clinical Care Training Program in the
4 Maryland Department of Health; establishing the Abortion Care Clinical Training
5 Program Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund;
6 establishing and altering certain requirements regarding abortion services,
7 including ~~requirements~~ a requirement related to who may perform abortions in the
8 State ~~and the provision and coverage of abortion care services by the Maryland~~
9 ~~Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans,~~
10 ~~and health maintenance organizations; authorizing the Maryland Insurance~~
11 ~~Commissioner to grant a certain exemption to certain abortion care service~~
12 ~~requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit~~
13 ~~Exchange to adopt regulations to provide a certain subsidy to cover the cost of~~
14 ~~insurance premiums for certain young adults; establishing certain requirements~~
15 regarding abortion care services, including provision and coverage requirements on
16 the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health
17 service plans, and health maintenance organizations; authorizing certain
18 organizations to obtain from certain entities an exclusion from certain abortion care
19 coverage and information requirements under certain circumstances; authorizing
20 the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to grant a certain exemption to certain
21 abortion care service requirements under certain circumstances; requiring the
22 Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to adopt regulations to provide a certain subsidy
23 to cover the cost of insurance premiums for certain young adults; requiring the
24 Exchange to study extending last dollar coverage to certain enrollees; and generally

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 relating to abortion care and coverage of health care services under the Maryland
2 Medical Assistance Program and health benefit plans.

3 BY adding to

4 Article – Health – General
5 Section 13–4401 through 13–4407 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 44. Abortion
6 Care Clinical Training Program”; and 15–103(a)(2)(xviii)
7 Annotated Code of Maryland
8 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

10 Article – Health – General
11 Section 15–103(a)(1)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – Health – General
16 Section 15–103(a)(2)(xvi) and (xvii), 20–103, and 20–207 through 20–209
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

19 BY adding to

20 Article – Insurance
21 Section 15–857
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

24 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

25 Article – Insurance
26 Section 31–122
27 Annotated Code of Maryland
28 (2017 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

29 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

30 Article – State Finance and Procurement
31 Section 6–226(a)(2)(i)
32 Annotated Code of Maryland
33 (2021 Replacement Volume)

34 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

35 Article – State Finance and Procurement
36 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)144. and 145.
37 Annotated Code of Maryland
38 (2021 Replacement Volume)

39 BY adding to

1 Article – State Finance and Procurement
2 Section 6–226(a)(2)(ii)146.
3 Annotated Code of Maryland
4 (2021 Replacement Volume)

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 **SUBTITLE 44. ABORTION CARE CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM.**

9 **13–4401.**

10 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS
11 INDICATED.

12 (B) “FUND” MEANS THE ABORTION CARE CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM
13 FUND.

14 (C) “PROGRAM” MEANS THE ABORTION CARE CLINICAL TRAINING
15 PROGRAM.

16 **13–4402.**

17 THERE IS AN ABORTION CARE CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM IN THE
18 DEPARTMENT.

19 **13–4403.**

20 THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROTECT ACCESS TO ABORTION CARE
21 BY ENSURING THAT THERE ARE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
22 TO PROVIDE ABORTION CARE.

23 **13–4404.**

24 (A) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL CONTRACT WITH A COORDINATING
25 ORGANIZATION TO ADMINISTER THE PROGRAM.

26 (2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL USE FUNDS APPROPRIATED IN THE
27 BUDGET FOR THE PROGRAM TO CONTRACT WITH THE COORDINATING
28 ORGANIZATION UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

29 (B) THE COORDINATING ORGANIZATION SHALL:

1 **(1) HAVE DEMONSTRATED EXPERIENCE IN COORDINATING**
2 **ABORTION CARE TRAINING PROGRAMS AT COMMUNITY-BASED AND**
3 **HOSPITAL-BASED PROVIDER SITES;**

4 **(2) BE A NONPROFIT ENTITY;**

5 **(3) BE IN GOOD STANDING IN ANY STATE OR JURISDICTION IN WHICH**
6 **THE ORGANIZATION IS REGISTERED OR INCORPORATED;**

7 **(4) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT ON THE**
8 **PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAM;**

9 **(5) MEET ANY OTHER REQUIREMENTS ESTABLISHED BY THE**
10 **DEPARTMENT IF THE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT INCONSISTENT WITH TITLE 20,**
11 **SUBTITLE 2 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE; AND**

12 **(6) PERFORM THE FOLLOWING FUNCTIONS:**

13 **(I) ADMINISTER GRANTS TO DEVELOP AND SUSTAIN ABORTION**
14 **CARE TRAINING PROGRAMS AT A MINIMUM OF TWO COMMUNITY-BASED PROVIDER**
15 **SITES;**

16 **(II) ADMINISTER GRANTS IF FUNDING IS AVAILABLE TO:**

17 **1. OTHER COMMUNITY-BASED SITES;**

18 **2. HOSPITAL-BASED PROVIDER SITES;**

19 **3. CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS FOR QUALIFIED**
20 **PROVIDERS THROUGH PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS OR OTHER CLINICAL**
21 **EDUCATION PROGRAMS; AND**

22 **4. ESTABLISH TRAINING PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**
23 **THAT:**

24 **A. ARE CONSISTENT WITH EVIDENCE-BASED TRAINING**
25 **STANDARDS; ~~AND~~**

26 **B. COMPLY WITH ANY APPLICABLE STATE LAW AND**
27 **REGULATIONS; AND**

28 **C. FOCUS ON THE PROVISION OF CULTURALLY**
29 **CONGRUENT CARE AND INCLUDE IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING;**

1 (III) SUPPORT ABORTION CARE CLINICAL TRAINING TO
2 QUALIFIED PROVIDERS AS DEFINED IN § 20-103 OF THIS ARTICLE AND TO THE
3 CLINICAL CARE TEAMS OF THE QUALIFIED PROVIDERS TO:

4 1. EXPAND THE NUMBER OF HEALTH CARE
5 PROFESSIONALS WITH ABORTION CARE TRAINING; AND

6 2. INCREASE THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DIVERSITY
7 AMONG HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WITH ABORTION CARE TRAINING; AND

8 (IV) SUPPORT THE IDENTIFICATION, SCREENING, AND
9 PLACEMENT OF QUALIFIED PROVIDERS AT TRAINING SITES.

10 (C) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL RELEASE THE NAME OF THE
11 COORDINATING ORGANIZATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS WITH UNDER
12 SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION AND ANY ENTITY RECEIVING FUNDS THROUGH
13 THE COORDINATION ORGANIZATION.

14 (2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY NOT RELEASE THE NAME OF ANY
15 INDIVIDUAL OR PERSON ADMINISTERING SERVICES THROUGH OR PARTICIPATING
16 IN THE PROGRAM.

17 13-4405.

18 FOR EACH FISCAL YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL
19 BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,500,000 TO THE PROGRAM.

20 13-4406.

21 (A) THERE IS AN ABORTION CARE CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM FUND.

22 (B) THE PURPOSE OF THE FUND IS TO SUPPORT THE PROGRAM.

23 (C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND.

24 (D) THE FUND IS A SPECIAL, NONLAPSING FUND THAT IS NOT SUBJECT TO
25 § 7-302 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

26 (E) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL HOLD THE FUND SEPARATELY, AND THE
27 COMPTROLLER SHALL ACCOUNT FOR THE FUND.

28 (F) THE FUND CONSISTS OF:

1 (1) ANY MONEY APPROPRIATED IN THE STATE BUDGET TO THE
2 FUND;

3 (2) INTEREST EARNINGS; AND

4 (3) ANY OTHER MONEY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE ACCEPTED FOR
5 THE BENEFIT OF THE FUND.

6 (G) THE FUND MAY BE USED ONLY FOR THE PROGRAM.

7 (H) (1) THE STATE TREASURER SHALL INVEST AND REINVEST THE
8 MONEY OF THE FUND IN THE SAME MANNER AS OTHER STATE MONEY MAY BE
9 INVESTED.

10 (2) ANY INVESTMENT EARNINGS OF THE FUND SHALL BE PAID INTO
11 THE FUND.

12 (I) THE COMPTROLLER SHALL PAY OUT MONEY FROM THE FUND AS
13 DIRECTED BY THE SECRETARY.

14 (J) NO PART OF THE FUND MAY REVERT OR BE CREDITED TO:

15 (1) THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE; OR

16 (2) ANY OTHER SPECIAL FUND OF THE STATE.

17 (K) EXPENDITURES FROM THE FUND MAY BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE
18 WITH THE STATE BUDGET.

19 13-4407.

20 ON OR BEFORE JULY 1 EACH YEAR, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT AN
21 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH
22 § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
24 as follows:

25 Article – Health – General

26 15-103.

27 (a) (1) The Secretary shall administer the Maryland Medical Assistance
28 Program.

1 (2) The Program:

2 (xvi) Beginning on January 1, 2021, shall provide, subject to the
3 limitations of the State budget and § 15–855(b)(2) of the Insurance Article, and as permitted
4 by federal law, services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated
5 with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome,
6 including the use of intravenous immunoglobulin therapy, for eligible Program recipients,
7 if pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections
8 and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome are coded for billing and diagnosis
9 purposes in accordance with § 15–855(d) of the Insurance Article; [and]

10 (xvii) Beginning on January 1, 2022, may not include, subject to federal
11 approval and limitations of the State budget, a frequency limitation on covered dental
12 prophylaxis care or oral health exams that requires the dental prophylaxis care or oral
13 health exams to be provided at an interval greater than 120 days within a plan year; AND

14 (XVIII) SHALL PROVIDE COVERAGE OF ABORTION CARE
15 SERVICES TO PROGRAM RECIPIENTS IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN §
16 15–857(B)(1)(II) AND (2) OF THE INSURANCE ARTICLE.

17 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
18 as follows:

19 Article – Health – General

20 20–103.

21 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFIED PROVIDER” MEANS A PHYSICIAN, NURSE
22 PRACTITIONER, NURSE–MIDWIFE, LICENSED CERTIFIED MIDWIFE, PHYSICIAN
23 ASSISTANT, OR ANY OTHER INDIVIDUAL:

24 (1) WHO IS LICENSED, CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY
25 LAW TO PRACTICE IN THE STATE; AND

26 (2) FOR WHOM THE PERFORMANCE OF AN ABORTION IS WITHIN THE
27 SCOPE OF THE INDIVIDUAL’S LICENSE OR CERTIFICATION.

28 [(a)] (B) Except as provided in subsections [(b) and] (c) AND (D) of this section,
29 a [physician] QUALIFIED PROVIDER may not perform an abortion on an unmarried minor
30 unless the [physician] QUALIFIED PROVIDER first gives notice to a parent or guardian of
31 the minor.

32 [(b)] (C) The [physician] QUALIFIED PROVIDER may perform the abortion
33 without notice to a parent or guardian if:

34 (1) The minor does not live with a parent or guardian; and

1 (2) A reasonable effort to give notice to a parent or guardian is
2 unsuccessful.

3 [(c)] (D) (1) The [physician] **QUALIFIED PROVIDER** may perform the
4 abortion, without notice to a parent or guardian of a minor if, in the professional judgment
5 of the [physician] **QUALIFIED PROVIDER**:

6 (i) Notice to the parent or guardian may lead to physical or
7 emotional abuse of the minor;

8 (ii) The minor is mature and capable of giving informed consent to
9 an abortion; or

10 (iii) Notification would not be in the best interest of the minor.

11 (2) The [physician] **QUALIFIED PROVIDER** is not liable for civil damages
12 or subject to a criminal penalty for a decision under this subsection not to give notice.

13 [(d)] (E) ~~THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE OF NOTICE OR~~
14 ~~A REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO GIVE NOTICE:~~

15 ~~(1)~~ The postal receipt that shows an article of mail was sent by certified
16 mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service,
17 to the last known address of a parent or guardian and that is attached to a copy of the notice
18 letter that was sent in that article of mail ~~shall be conclusive evidence of notice or a~~
19 ~~reasonable effort to give notice, as the case may be;~~ ~~OR.~~

20 ~~(2) DOCUMENTATION IN THE HEALTH RECORD OF THE MINOR THAT~~
21 ~~NOTIFICATION OF THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN WAS ATTEMPTED BY USING THE~~
22 ~~CONTACT INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE QUALIFIED PROVIDER.~~

23 [(e)] (F) A [physician] **QUALIFIED PROVIDER** may not provide notice to a
24 parent or guardian if the minor decides not to have the abortion.

25 20–207.

26 In Part II of this subtitle, [the word “physician”] **“QUALIFIED PROVIDER”** means
27 [any person, including a doctor of osteopathy,] **AN INDIVIDUAL**:

28 (1) **WHO IS** licensed, **CERTIFIED, OR OTHERWISE AUTHORIZED BY LAW**
29 to practice [medicine] in the State [of Maryland in compliance with the provisions of Title
30 14 of the Health Occupations Article]; **AND**

1 (A) (1) THIS SECTION APPLIES TO:

2 (I) INSURERS AND NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLANS THAT
3 PROVIDE LABOR AND DELIVERY COVERAGE TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS ON AN
4 EXPENSE-INCURRED BASIS UNDER HEALTH INSURANCE POLICIES OR CONTRACTS
5 THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE; AND

6 (II) HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS THAT PROVIDE
7 LABOR AND DELIVERY COVERAGE TO INDIVIDUALS OR GROUPS UNDER CONTRACTS
8 THAT ARE ISSUED OR DELIVERED IN THE STATE.

9 (2) THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO:

10 (I) ~~AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS EXEMPT FROM COVERAGE AS~~
11 ~~ALLOWED UNDER § 15-826 OF THIS SUBTITLE;~~

12 ~~(H)~~ A MULTISTATE PLAN THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE
13 FOR ABORTIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH 42 U.S.C. § 18054(A)(6); OR

14 ~~(H)~~ (II) A HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE PLAN AS DEFINED IN 26 U.S.C.
15 § 223(C)(2)(C) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE UNLESS THE COMMISSIONER
16 DETERMINES THAT ABORTION CARE IS NOT EXCLUDED FROM THE SAFE HARBOR
17 PROVISIONS FOR PREVENTIVE CARE UNDER § 223(C)(2)(C) OF THE INTERNAL
18 REVENUE CODE.

19 (3) AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS ELIGIBLE TO OBTAIN AN EXCLUSION
20 FROM THE COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 15-826 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY
21 OBTAIN FROM AN ENTITY SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION AN EXCLUSION FROM THE
22 COVERAGE AND NOTICE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION IF THE REQUIREMENTS
23 CONFLICT WITH THE ORGANIZATION'S BONA FIDE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND
24 PRACTICES.

25 (B) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, AN ENTITY
26 SUBJECT TO THIS SECTION SHALL:

27 (1) COVER ABORTION CARE SERVICES WITHOUT:

28 (I) A DEDUCTIBLE, COINSURANCE, COPAYMENT, OR ANY
29 OTHER COST-SHARING REQUIREMENT; AND

30 (II) RESTRICTIONS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE
31 PROTECTED RIGHTS UNDER TITLE 20, SUBTITLE 2 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL
32 ARTICLE; AND

1 **(2) PROVIDE INFORMATION TO CONSUMERS ABOUT ABORTION CARE**
2 **COVERAGE USING THE TERMINOLOGY “ABORTION CARE” TO DESCRIBE COVERAGE.**

3 **(C) IF THE COMMISSIONER DETERMINES THAT ENFORCEMENT OF THIS**
4 **SECTION MAY AFFECT ADVERSELY THE ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO THE**
5 **STATE, THE COMMISSIONER MAY GRANT AN EXEMPTION TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF**
6 **THIS SECTION TO THE MINIMUM EXTENT NECESSARY TO ENSURE THE CONTINUED**
7 **RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS.**

8 31–122.

9 (a) In this section, “Pilot Program” means the State–Based Young Adult Health
10 Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program.

11 (b) The Exchange, in consultation with the Commissioner and as approved by the
12 Board, shall establish and implement a State–Based Young Adult Health Insurance
13 Subsidies Pilot Program to provide subsidies to young adults for the purchase of health
14 benefit plans in the individual health insurance market.

15 (c) The Pilot Program required under this section shall be designed to:

16 (1) reduce the amount that young adults pay for health benefit plans in the
17 individual health insurance market; and

18 (2) target young adults who are not directly impacted by the State
19 Reinsurance Program.

20 (d) (1) For calendar years 2022 and 2023, the Exchange, in consultation with
21 the Commissioner and as approved by the Board, shall establish subsidy eligibility and
22 payment parameters for the Pilot Program.

23 (2) In determining the subsidy eligibility and payment parameters
24 required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Exchange shall consider:

25 (i) young adults at least 18 years old and under the age of 41 years;
26 and

27 (ii) income groups between 133% and 400% of the federal poverty
28 level.

29 (e) Subject to available funds, in each of fiscal years 2022 through 2024, the
30 Exchange may designate funds from the Fund to be used for the Pilot Program so that not
31 more than \$20,000,000 in annual subsidies may be provided to young adults who meet the
32 subsidy eligibility and payment parameters established under subsection (d) of this section
33 in calendar years 2022 and 2023.

1 (f) On or before January 1, 2022, the Exchange shall adopt regulations
2 implementing the provisions of this section.

3 **(G) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2023, THE EXCHANGE SHALL ADOPT**
4 **REGULATIONS TO PROVIDE A SUBSIDY TO COVER 100% OF THE COST OF THE**
5 **PREMIUM FOR YOUNG ADULTS WHO ~~MEET~~ HAVE A 0% EXPECTED CONTRIBUTION**
6 **UNDER THE SUBSIDY ELIGIBILITY PARAMETERS ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION**
7 **(D) OF THIS SECTION IN CALENDAR YEAR 2023.**

8 **[(g)] (H)** (1) The Exchange shall track on a monthly basis expenditures on
9 subsidies provided under the Pilot Program, including:

10 (i) the average number of young adults receiving subsidies under
11 the Pilot Program; and

12 (ii) the average subsidy amount received by young adults under the
13 Pilot Program.

14 (2) The Exchange shall track:

15 **(I)** the impact the Pilot Program has on rates in the individual
16 insurance market; **AND**

17 **(II) THE IMPACT OF COVERING 100% OF THE COST OF**
18 **PREMIUMS FOR QUALIFIED PARTICIPANTS ON EFFECTUATION RATES AND**
19 **TERMINATION FOR NONPAYMENT RATES.**

20 (3) The information tracked by the Exchange under paragraphs (1) and (2)
21 of this subsection shall be:

22 (i) posted on the website of the Exchange; and

23 (ii) included in the annual report required under § 31-119(d) of this
24 subtitle.

25 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
26 as follows:

27 **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

28 6–226.

29 (a) (2) (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, and unless
30 inconsistent with a federal law, grant agreement, or other federal requirement or with the
31 terms of a gift or settlement agreement, net interest on all State money allocated by the
32 State Treasurer under this section to special funds or accounts, and otherwise entitled to

1 receive interest earnings, as accounted for by the Comptroller, shall accrue to the General
2 Fund of the State.

3 (ii) The provisions of subparagraph (i) of this paragraph do not apply
4 to the following funds:

5 144. the Health Equity Resource Community Reserve Fund;
6 [and]

7 145. the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; AND

8 **146. THE ABORTION CARE CLINICAL TRAINING PROGRAM**
9 **FUND.**

10 SECTION ~~6~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

11 (a) The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland
12 Insurance Administration, shall convene a workgroup of interested stakeholders to make
13 recommendations to improve the transparency and accessibility of consumer information
14 about abortion care coverage ~~for consideration for plan certification standards beginning in~~
15 ~~plan year 2024.~~

16 (b) On or before January 1, 2023, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange shall
17 report the recommendations made by the workgroup convened under subsection (a) of this
18 section to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government
19 Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article.

20 SECTION ~~7~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

21 (a) The Maryland Insurance Administration shall collect data from
22 State-regulated plans on receipts, disbursements, and ending balances for segregated
23 accounts established under § 1303(b)(2)(B) and (C) of the federal Patient Protection and
24 Affordable Care Act and 45 C.F.R. § 156.280.

25 (b) The Maryland Insurance Administration shall report to the Senate Finance
26 Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance
27 with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, as follows:

28 (1) on or before January 1, 2023, aggregate data collected for the period
29 from January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2021, both inclusive;

30 (2) on or before January 1, 2024, aggregate data collected for the period
31 from January 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022, both inclusive;

32 (3) on or before January 1, 2025, aggregate data collected for the period
33 from January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, both inclusive; and

1 (4) on or before January 1, 2026, aggregate data collected for the period
2 from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024, both inclusive.

3 SECTION ~~4~~ 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

4 (a) The Maryland Health Benefit Exchange shall study extending the last dollar
5 coverage to other enrollees in addition to the enrollees receiving last dollar coverage
6 through the program established under § 31-122 of the Insurance Article.

7 (b) On or before January 1, ~~2023~~ 2024, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange
8 shall report, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the Senate
9 Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, on the
10 findings of the study required under subsection (a) of this section.

11 SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 2 and 4 of this Act
12 shall apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed
13 in the State on or after January 1, 2023.

14 SECTION ~~5~~ 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
15 July 1, 2022.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.