

HOUSE BILL 798

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Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 2, 2025

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.



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

Article – Health – General

**SUBTITLE 10. OPIOID RESTITUTION SETTLEMENT FUNDING INTERACTIVE
DASHBOARD.**

7.5–1001.

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

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

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

(2) PAST SPENDING OF SETTLEMENT FUNDS;

(3) SPENDING PLANS AND PRIORITIES; AND

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

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

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

(I) COMPLIES WITH REPORTING REQUIREMENTS
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.