

SENATE BILL 965

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Public Health – Women’s Health Care Data – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Health to collect and compile
4 annual data on the costs of birth, postpartum care, pregnancy care, and abortion in
5 the State; and generally relating to reproductive health care data.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Health – General

8 Section 20–217 through 20–220 to be under the new part “Part V. Women’s Health
9 Data Collection and Reporting”

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Health – General**

15 **20–215. RESERVED.**

16 **20–216. RESERVED.**

17 **PART V. WOMEN’S HEALTH DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING.**

18 **20–217.**

19 **THE PURPOSE OF THIS PART IS TO COLLECT AND REPORT DATA REGARDING**
20 **THE COST OF BIRTH, POSTPARTUM CARE, PREGNANCY CARE, AND ABORTION TO:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(1) BETTER UNDERSTAND THE FINANCIAL IMPACT OF THESE**
2 **SERVICES ON INDIVIDUALS, PROVIDERS, AND THE STATE;**

3 **(2) INFORM PUBLIC POLICY DECISIONS RELATED TO MATERNAL AND**
4 **REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH CARE; AND**

5 **(3) PROMOTE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN HEALTH**
6 **CARE SPENDING WHILE SAFEGUARDING THE PRIVACY AND DIGNITY OF ALL**
7 **INDIVIDUALS.**

8 **20–218.**

9 **(A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COLLECT AND COMPILE DATA ANNUALLY**
10 **REGARDING THE COST OF:**

11 **(1) DELIVERY, INCLUDING:**

12 **(I) STANDARD DELIVERY COSTS;**

13 **(II) COSTS OF COMPLICATIONS, INCLUDING EMERGENCY**
14 **INTERVENTIONS AND EXTENDED HOSPITAL STAYS; AND**

15 **(III) NEONATAL CARE, IF APPLICABLE;**

16 **(2) POSTPARTUM CARE, INCLUDING:**

17 **(I) FOLLOW-UP MEDICAL VISITS; AND**

18 **(II) COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ADDRESSING POSTPARTUM**
19 **MENTAL HEALTH CONDITIONS, INCLUDING POSTPARTUM DEPRESSION;**

20 **(3) PREGNANCY CARE, INCLUDING:**

21 **(I) ROUTINE OBSTETRIC AND GYNECOLOGICAL VISITS;**

22 **(II) PRENATAL VITAMINS AND SUPPLEMENTS; AND**

23 **(III) DIAGNOSTIC AND MONITORING SERVICES, INCLUDING**
24 **ULTRASOUNDS AND GENETIC TESTING; AND**

25 **(4) ABORTION, INCLUDING:**

26 **(I) PROCEDURAL COSTS;**

(II) COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH COMPLICATIONS OR FOLLOW-UP CARE;

(III) PRESCRIPTION COSTS FOR ABORTION PILLS, INCLUDING COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH ABORTION PILL REVERSALS; AND

(IV) COSTS OF ABORTION CARE TRAINING PROGRAMS UNDER § 13-4704 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDS USED FOR CHEMICAL OR SURGICAL ABORTION PROCEDURES SHALL BE TRACKED TO INCLUDE:

(1) THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE ALLOCATED FOR CHEMICAL ABORTIONS, INCLUDING ASSOCIATED PRESCRIPTION COSTS; AND

(2) THE TOTAL EXPENDITURE FOR SURGICAL ABORTIONS, INCLUDING PRE- AND POST-OPERATIVE CARE.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A STANDARDIZED SYSTEM, INCLUDING FORMS OR WORKSHEETS, TO COLLECT CONSISTENT DATA FROM, AS APPLICABLE:

(1) EACH HOSPITAL LICENSED UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 3 OF THIS ARTICLE;

(2) EACH HEALTH CARE PROVIDER LICENSED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE; AND

(3) ANY OTHER ENTITY THAT PROVIDES A SERVICE DESCRIBED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

20-219.

(A) THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED TO COLLECT OR REPORT DATA THAT WOULD VIOLATE FEDERAL OR STATE PRIVACY LAWS.

(B) AN ENTITY LISTED UNDER § 20-218(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE SHALL:

(1) COMPLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S DATA SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS; AND

(2) ANONYMIZE AND DE-IDENTIFY PATIENT DATA AS NECESSARY TO COMPLY WITH APPLICABLE LAWS.

20-220.

(A) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2025, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, AND MAKE THE REPORT PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON ITS WEBSITE.

(B) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR:

(1) AGGREGATED COST DATA FOR EACH CATEGORY OF CARE DESCRIBED UNDER § 20-218(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) COMPARATIVE DATA BY REGION WITHIN THE STATE;

(3) ANALYSIS OF TRENDS IN THE COSTS OF EACH CATEGORY OF CARE OVER TIME; AND

(4) RECOMMENDATIONS, IF ANY, FOR IMPROVING COST EFFICIENCY.

(C) THE REPORT:

(1) MAY NOT INCLUDE ANY PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION; AND

(2) SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE PRIVACY LAWS, INCLUDING THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT.

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