

FINAL

COUNTY COUNCIL OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND

Legislative Session 2022, Legislative Day No. 4

Bill No. 18-22

Introduced by Ms. Rodvien, Chair
(by request of the County Executive)

By the County Council, February 7, 2022

Introduced and first read on February 7, 2022
Public Hearing set for and opened on March 7, 2022
Public Hearing continued to and closed on March 21, 2022
Bill Expires May 13, 2022

By Order: Laura Corby, Administrative Officer

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning: Finance, Taxation, and Budget – Opioid Abatement
2 Special Revenue Fund

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4 FOR the purpose of establishing an Opioid Abatement Special Revenue Fund; providing
5 for payment of revenues restricted in use by the State into the Fund; providing that the
6 Fund shall be a special, non-lapsing fund; specifying the purposes for which transfers
7 may be made from the Fund; and generally relating to finance, taxation, and budget.

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9 BY adding: § 4-11-125
10 Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended)

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12 WHEREAS, Anne Arundel County and its residents have been harmed by an
13 epidemic of opioid addiction and overdose deaths, as well as by the myriad costs to
14 the health, economic well-being, and welfare of all County residents caused by the
15 epidemic; and

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17 WHEREAS, certain pharmaceutical manufacturers, distributors, and dispensers
18 engaged in unlawful conduct related to the manufacture, marketing, promotion,
19 distribution, and dispensing of opioids that has caused these harms; and

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21 WHEREAS, many States and local governments engaged in litigation and
22 settlement negotiations with the manufacturers and distributors in an effort to hold
23 them accountable for their unlawful conduct and to obtain funds to be used to abate
24 the epidemic; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate new matter added to existing law.
[[Brackets]] indicate matter stricken from existing law.
Captions and taglines in **bold** in this bill are catchwords and are not law.

1 WHEREAS, settlement negotiations have resulted in funding available to Anne
2 Arundel County to use to abate the widespread harm of the opioid epidemic; now,
3 therefore,
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5 SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the County Council of Anne Arundel County, Maryland,*
6 That Section(s) of the Anne Arundel County Code (2005, as amended) read as follows:
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8 **ARTICLE 4. FINANCE, TAXATION, AND BUDGET**
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10 **TITLE 11. BUDGET**
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12 **4-11-125. Opioid Abatement Special Revenue Fund.**
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14 (A) **Fund established.** THERE IS AN OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND INTO
15 WHICH SHALL BE PAID THE COUNTY'S SHARE OF SETTLEMENT PROCEEDS FROM THE
16 NATIONAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT OF THE STATE AND NATIONAL LITIGATION
17 RELATED TO THE OPIOID INDUSTRY, INCLUDING THE MANUFACTURING, MARKETING,
18 PROMOTION, DISTRIBUTION, AND DISPENSING OF OPIOIDS.
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20 (B) **Special Fund.** THE OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND IS A SPECIAL,
21 NONLAPSING FUND.
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23 (C) **Purposes.** THE REVENUE PAID INTO THE FUND SHALL BE USED AS PERMITTED BY
24 THE "STATE-SUBDIVISION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE STATE OF MARYLAND AND LOCAL
25 GOVERNMENTS ON PROCEEDS RELATING TO THE SETTLEMENT OF OPIOIDS LITIGATION",
26 DATED JANUARY 21, 2022, AND § 7-331(F) OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT
27 ARTICLE OF THE STATE CODE, AS AMENDED FROM TIME TO TIME.
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29 SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this Ordinance shall take effect 45 days
30 from the date that it becomes law.

READ AND PASSED this 21st day of March, 2022

By Order:


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

PRESENTED to the County Executive for his approval this 22nd day of March, 2022


Laura Corby
Administrative Officer

APPROVED AND ENACTED this 28th day of March, 2022



Steuart Pittman
County Executive

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 12, 2022

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF
BILL NO. 18-22 THE ORIGINAL OF WHICH IS RETAINED IN THE FILES
OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.



Laura Corby
Administrative Officer