

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF THE BUDGET**

BILL NUMBER: 18-22

INTRO. DATE: February 7, 2022

FISCAL NOTE

**BILL: AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING: FINANCE, TAXATION, AND BUDGET
– OPIOID ABATEMENT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION

The purpose of this legislation is to establish the Opioid Abatement Special Revenue Fund to retain the county's share of settlement proceeds from the national settlement agreement of the state and national litigation related to the opioid industry. Funds may be used as permitted by state law and the state-subdivision agreement between the State of Maryland and local governments, which incorporates the requirements of the national settlement agreements.

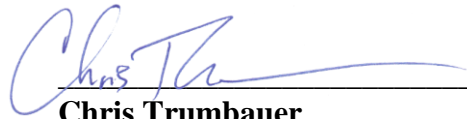
FISCAL IMPACT

The distributors (McKesson, Cardinal Health, and AmerisourceBergen) and Johnson & Johnson have until February 25, 2022 to formally accept the settlement. After the settlement is accepted, Anne Arundel County expects to receive annual payments from the distributors over a period of 18 years beginning in April 2022, and from Johnson & Johnson over a period of 9 years beginning in July 2022. Maryland's subdivisions could receive a total of up to \$337.1 million from the distributors and Johnson & Johnson. However, the exact amount that each jurisdiction will receive depends on the total subdivision participation in the state.

All funds from the settlement will flow through the State before being deposited in the Opioid Abatement Special Revenue Fund created by this legislation. Funds must generally be used for opioid abatement purposes. Under the settlement agreement, a portion of the funds may be used to reimburse past opioid abatement expenses. Section 7-331 of the Maryland State Finance and Procurement Article further establishes several uses of funds, which include:

- improving access to medications proven to prevent or reverse an overdose;
- supporting peer support specialists and screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment services for hospitals, correctional facilities, and other high-risk populations;
- increasing access to medications that support recovery from substance use disorders;

- expanding and establishing safe stations, mobile crisis response systems, and crisis stabilization centers; and
- supporting and expanding other evidence-based interventions for overdose prevention and substance use treatment.



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