

County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2022 Legislative Session

Legislative day # 9

RESOLUTION NO. 102 - 2022

Introduced by: Liz Walsh

Co-sponsored by: Deb Jung and Christiana Rigby

A RESOLUTION requesting Governor Hogan to immediately release specified funds for the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program established under Maryland law.

Introduced and read first time on _____, 2022.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

Read for a second time and a public hearing held on _____, 2022.

By order _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

This Resolution was read the third time and was Adopted ____, Adopted with amendments ____, Failed ____, Withdrawn ____ by the County Council on _____, 2022.

Certified by _____
Michelle Harrod, Administrator to the County Council

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing language; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing language. ~~Strike out~~ indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.

1 **WHEREAS**, During the 2022 Session, the Maryland General Assembly enacted House
2 Bill 937 – Abortion Care Access Act, that established a strategy to increase the number and
3 diversity of abortion care providers and reduce financial barriers for women seeking care; and
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5 **WHEREAS**, A significant part of the Abortion Care Access Act is the Abortion Care
6 Clinical Training Program, that requires an annual appropriation beginning in Fiscal Year 2024;
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8 **WHEREAS**, The Maryland General Assembly set aside \$3.5 million in Fiscal Year 2023
9 in the event there was a need to begin the Abortion Care Clinical Training Program earlier than
10 Fiscal Year 2024; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, With the recent release of the draft United States Supreme Court decision in
13 *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*, it is probable that the Supreme Court will
14 overturn the abortion rights protections provided under *Roe v. Wade*; and

15 **WHEREAS**, There are 26 states that will likely implement abortion bans after the Supreme
16 Court issues its decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization*; and
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18 **WHEREAS**, As a result of the anticipated abortion bans in other states, many women from
19 other states are likely to seek abortion care services in Maryland; and
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21 **WHEREAS**, Accordingly, Maryland should commence its strategy to increase the number
22 and diversity of abortion care providers and reduce financial barriers for women seeking care in
23 Fiscal Year 2023 to ensure that the State has the resources to provide services to the anticipated
24 increase in the number of women from other states seeking care in Maryland and to ensure that
25 Maryland residents do not experience any delays or barriers to care.
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27 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of Howard County,
28 Maryland this _____ day of _____, 2022, that the County Council respectfully requests
29 Governor Hogan to immediately release \$3.5 million to be used in Fiscal Year 2023 for the

1 Abortion Care Clinical Training Program.