

# SENATE BILL 601

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Hospitals – Community Benefit Report – Disclosure of Tax Exemptions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a hospital to include an itemization of certain tax exemptions  
4 in the hospital's community benefit report; and generally relating to hospitals and  
5 community benefit reports.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

7 Article – Health – General

8 Section 19–303(c)

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2015 Replacement Volume)

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

13 **Article – Health – General**

14 19–303.

15 (c) (1) Each nonprofit hospital shall submit an annual community benefit  
16 report to the Health Services Cost Review Commission detailing the community benefits  
17 provided by the hospital during the preceding year.

18 (2) The community benefit report shall include:

19 (i) The mission statement of the hospital;

20 (ii) A list of the initiatives that were undertaken by the hospital;

21 (iii) The cost to the hospital of each community benefit initiative;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 (iv) The objectives of each community benefit initiative;
- 2 (v) A description of efforts taken to evaluate the effectiveness of each  
3 community benefit initiative;
- 4 (vi) A description of gaps in the availability of specialist providers to  
5 serve the uninsured in the hospital; [and]
- 6 (vii) A description of the hospital's efforts to track and reduce health  
7 disparities in the community that the hospital serves; **AND**

8 **(VIII) AN ITEMIZATION OF THE VALUE OF ALL TAX EXEMPTIONS**  
9 **RECEIVED BY THE HOSPITAL.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2016.