

reviewed as part of the adequacy study required by Section 7 of Chapter 288, Acts of 2002, to determine whether the grants should continue. In making this determination, the study must consider the integrity of the State's education finance structure, the role of the supplemental grants in addressing the equity and adequacy of State education aid, and the fiscal impact on local school systems that receive the supplemental grants.

SECTION 16. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding any other provision of law:

(a) For fiscal year 2008 only, up to \$20,000,000 may be transferred from the Dedicated Purpose Account established under § 7-310 of the State Finance and Procurement Article by budget amendment to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for the purpose of providing a special fund operating grant to an independent entity with authority over the facilities currently operated and health care services currently provided by Dimensions Healthcare System until the facilities and obligation to provide the services are transferred to a new owner or operator.

(b) (1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene may not provide a special fund operating grant under this section until a long-term, comprehensive solution to the control and operation of the facilities and provision of health care services currently operated and provided by Dimensions Healthcare System is reached through:

(i) an Act of the General Assembly; or

(ii) a memorandum of understanding between the State and Prince George's County.

(2) The long-term, comprehensive solution required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall address issues related to health care needs in Prince George's County and the surrounding region, including:

(i) the transfer to a new owner or operator of the facilities currently operated and the obligation to provide the health care services currently provided by Dimensions Healthcare System;

(ii) a plan for the assets currently held by Prince George's County related to the facilities currently operated by Dimensions Healthcare System;

(iii) a mechanism to provide a steady revenue stream to help support ongoing operations of the facilities currently operated by Dimensions Healthcare System and to retire the long-term bond indebtedness and satisfy the unfunded pension liability of Dimensions Healthcare System; and