

2019 MHAMD BILL LIST

Bill Number	Title	Purpose	Sponsor	Committee	Crossfile	Hearing Date	MHAMD Position	Bill Status
SB 164	Maryland Department of Health – Capital and Grant Programs – State Grants	Increases state funding allowances for the construction, acquisition, or renovation of mental health and addiction facilities.	Administration	B&T and FIN	HB 155	2/27	SUPPORT	
SB 165	Safe Schools Maryland Act of 2019	Requires the Maryland Center for School Safety to develop a program for reporting behaviors of concern and other dangerous activities involving one or more students.	Administration	EHE	HB 148	2/6	LETTER OF INFORMATION	
SB 178	Behavioral Health Programs – Medical Directors – Telehealth	Provides for the expanded delivery of behavioral health services via telehealth in federally designated health professional shortage areas.	Eckardt	FIN	HB 570	2/6	SUPPORT	
SB 223	State Department of Education – Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach	Requires the development of guidelines and training to ensure a trauma-informed approach in schools across the state.	Nathan-Pulliam	EHE	HB 256	2/6	SUPPORT	
SB 280	Labor and Employment – Payment of Wages – Minimum Wage and Enforcement (Fight for Fifteen)	Increases the minimum wage in Maryland to \$15 by 2024.	McCray	FIN	HB 166	2/21	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	
SB 301	Hospitals – Patient’s Bill of Rights	Requires hospitals to provide patients with a written copy of their bill of rights that specifies the ethical and humane treatment the patient has a right to expect.	Benson	FIN	HB 145	2/28	SUPPORT	
SB 302	Mental Health – Electroconvulsive Therapy for Minors – Prohibition	Prohibits the use of electroconvulsive therapy under a broad definition that would criminalize innovative new treatments and technologies.	Benson	FIN		2/20	OPPOSE	

SB 395	Criminal Law – Decriminalization of Attempted Suicide	Provides that attempted suicide is not a crime.	Waldstreicher	JPR	HB 77	2/20	SUPPORT	
SB 402	Mental Health – Involuntary Admission – Inmates in Correctional Facilities	Penalizes the Department of Health for not placing inmates in state psychiatric facilities within 12 hours of being certified as eligible for involuntary inpatient commitment.	Carter	FIN	HB 306	2/20	MONITOR	
SB 403	Behavioral Health Administration – Outpatient Civil Commitment – Statewide Expansion	Authorizes the statewide expansion of an outpatient civil commitment pilot program.	Augustine	FIN	HB 427	2/20	SUPPORT	
SB 405	Health Insurance – Prescription Drugs – Formulary Changes	Prohibits health insurers from removing a prescription drug from a formulary, or making other changes that may affect the cost or access to medications on the formulary, during the plan year.	Hayes	FIN	HB 435	2/20	SUPPORT	
SB 406	Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination – Grant Funding and Task Force	Increases the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund to \$5 million starting in FY 2021.	Ferguson	FIN	HB 520	2/14	MONITOR	
SB 482	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Managed Care Organizations - Behavioral Health Services	Shifts responsibility for the delivery of specialty behavioral health services to managed care organizations beginning January 1, 2021.	Kelley	FIN	HB 846	2/20	OPPOSE	
SB 506	Maryland Department of Health - Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Services - Needs Assessment Study	Requires a comprehensive statewide study to determine the existing capacity and estimated unmet needs for mental health and substance use disorder services.	Elfreth	FIN and B&T		2/20	MONITOR	
SB 521	Veteran Suicide Prevention –	Requires the Departments of Health and Department of Veterans Affairs to	Smith	FIN		2/28	SUPPORT	

	Comprehensive Action Plan	develop a comprehensive action plan to increase access and availability of professional veteran mental health services to prevent suicides.						
SB 522	Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council – Revisions	Changes the membership and responsibilities of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council to include updating the State Plan.	Kelley	FIN	HB 571	2/27	SUPPORT	
SB 524	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telemedicine – Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners	Allows psychiatric nurse practitioners to participate on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams remotely via telehealth.	Eckardt	FIN	HB 605		SUPPORT	
SB 602	Public Health – Maternal Mortality Review Program – Establishment of Local Teams	Requires each county to establish a local maternal mortality review team to outreach to surviving family members and develop recommendations to prevent maternal deaths.	Nathan-Pulliam	FIN	HB 796	2/14	MONITOR	
SB 631	Health Insurance – Coverage for Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits – Requirements and Reports	Requires that health insurers submit annual parity compliance reports and includes a range of transparency and consumer protection provisions.	Augustine	FIN	HB 599		SUPPORT	
SB 700	Home- and Community-Based Services Waivers – Alterations (Laurie's Law)	Increases the cap on waiver participation to at least 20,000 individuals.	Kelley	FIN	HB 1009		MONITOR	
SB 730	State Personnel - Maryland Department of Health - Pay Rates	Increases pay rates for staff at state psychiatric facilities.	Guzzone		HB 1240		SUPPORT	
SB 746	Public Safety - Correctional Facilities - Mental Disorder Screening	Requires development of a uniform mental disorder screening test in correctional facilities.	Lam	JPR and FIN	HB 693	2/21	MONITOR	

SB 761	Health Insurance – Payments to Noncontracting Specialists and Noncontracting Nonphysician Specialists	Prohibits consumers with commercial health insurance from being billed extra when forced to go out-of-network for behavioral health treatment.	Klausmeier	FIN	HB 837		SUPPORT	
SB 778	Education - Identification of Students With Traumatic Brain Injury - Study and Report	Requires a report and recommendations for ways to better identify students with traumatic brain injury.	Waldstreicher	EHE	HB 708	2/13	SUPPORT	
SB 812	Fair Housing Opportunities Act of 2019	Prohibits housing discrimination based on an individual's source of income.	Smith	JPR	HB 451	2/19	SUPPORT	
SB 815	Public Safety – Crisis Intervention Team Technical Assistance Center	Establishes a centralized Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) technical assistance center to support the expansion of CIT across Maryland.	Smith	JPR	HB 1210	2/22	SUPPORT	
SB 846	Public Health – Correctional Services – Opioid Use Disorder Examinations and Treatment	Requires that individuals entering state and local correctional facilities be assessed for opioid use disorders within 24 hours and that medication-assisted treatment be available as appropriate.	West	FIN	HB 116		SUPPORT	
SB 871	Public Health – Healthy Maryland Program – Establishment	Establishes a Healthy Maryland program to provide comprehensive universal health coverage.	Pinsky	Rules	HB 1087		MONITOR	
HB 77	Criminal Law – Decriminalization of Attempted Suicide	Provides that attempted suicide is not a crime.	Moon	JUD	SB 395	1/29	SUPPORT	
HB 110	Elementary School Students – Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act)	Requires a total of 150 minutes of physical activity each week in elementary schools, including 90 minutes of physical education.	Walker	W&M		1/31	SUPPORT	

HB 116	Public Health – Correctional Services – Opioid Use Disorder Examinations and Treatment	Requires that individuals entering state and local correctional facilities be assessed for opioid use disorders within 24 hours and that medication-assisted treatment be available as appropriate.	Barron	JUD and HGO	SB 846	2/19	SUPPORT	
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HB 378	Public Health – State-Provided Health Care Benefits	Establishes a HealthCare Maryland program to provide health insurance	Reznik	HGO and ECM			MONITOR	

		to individuals ineligible for federal benefits.						
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HB 451	Fair Housing Opportunities Act of 2019	Prohibits housing discrimination based on an individual’s source of income.	Lafferty	E&T	SB 812	2/19	SUPPORT	
HB 520	Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination – Grant Funding and Task Force	Increases the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund to \$5 million in the annual budget starting in FY 2021.	Lierman	HGO and APP	SB 406	2/27	MONITOR	
HB 561	Criminal Law - Abuse or Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult - Psychological Abuse	Adds psychological abuse to the definition of prohibited acts against a vulnerable adult.	Guyton	JUD		2/19	SUPPORT	
HB 570	Behavioral Health Programs – Medical Directors – Telehealth	Provides for the expanded delivery of behavioral health services via telehealth in federally designated health professional shortage areas.	Sample-Hughes	HGO	SB 178	2/20	SUPPORT	
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HB 938	Behavioral Health Transformation Act of 2019	Creates a framework for the delivery of specialty behavioral health including a range of consumer-focused responsibilities and functions.	Rosenberg	HGO			SUPPORT	

HB 941	Public Behavioral Health System - Implementation Plans to Improve Efficiency, Accountability, and Outcomes - Workgroup	Requires development of a plan for the uniform and system-wide adoption of measurement-based care for mental health and substance use disorder services.	Rosenberg	HGO			SUPPORT	
HB 1009	Home- and Community-Based Services Waivers – Alterations (Laurie’s Law)	Increases the cap on waiver participation to at least 20,000 individuals.	Cullison	HGO	SB 700		MONITOR	
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HB 1240	State Personnel - Maryland Department of Health - Pay Rates	Increases pay rates for staff at state psychiatric facilities.	Acevero	APP	SB 730		SUPPORT	

KEY

APP – House Appropriations Committee

B&T – Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

ECM – House Economic Matters Committee

EHE – Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

E&T – House Environment and Transportation Committee

FIN – Senate Finance Committee

HGO – House Health and Government Operations Committee

JPR – Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

JUD – House Judiciary Committee

W&M – House Ways and Means Committee