

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. <i>[Amendments provide for an even broader expansion of telehealth, beyond just federally designated shortage areas]</i>	Eckardt	FIN	HB 570	2/6	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE
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 on Maryland Maternal and Child Health	Increases the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund to \$5 million starting in FY 2021. <i>[Amendments add two additional members and remove the budget allocation.]</i>	Ferguson	FIN	HB 520	2/14	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE
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	3/15	OPPOSE	
SB 506	Maryland Department of Health – Mental Health and	Requires a comprehensive statewide study to determine the existing capacity and estimated unmet needs	Elfreth	FIN and B&T		2/20	MONITOR	

	Substance Use Disorder Services – Needs Assessment Study	for mental health and substance use disorder services.						
SB 521	Veteran Suicide Prevention – Comprehensive Action Plan	Requires the Departments of Health and Veterans Affairs to develop a comprehensive action plan to increase access and availability of professional veteran mental health services to prevent suicides.	Smith	FIN		2/28	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE
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. <i>[As amended, the members select the Chair.]</i>	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	3/6	SUPPORT	
SB 528	Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans – Establishment	Establishes a Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program in the Maryland Department of Health to support local behavioral health programs for service members, veterans, and their families.	Smith	FIN	HB 1170	3/6	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 –	Requires that health insurers submit annual parity compliance reports and includes a range of transparency and consumer protection provisions.	Augustine	FIN	HB 599	3/6	SUPPORT	

	Requirements and Reports							
SB 635	Mental Health – Involuntary Admissions – Procedures	Allows evaluations for involuntary commitment to be performed by psychiatric nurse practitioners.	Eckardt	FIN		3/13	MONITOR	
SB 661	Primary and Secondary Education – Community Schools – Established	Authorizes a local school system to establish a community school, which offers mental health and other services to students in need of additional educational supports.	Washington	EHE	HB 733	3/6	MONITOR	
SB 699	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Home- and Community-Based Waiver Services – Prohibition on Denial	Provides that no eligible individual shall be denied services provided under the home and community based service waiver.	Kelley	FIN	HB 832	3/13	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	3/13	MONITOR	
SB 730	State Personnel – Maryland Department of Health – Pay Rates	Increases pay rates for staff at state psychiatric facilities.	Guzzone	FIN	HB 1240	3/7	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 750	Incompetency and Criminal Responsibility – Release Hearing – Exceptions	Provides that the State’s Attorney may only file an exception to a recommendation for conditional release if they actually attended the release hearing.	Lam	JPR		2/27	SUPPORT	
SB 761	Health Insurance – Payments to Noncontracting Specialists and Noncontracting	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	3/13	SUPPORT	

	Nonphysician Specialists							
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	UNFAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEE
SB 789	Involuntary Commitment – Procedures for Admission	Authorizes local correctional facilities to file for involuntary admission of an individual into a mental health facility.	Lam	FIN	HB 1204	3/11	LETTER OF INFORMATION	
SB 809	Correctional Facilities – Restrictive Housing – Pregnant Inmates	Requires each correctional facility to have a written policy related to the medical care of pregnant and postpartum inmates placed in restrictive housing.	Lee	JPR	HB 745	2/21	SUPPORT	
SB 812	Fair Housing Opportunities Act of 2019	Prohibits housing discrimination based on an individual's source of income.	Smith	JPR	HB 451		SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
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	3/12	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	2/27	SUPPORT	
SB 871	Public Health – Healthy Maryland Program – Establishment	Establishes a Healthy Maryland program to provide comprehensive universal health coverage.	Pinsky	FIN	HB 1087		MONITOR	
SB 944	Behavioral Health Programs – Medical Directors – Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners	Authorizes psychiatric nurse practitioners to serve as medical directors of behavioral health programs.	Eckardt	FIN			SUPPORT	

SB 953	Health Care Facilities – Hospitals and Related Institutions – Discrimination Protections	Prohibits discrimination in the admission of an individual based on mental disability, sexual identity, etc.	Nathan-Pulliam	FIN	HB 856		SUPPORT	
SB 962	Correctional Services – Offender Rehabilitation and Reentry Program – Establishment	Establishes an offender rehabilitation and reentry program to provide and coordinate the delivery of community services to recently released ex-offenders, including health, housing, job training.	Zirkin	JPR			MONITOR	
SB 975	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.	Hayes	FIN	HB 938		SUPPORT	
SB 976	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.	Hayes	FIN	HB 941		SUPPORT	
SB 993	Task Force to Study Behavioral and Mental Health in Maryland	Establishes a task force to study the capacity and access to mental health and behavioral health services in the state and develop recommendations to address the gaps.	Hester	Rules	HB 783		LETTER OF INFORMATION	
SB 1030	The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future	Makes broad reforms to the state’s educational system, including dedicated funding for mental health service coordinators in each district.	President	EHE & B&T	HB 1413		SUPPORT	
HB 77	Criminal Law – Decriminalization of Attempted Suicide	Provides that attempted suicide is not a crime. <i>[As amended, it states that a person may still be charged with other crimes that may be committed during a suicide attempt]</i>	Moon	JUD	SB 395	1/29	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE

HB 110	Elementary Public 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. <i>[Amendments include a requirement for recess and data reporting of the physical activity engaged.]</i>	Walker	W&M		1/31	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE
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	
HB 145	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.	K. Young	HGO	SB 301	2/6	SUPPORT	
HB 148	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	W&M	SB 165	3/7	LETTER OF INFORMATION	
HB 155	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	APP	SB 164	2/28	SUPPORT	
HB 166	Labor and Employment – Payment of Wages – Minimum Wage and Enforcement (Fight for Fifteen)	Increases the minimum wage in Maryland to \$15 by 2024. <i>[As amended, includes rate increases for community behavioral health providers to offset costs incurred when implementing new wages]</i>	Fennell	ECM	SB 280	2/8	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT	PASSED HOUSE
HB 256	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.	Wilkins	W&M	SB 223	2/14	SUPPORT	

HB 306	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.	Sydnor	JUD	SB 402	2/12	MONITOR	
HB 378	Public Health – State–Provided Health Care Benefits	Establishes a HealthCare Maryland program to provide health insurance to individuals ineligible for federal benefits.	Reznik	HGO and ECM		3/14	MONITOR	
HB 427	Behavioral Health Administration – Outpatient Civil Commitment – Statewide Expansion	Authorizes the statewide expansion of an outpatient civil commitment pilot program.	Barron	HGO	SB 403	2/20	SUPPORT	
HB 435	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.	Kelly	HGO	SB 405	3/7	SUPPORT	
HB 451	Fair Housing Opportunities Act of 2019	Prohibits housing discrimination based on an individual's source of income.	Lafferty	E&T	SB 812		SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
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	SUPPORT	
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. <i>[Amendments provide for an even broader expansion of telehealth, beyond just federally designated shortage areas]</i>	Sample-Hughes	HGO	SB 178	2/20	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE

HB 571	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.	Sample-Hughes	HGO	SB 522	2/27	SUPPORT	
HB 599	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.	Kelly	HGO	SB 631	2/28	SUPPORT	
HB 605	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telemedicine – Psychiatric Nurse Practitioners	Allows psychiatric nurse practitioners to participate on Assertive Community Treatment (ACT) teams remotely via telehealth.	Kelly	HGO	SB 524	3/6	SUPPORT	
HB 693	Public Safety – Correctional Facilities – Mental Disorder Screening	Requires development of a uniform mental disorder screening test in correctional facilities.	Barron	JUD	SB 746	2/26	MONITOR	
HB 708	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.	Turner	W&M	SB 778	2/21	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE
HB 733	Primary and Secondary Education – Community Schools – Established	Authorizes a local school system to establish a community school, which offers mental health and other services to students in need of additional educational supports.	Ebersole	W&M	SB 661	2/28	MONITOR	
HB 745	Correctional Facilities – Restrictive Housing – Pregnant Inmates	Requires each correctional facility to have a written policy related to the medical care of pregnant and postpartum inmates placed in restrictive housing.	W. Fisher	JUD	SB 809	3/12	SUPPORT	
HB 775	Correctional Services – Maryland Correctional	Calls for certain reforms at MCIW and requires the Department of Public Safety and Correctional	Bartlett	JUD		3/12	SUPPORT	

	Institution for Women – Reforms	Services to develop a process to address the mental health needs of female inmates.						
HB 783	Task Force to Study Behavioral and Mental Health in Maryland	Establishes a task force to study the capacity and access to mental health and behavioral health services in the state and develop recommendations to address the gaps.	P. Young & Kelly	HGO		3/6	LETTER OF INFORMATION	
HB 796	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.	Wilkins	HGO	SB 602	2/27	MONITOR	
HB 829	Health Insurance – Provider Panels – Graduate Providers	Removes barriers that prevent certain providers from serving on commercial insurer provider panels.	Ghrist	HGO		2/21	SUPPORT	
HB 832	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Home- and Community-Based Waiver Services – Prohibition on Denial	Provides that no eligible individual shall be denied services provided under the home and community based service waiver.	Pena-Melynk	HGO	SB 699	3/6	SUPPORT	
HB 837	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.	Sample-Hughes	HGO	SB 761	2/28	SUPPORT	
HB 844	Public Schools – School Psychologists – Reports	Requires each local school system to report on the ratio of students to school psychologists and strategies for increasing recruitment and retention of school psychologists.	Reilly	W&M		3/1	MONITOR	
HB 846	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Managed Care Organizations –	Shifts responsibility for the delivery of specialty behavioral health services to managed care organizations beginning January 1, 2021.	R. Lewis	HGO	SB 482	3/6	OPPOSE	

	Behavioral Health Services							
HB 856	Health Care Facilities – Hospitals and Related Institutions – Discrimination Protections	Prohibits discrimination in the admission of an individual based on mental disability, sexual identity, etc.	K. Young	HGO	SB 953	3/4	SUPPORT	
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	SB 975	3/6	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	SB 976	3/6	SUPPORT	
HB 1006	State Mental Health Facilities – Staffing Committee and Plan	Requires the establishment of a committee to develop a staffing plan for state mental health facilities.	Acevero	HGO		canceled	MONITOR	
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	3/11	MONITOR	
HB 1029	Correctional Services – Restrictive Housing – Limitations (Restrictive Housing Reform Act of 2019)	Limits the use of solitary confinement, particularly as it relates to inmates with serious mental illness.	J. Lewis	JUD		3/12	SUPPORT	
HB 1087	Public Health – Healthy Maryland Program – Establishment	Establishes a Healthy Maryland program to provide comprehensive universal health coverage.	Barron	HGO	SB 871	3/14	MONITOR	

HB 1109	Employers – Health Crisis Hotline – Posting of Notice	Requires employers to visibly post a printed notice of the health crisis hotline.	Ivey	ECM		3/5	SUPPORT	
HB 1112	Task Force to Study Health Care for Inmates in Correctional Facilities	Requires a review of state policies and practices regarding access to mental health, chronic care, and substance abuse services in correctional facilities.	J. Lewis	JUD		3/12	LETTER OF INFORMATION	
HB 1122	Outpatient Mental Health Centers – Requirements for Medical Directors	Requires that a medical director be a licensed psychiatrist or psychiatric nurse practitioner and on-site for at least 20 hours per week.	Hornberger	HGO		3/4	MONITOR	
HB 1136	Frederick County Board of Education – Graduation Requirements – Mental Health Education	Requires the local Board of Education to consult with key stakeholders to establish the mental health education curriculum required for graduation.	Pippy	W&M		3/7	SUPPORT	
HB 1170	Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans – Establishment	Establishes a Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program in MDH to support local behavioral health programs for service members, veterans, and their families.	P. Young	HGO	SB 528	3/6	MONITOR	
HB 1182	Maryland Stepping up to Reduce Mental Illness in Correctional Facilities Commission	Requires the study of the prevalence of mental illness among individuals incarcerated in correctional facilities.	Barron	JUD		3/12	LETTER OF INFORMATION	
HB 1204	Involuntary Commitment – Procedures for Admission	Authorizes local correctional facilities to file for involuntary admission of an individual into a mental health facility.	Barron	HGO	SB 789	3/11	SUPPORT	
HB 1210	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.	Charkoudian	JUD	SB 815	3/13	SUPPORT	
HB 1240	State Personnel – Maryland	Increases pay rates for staff at state psychiatric facilities.	Acevero	APP	SB 730	2/26	SUPPORT	

	Department of Health – Pay Rates							
HB 1413	The Blueprint for Maryland’s Future	Makes broad reforms to the state’s educational system, including dedicated funding for mental health service coordinators in each district.	Speaker	W&M & APP	SB 1030	3/13	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