

2020 MHAMD BILL LIST

Bill Number	Title	Purpose	Sponsor	Committee	Crossfile	Hearing Date	MHAMD Position	Bill Status
SB 113	Health Insurance – Provider Panels – Definitions of Provider and Health Care Services	Requires carriers to maintain the same timelines and standards for credentialing health care facilities as for credentialing individual practitioners.	Maryland Insurance Administration	FIN		1/15	SUPPORT	
SB 153	Criminal Law – Abuse or Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult – Causing Severe Emotional Distress	Expands the definition of abuse as it relates to vulnerable adults to include severe emotional distress caused by another.	West	JPR	HB 33	1/22	MONITOR	
SB 192	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020	Reduces mandatory funding increases for community behavioral services by \$25 million.	Administration	B&T	HB 152		OPPOSE BH RATE CUTS	
SB 207	Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter and Supportive Services	Allows unaccompanied minors to consent to shelter and support services.	Washington	EHE	HB 206	2/5	SUPPORT	
SB 255	Correctional Services – Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals – Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment	Requires correctional facilities to perform a substance use disorder screening of pregnant inmates, and if appropriate, to facilitate care with a behavioral health provider.	West	JPR	HB 524	2/6	SUPPORT	

SB 305	Public Safety – Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence	Establishes a centralized technical assistance center to support the expansion of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs across the state.	Augustine	JPR	HB 607	2/11	SUPPORT	
SB 324	Veterans – Behavioral Health Services – Mental Health First Aid	Requires that services for veterans and their families coordinated by the Maryland Department of Health include Mental Health First Aid.	Simonaire	FIN		2/4	SUPPORT	
SB 334	Health Insurance – Coverage for Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits – Treatment Criteria	Requires that health insurers submit annual parity compliance reports and includes a range of transparency and consumer protection provisions.	Augustine	FIN	HB 455	2/19	SUPPORT	
SB 367	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.	Washington	EHE	HB 277		SUPPORT	
SB 402	Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth	Standardizes the use of telehealth among all health care practitioners.	Kagan	EHE	HB 448	2/13	MONITOR	
SB 441	Mental Health – Emergency Facilities List – Comprehensive Crisis Response Centers, Crisis Stabilization Centers, and	Provides that BHA may include behavioral health crisis response centers on its list of designated emergency facilities that can accept individuals subject to an emergency petition.	Hayes	FIN	HB 332	2/18	SUPPORT	

	Crisis Treatment Centers							
SB 453	Behavioral Health Administration – Children with Mental Disorders – List of Available Services	Requires BHA to maintain an updated list of behavioral health services in select categories available to children with a mental health disorder.	Pinsky	FIN	HB 374	2/18	SUPPORT	
SB 454	Public Safety – Mandatory Mental Health Training – First Responders and Law Enforcement Officers	Requires first responders and law enforcement officers to complete a mental health training.	Pinsky	JPR	HB 1470	2/13	SUPPORT	
SB 484	Health Insurance – Provider Panels – Coverage for Nonparticipating Providers	Prohibits consumers with commercial insurance from being billed extra when forced to go out-of-network for behavioral health treatment.	Klausmeier	FIN	HB 1165		SUPPORT	
SB 490	Human Services – Youth Services Bureaus – Funding	Appropriates \$1.8 million annually for entities working to prevent youth suicides and substance use disorders.	Peters	B&T	HB 709	2/12	SUPPORT	
SB 502	Health Insurance – Telehealth – Delivery of Mental Health Services – Coverage for Home Settings	Expands the definition of telehealth to include mental health services delivered in the patient’s home and requires Medicaid to cover those services.	Hershey	FIN		2/19	SUPPORT	
SB 519	Public Health – Behavioral	Requires behavioral health programs to establish	McCray	FIN		2/18	OPPOSE	

	Health Programs and Health Care Facilities – Safety Plan	community safety plans as a condition of licensure.						
SB 520	Behavioral Health Programs – Opioid Treatment Services – Limitation on License	Prohibits the Behavioral Health Administration from licensing more than five opioid treatment programs in each county.	McCray	FIN		2/18	OPPOSE	
SB 521	Behavioral Health – Opioid Treatment Services – Medical Director	Requires opioid treatment programs to have a medical director onsite for at least 20 hours per week.	McCray	FIN		2/18	OPPOSE	
SB 522	Behavioral Health Programs – Licensing and Fees	Limits behavioral health program licensure periods to three years and attaches costly licensing fees.	McCray	FIN		2/18	OPPOSE	
SB 541	Mental Health – Involuntary Admissions – Procedures	Allows evaluations for involuntary admissions to be performed by nurse practitioners and psychologists.	Eckardt	FIN	HB 317	2/18	MONITOR	
SB 611	Health – Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)	Allows a minor to consent to mental health treatment without the permission of a parent, guardian, or custodian.	Augustine	FIN	HB 782	2/18	MONITOR	
SB 624	Health Response and Stabilization System for Children and Families in	Requires the Maryland Department of Health and the Governor’s Commission to Study Mental Health and Behavioral Health in Maryland to jointly develop	Benson	FIN	HB 1140	2/18	SUPPORT	

	Maryland – Study	a comprehensive mobile response and stabilization system for children and families.						
SB 632	Health Facilities – Hospitals – Disclosure of Outpatient Facility Fees (Facility Fee Right-to-Know Act)	Requires hospitals to notify the patient of outpatient fees associated with certain services.			HB 915		SUPPORT	
SB 634	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Provision of School Psychology Services	Requires Medicaid to cover services delivered by school psychologists.	Waldstreicher	FIN		3/6	MONITOR	
SB 637	Children – Therapeutic Nursery Program – Funding	Creates a program to provide specialized care to children under the age of six with a developmental or behavioral disability.	King	B&T		2/19	MONITOR	
SB 642	Home- and Community-Based Waiver Services – Alterations and Task Force	Increases the number of individuals eligible for a waiver and establishes a task force to study and recommend the modernization of the home- and community-based delivery model.	Kelley	FIN	HB 1163	3/3	SUPPORT	
SB 725	Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment,	Requires the Maryland Department of Health to include information about Alzheimer’s disease and other types of dementia into its public outreach materials.	Lam	EHE		3/12	SUPPORT	

	Alzheimer's Disease, and Other Types of Dementia							
SB 752	Public Health – Non-Controlled Dangerous Substance Prescription Record System Program	Establishes a program that allows health care providers to access the medication history of their patients, including prescriptions for mental health and substance use disorders.	Rosapepe	FIN	HB 1486	3/5	LETTER OF INFORMATION	
SB 774	Hospitals – Community Benefits	Establishes a Community Benefit Workgroup to create a uniform reporting system for hospital community needs assessments.	Barron	HGO	HB 1169		SUPPORT	
SB 810	State Highway Administration – Electronic Signs Along Highways – Suicide Prevention	Authorizes the State Highway Administration to post suicide prevention information on electronic highway signs.	Waldstreicher	FIN			SUPPORT	
SB 818	Residential Treatment Centers and Facilities – Sexual Abuse and Harassment – Reporting and Prevention	Expands the list of entities to which claims of sexual abuse and harassment in residential treatment centers must be reported.	Klausmeier	FIN	HB 1558	3/11	SUPPORT	
SB 849	Criminal Procedure – Medical Emergency - Immunity	Expands legal protections provided to individuals who seek medical assistance for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting alcohol or drugs.	Sydnor	JPR	HB 738	3/5	SUPPORT	
SB 904	Sheila E. Hixon Behavioral	Establishes a matching grant program to support	Smith	FIN	HB 1515	2/18	SUPPORT	

	Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans – Establishment	nonprofit organizations serving the behavioral health needs of for service members and veterans.						
SB 918	Human Services – Trauma-Informed Care – Commission and Training	Establishes a Commission to develop a strategy for ensuring a trauma-responsive state government.	Carter	FIN		3/6	SUPPORT	
SB 1002	Corrections – Restrictive Housing – Serious Mental Illness – Assessments (Restrictive Housing Reform Act)	Limits the use of solitary confinement, particularly as it relates to inmates with serious mental illness.	Sydnor	JPR	HB 742	3/5	SUPPORT	
HB 33	Criminal Law – Abuse or Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult – Causing Severe Emotional Distress	Expands the definition of abuse as it relates to vulnerable adults to include severe emotional distress caused by another.	Guyton	JUD	SB 153	1/21	MONITOR	
HB 152	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020	Reduces mandatory funding increases for community behavioral services by \$25 million.	Administration	APP	SB 192		OPPOSE BH RATE CUTS	
HB 206	Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter and Supportive Services	Allows unaccompanied minors to consent to shelter and support services.	Krimm	APP	SB 207	1/28	SUPPORT	

HB 277	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 367	2/5	SUPPORT	
HB 286	Public Health – Maternal Mortality Review Program – Stakeholders	Expands membership to include representation of racial and ethnic diversity of women most impacted by maternal deaths in the state.	Wilkins	HGO		2/5	SUPPORT	
HB 317	Mental Health – Involuntary Admissions – Procedures	Allows evaluations for involuntary admissions to be performed by nurse practitioners and psychologists.	K. Young	HGO	SB 541	2/12	MONITOR	
HB 332	Mental Health – Emergency Facilities List – Comprehensive Crisis Response Centers, Crisis Stabilization Centers, and Crisis Treatment Centers	Provides that BHA may include behavioral health crisis response centers on its list of designated emergency facilities that can accept individuals subject to an emergency petition.	Bagnall	HGO	SB 441	2/12	SUPPORT	
HB 374	Behavioral Health Administration – Children with Mental Disorders – List of Available Services	Requires BHA to maintain an updated list of behavioral health services in select categories available to children with a mental health disorder.	Barron	HGO	SB 453	2/5	SUPPORT	
HB 448	Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth	Standardizes the use of telehealth among all health care practitioners.	Rosenberg	HGO	SB 402	2/18	MONITOR	

HB 455	Health Insurance – Coverage for Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits – Treatment Criteria	Requires that health insurers submit annual parity compliance reports and includes a range of transparency and consumer protection provisions.	A. Kelly	HGO	SB 334		SUPPORT	
HB 464	Public Health – Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Provides for the establishment of six overdose prevention sites throughout Maryland.	Hettleman	HGO			SUPPORT	
HB 524	Correctional Services – Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals – Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment	Requires correctional facilities to perform a substance use disorder screening of pregnant inmates, and if appropriate, to facilitate care with a behavioral health provider.	W. Fisher	JUD	SB 255	2/11	SUPPORT	
HB 607	Public Safety – Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence	Establishes a centralized technical assistance center to support the expansion of Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) programs across the state.	Charkoudian	JUD	SB 305	2/18	SUPPORT	
HB 666	Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences	Establishes a workgroup to develop screening tools that can be used by primary care providers to identify and address childhood trauma.	Queen	HGO			SUPPORT	
HB 709	Human Services – Youth	Appropriates \$1.8 million annually for entities	Valentino-Smith	APP	SB 490	2/18	SUPPORT	

	Services Bureaus - Funding	working to prevent youth suicides and substance use disorders.						
HB 738	Criminal Procedure – Medical Emergency - Immunity	Expands legal protections provided to individuals who seek medical assistance for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting alcohol or drugs.	J. Lewis	JUD	SB 849	2/25	SUPPORT	
HB 742	Corrections – Restrictive Housing – Serious Mental Illness – Assessments (Restrictive Housing Reform Act)	Limits the use of solitary confinement, particularly as it relates to inmates with serious mental illness.	J. Lewis	JUD	SB 1002	2/25	SUPPORT	
HB 782	Health – Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)	Allows a minor to consent to mental health treatment without the permission of a parent, guardian, or custodian.	Bagnall	HGO	SB 611		MONITOR	
HB 915	Health Facilities – Hospitals – Disclosure of Outpatient Facility Fees (Facility Fee Right-to-Know Act)	Requires hospitals to notify the patient of outpatient fees associated with certain services.	Kramer	FIN	SB 632	3/4	SUPPORT	
HB 1140	Health Response and Stabilization System for Children and Families in Maryland – Study	Requires the Maryland Department of Health and the Governor’s Commission to Study Mental Health and Behavioral Health in Maryland to jointly develop a comprehensive mobile response and stabilization	Charles	HGO	SB 624		SUPPORT	

		system for children and families.						
HB 1163	Home- and Community-Based Waiver Services – Alterations and Task Force	Increases the number of individuals eligible for a waiver and establishes a task force to study and recommend the modernization of the home- and community-based delivery model.	Cullison	HGO	SB 642		SUPPORT	
HB 1165	Health Insurance – Provider Panels – Coverage for Nonparticipating Providers	Prohibits consumers with commercial insurance from being billed extra when forced to go out-of-network for behavioral health treatment.	Sample-Hughes	HGO	SB 484		SUPPORT	
HB 1169	Hospitals – Community Benefits	Establishes a Community Benefit Workgroup to create a uniform reporting system for hospital community needs assessments.	Barron	HGO	SB 774		SUPPORT	
HB 1470	Public Safety – Mandatory Mental Health Training – First Responders and Law Enforcement Officers	Requires first responders and law enforcement officers to complete a mental health training.	Williams	JUD	SB 454		SUPPORT	
HB 1486	Public Health – Non-Controlled Dangerous Substance Prescription Record System Program	Establishes a program that allows health care providers to access the medication history of their patients, including prescriptions for mental health and substance use disorders.	Johnson	HGO	SB 752		LETTER OF INFORMATION	
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HB 1558	Residential Treatment Centers and Facilities – Sexual Abuse and Harassment – Reporting and Prevention	Expands the list of entities to which claims of sexual abuse and harassment in residential treatment centers must be reported.	Valentino-Smith	JUD	SB 818		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