

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	2/26	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. <i>[Amendments include a background screening process for staff at the shelter and notification process when there is child abuse and neglect.]</i>	Washington	EHE	HB 206	2/5	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE
SB 255	Correctional Services – Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals –	Requires correctional facilities to perform a substance use disorder screening of pregnant inmates, and if	West	JPR	HB 524	2/6	SUPPORT	

	Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment	appropriate, to facilitate care with a behavioral health provider.						
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	PASSED SENATE
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	3/3	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	Provides that BHA may include behavioral health crisis response centers on its list of designated	Hayes	FIN	HB 332	2/18	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE

	Crisis Response Centers, Crisis Stabilization Centers, and Crisis Treatment Centers	emergency facilities that can accept individuals subject to an emergency petition. [<i>An amendment requires the list of designated emergency facilities be provided to local behavioral health authorities.</i>]						
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 WITH AMENDMENTS	
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	2/26	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 3/19	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE
SB 502	Health Insurance – Telehealth – Delivery of	Expands the definition of telehealth to include mental health services delivered in the patient's	Hershey	FIN		2/19	SUPPORT	

	Mental Health Services – Coverage for Home Settings	home and requires Medicaid to cover those services.						
SB 519	Public Health – Behavioral Health Programs and Health Care Facilities – Safety Plan and Community Relations Plans	Requires behavioral health programs to establish community safety plans as a condition of licensure. <i>[Amendments remove community safety plan requirements, instead requiring a community relations plan.]</i>	McCray	FIN		2/18	OPPOSE	PASSED SENATE
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 565	Police Officers – Mental Health – Employee	Requires each law enforcement agency to develop an employee assistance program that	Washington	JPR	HB 736	2/20	MONITOR	

	Assistance Programs	allows officers access to mental health services at reasonable costs.						
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 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 system for children and families.	Benson	FIN	HB 1140	2/18	SUPPORT	
SB 632	Health Facilities – Hospitals – Disclosure of Outpatient Facility Fees (Facility Fee Right-to-Know Act)	Requires hospitals to notify patients of outpatient fees associated with certain services.	Kelley	FIN	HB 915	3/5	SUPPORT	
SB 634	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Provision of School Psychology Services	Requires Medicaid to cover services delivered by school psychologists.	Waldstreicher	FIN	HB 1530	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 693	State Personnel – Maryland Department of Health – Pay Rates and Staffing Requirements	Increases pay rates for staff at state psychiatric facilities.	Guzzone	B&T	HB 1474	3/6	SUPPORT	
SB 725	Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Other Types of Dementia	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	HB 456	3/12	SUPPORT	
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	3/6	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	3/5	SUPPORT	

SB 776	Health Insurance, Health Care Facilities, and Providers – Balance Billing – Limitations	Limits the fees charged by carriers for emergency services provided by an out-of-network provider.	Kelley	FIN			SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
SB 789	Public Health – Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee (Suicide Mortality Review and Prevention Act of 2020)	Establishes a Suicide Fatality Review Committee to identify and address factors contributing to suicide deaths in the state.	Eckardt	FIN		3/4	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		3/4	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 833	Adult Protective Services – Vulnerable Adults Registry – Investigations and Records of Abuse and Neglect and	Establishes a workgroup to study the best practices for a vulnerable adult registry. Authorizes the Department of Human Services and local social services departments to investigate reports of abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult.	Benson	JPR	HB 1527	3/4	SUPPORT	

	Workgroup Study							
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 896	Commission on Student Behavioral Health And Mental Health Treatment	Establishes a commission to study and revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment and practices.	Hester	EHE	HB 1443	3/10	MONITOR	
SB 904	Sheila E. Hixon Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans – Establishment	Establishes a matching grant program to support nonprofit organizations serving the behavioral health needs of for service members and veterans.	Smith	FIN	HB 1515	2/18	SUPPORT	
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 966	Health Facilities – Assisted Living Programs – Referrals and Licenses	Prohibits people from referring others to unlicensed assisted living facilities.	Hettleman	FIN	HB 1615	3/5	SUPPORT	
SB 969	Health Care Facilities – Assisted Living Programs – Regulations, Staffing, and Training	Establishes staffing ratios and training requirements for assisted living programs.	Washington	FIN	HB 1063	3/5	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN

SB 990	Public Health – Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Provides for the establishment of six overdose prevention sites throughout Maryland.	Hettleman	FIN	HB 464	3/10	SUPPORT	
SB 1000	Blueprint for Maryland’s Future - Implementation	Omnibus education reform measure; includes a number of provisions to increase and improve school behavioral health services and supports.	President	EHE and B&T	HB 1300	2/17	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	
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.	Waldstreicher	Rules	HB 742		SUPPORT	
SB 1015	Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education	Establishes a task force to study and make recommendations regarding access to mental health services in higher education.	Eckardt	EHE	HB 1504	3/12	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	Reduces mandatory funding increases for	Administration	APP	SB 192	2/27	OPPOSE BH RATE CUTS	

	and Financing Act of 2020	community behavioral services by \$25 million.						
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. <i>[Amendments include women, or the families of women, who have experienced a near maternal death or pregnancy complication.]</i>	Wilkins	HGO		2/5	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE
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	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	

	Treatment Centers							
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. <i>[An amendment requires referral to an in-person visit or another form of telehealth when clinically appropriate]</i>	Rosenberg	HGO	SB 402	2/18	MONITOR	PASSED HOUSE
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	2/20	SUPPORT	
HB 456	Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Other Types of Dementia	Requires the Maryland Department of Health to include information about Alzheimer’s disease and other types of dementia into its public outreach materials.	Sample-Hughes	HGO	SB 725	2/12	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE

HB 464	Public Health – Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Provides for the establishment of six overdose prevention sites throughout Maryland.	Hettleman	HGO		2/28	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 628	Health Occupations – Primary Care Providers – Adverse Childhood Experiences Screening	Appropriates \$5 million annually for grants to primary care providers to screen patients for adverse childhood experiences.	Queen	HGO		2/26	LETTER OF INFORMATION	
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		2/26	SUPPORT	
HB 709	Human Services – Youth Services	Appropriates \$1.8 million annually for entities working to prevent youth	Valentino-Smith	APP	SB 490	2/18	SUPPORT	

	Bureaus - Funding	suicides and substance use disorders.						
HB 736	Police Officers – Mental Health – Employee Assistance Programs	Requires each law enforcement agency to develop an employee assistance program that allows officers access to mental health services at reasonable costs.	Brooks	JUD	SB 565	2/25	MONITOR	
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	2/26	MONITOR	
HB 915	Health Facilities – Hospitals – Disclosure of Outpatient Facility Fees (Facility Fee Right-to-Know Act)	Requires hospitals to notify patients of outpatient fees associated with certain services.	Kramer	FIN	SB 632	3/2	SUPPORT	

HB 997	Task Force to Study Veterans' Suicide Causes and Prevention	Establishes a task force to study issues related to veterans' suicide.	Brooks	HGO			MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 1063	Health Care Facilities – Assisted Living Programs – Regulations, Staffing, and Training	Establishes staffing ratios and training requirements for assisted living programs.	Krimm	HGO	SB 969	3/5	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 1121	Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System	Requires development of a statewide system providers can use to identify and access available inpatient and outpatient behavioral health services.	Pena-Melnyk	HGO		2/26	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	
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 system for children and families.	Charles	HGO	SB 624	3/4	SUPPORT	
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	3/5	SUPPORT	
HB 1165	Health Insurance – Provider Panels – Coverage for	Prohibits consumers with commercial insurance from being billed extra when forced to go out-of-	Sample-Hughes	HGO	SB 484	2/20	SUPPORT	

	Nonparticipating Providers	network for behavioral health treatment.						
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	3/2	SUPPORT	
HB 1300	Blueprint for Maryland’s Future - Implementation	Omnibus education reform measure; includes a number of provisions to increase and improve school behavioral health services and supports.	Speaker	W&M and APP	SB 1000	2/17	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	
HB 1382	Children in Out-of-Home Placement – Placement in Medical Facilities	Establishes a timeline for out-of-home placements after a child is treated in a psychiatric facility.	Lierman	APP		2/27	SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS	
HB 1383	Education – Students with Traumatic Brain Injury – Reports	Requires each county to include questions surrounding a student’s history of brain injury on an emergency contact form.	Turner	W&M		2/26	MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 1443	Commission on Student Behavioral Health And Mental Health Treatment	Establishes a commission to study and revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment and practices.	Bagnall	W&M	SB 896	3/6	MONITOR	
HB 1461	Behavioral Health Programs – Outpatient Mental Health Centers – Medical and	Requires that medical directors at outpatient mental health centers be licensed physicians.	Hill	HGO		3/11	OPPOSE	

	Clinical Directors							
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	3/10	SUPPORT	
HB 1471	Guardianship of Disabled Persons – Delegation of Responsibilities – Limitation	Prohibits individuals from being responsible for more than 26 guardianships.	Bridges	HGO			SUPPORT	
HB 1474	State Personnel – Maryland Department of Health – Pay Rates and Staffing Requirements	Increases pay rates for staff at state psychiatric facilities.	Acevero	APP	SB 693	3/5	SUPPORT	
HB 1476	Independent Oversight and Review Board for Health Care of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities – Establishment	Establishes an independent oversight and review board to review and make recommendations related to the health care needs of incarcerated individuals.	J. Lewis	JUD		3/6	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	3/6	LETTER OF INFORMATION	

HB 1504	Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education	Establishes a task force to study and make recommendations regarding access to mental health services in higher education.	Valentino-Smith	APP	SB 1015	3/5	SUPPORT	
HB 1515	Sheila E. Hixon Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans – Establishment	Establishes a matching grant program to support nonprofit organizations serving the behavioral health needs of for service members and veterans.	P. Young	HGO	SB 904	3/11	SUPPORT	
HB 1527	Adult Protective Services – Vulnerable Adults Registry – Investigations and Records of Abuse and Neglect and Workgroup Study	Establishes a workgroup to study the best practices for a vulnerable adult registry. Authorizes the Department of Human Services and local social services departments to investigate reports of abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult.	J. Lewis	JUD	SB 833	3/5	SUPPORT	
HB 1530	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Provision of School Psychology Services	Requires Medicaid to cover services delivered by school psychologists.	B. Barnes	HGO	SB 634	3/4	MONITOR	
HB 1558	Residential Treatment Centers and Facilities – Sexual Abuse and Harassment	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	3/10	SUPPORT	

	– Reporting and Prevention							
HB 1564	Public Health – Emergency Evaluations – Duties of Peace Officers and Emergency Facilities	Requires law enforcement to notify an emergency facility prior to bringing a person for an emergency mental health evaluation.	Bhandari	HGO		3/11	MONITOR	
HB 1615	Health Facilities – Assisted Living Programs – Referrals and Licenses	Prohibits people from referring others to unlicensed assisted living facilities.	Kelly	Rules	SB 966		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