

2021 MHAMD BILL LIST

Bill Number	Title	Purpose	Sponsor	Committee	Crossfile	MHAMD Position	Bill Status
SB 3	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Adds audio-only services to the definition of telehealth, prohibits Medicaid from limiting the delivery of telehealth based on the location of the provider or recipient, and requires insurance carriers to reimburse telehealth services at the same rate as in-person services. <i>[Amendments extend reimbursement parity provisions to the Medicaid program, add important consumer choice protections, and terminate certain provisions after two years pending a report/evaluation.]</i>	Griffith	FIN HGO	HB 123	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 5	Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities	Requires the completion of implicit bias training for purposes of health occupation licensure/certification and renewal.	Griffith	FIN B&T HGO	HB 28	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 7	Courts – Court Dog Therapy Program – Veterans Treatment Courts	Expands the court dog program to provide therapy dogs for individuals in veterans treatment court.	Simonaire	JPR JUD	HB 186	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 41	Health – Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)	Lowers to 12 years the age of consent for mental health consultation, diagnosis, and treatment. Capacity to consent to prescription medications remains at 16 years.	Augustine	FIN HGO	HB 132	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 52	Public Health – Maryland Commission on	Establishes a commission to examine the impact of various social determinants on the health of Maryland residents; provide	Washington	FIN HGO	HB 78	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

	Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)	advice regarding issues of racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities; and make recommendations to reduce health disparities.					
SB 56	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement – Sunset Termination	Removes the sunset on a provision allowing psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners to participate on assertive community treatment (ACT) teams remotely via telehealth.	Eckardt	FIN HGO	HB 191	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE NO HOUSE ACTION <i>[amended into SB 3 HB 123]</i>
SB 74	Police Officers – Mental Health – Employee Assistance Programs <u>Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Employee Assistance Programs and Early Intervention Programs</u>	Requires all law enforcement agencies to develop employee assistance programs to provide officers with access to an array of mental health services. <i>[Amendments require early intervention programs to identify and assist officers at risk of using excessive force and change when and how mental health evaluations are required.]</i>	Washington	JPR JUD	HB 88	MONITOR	PASSED SENATE PASSED HOUSE DIFFERENCES NEVER RECONCILED
SB 96	Public Health – Behavioral Health Programs and Health Care Facilities – Safety and Community Relations Plans	Requires behavioral health programs to develop, as a condition of licensure, a safety plan for individuals served by the program and a community relations plan.	McCray	FIN HGO		MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 115	Baltimore City and Prince George’s County – Diversionary and Reentry Program	Requires State’s Attorneys in Baltimore City and Prince George’s County to establish programs to deliver counseling, job training, housing and related services to at-risk children and youth.	Patterson	JPR	HB 68	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION

SB 161	Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education	Establishes a task force to study and make recommendations on a range of issues related to the availability of mental health services at institutions of higher education.	Eckardt	EHE	HB 244	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 164	Veterans – Behavioral Health Services – Mental Health First Aid	Requires that services for veterans and their families coordinated by the Department of Health include Mental Health First Aid.	Simonaire	FIN HGO	HB 605	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 168	Public Health – Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee	Establishes a program to review Maryland suicide deaths, make determinations regarding the factors that contribute to suicide deaths, and develop strategies to prevent future suicide deaths.	Eckardt	FIN HGO	HB 209	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE NO HOUSE ACTION
SB 172	Maryland Health Equity Resource Act	Establishes a program to provide grants, tax incentives, and health care provider loan repayment assistance to locations across the state with health inequities and poor health outcomes. Creates a special fund to support the program and provide additional funding for community behavioral health services. <i>[As amended, the bill establishes a process for designation of “Health Equity Resource Communities” (HERCs) to target resources to specific areas of the state to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes and access to primary care, promote prevention services, and reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions.]</i>	Hayes	B&T FIN	HB 463	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 204	Health Care Facilities – Assisted Living Programs – Memory Care and Alzheimer’s	Requires the Department of Health to adopt regulations establishing standards for memory care and Alzheimer’s units in assisted living programs, including staff	Beidle	FIN HGO	HB 416	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

	Disease Unit Regulations	training requirements, staff ratios, adjustments to reduce social isolation of residents, and admissions and discharge criteria. <i>[Amendments reduce required regulations to include just training and staffing standards.]</i>					
SB 211	Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)	Creates a program to provide up to 12 weeks of paid family leave to workers who need time to care for ailing relatives.	Hayes	FIN	HB 375	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 231	Public Schools – Cyber Safety Guide and Training Course – Development, Implementation, and Reporting	Requires state agencies to develop and publish a cyber safety guide and training course on safe Internet, social media, and technology usage for students, parents, and school employees.	Hester	EHE	HB 824	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 275	Maryland Department of Health – Residential Service Agencies – Training Requirements	Requires regular training for staff at residential service agencies related to Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.	Hester	FIN HGO	HB 141	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 278	State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health – Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards – Telehealth	Emergency measure to eliminate an approval process that limits the ability of school-based health centers to provide telehealth services.	Kagan	EHE HGO W&M	HB 34	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

SB 279	Public Health – Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Provides for the establishment of 6 overdose prevention sites throughout Maryland.	Hettleman	FIN	HB 396	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 286	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services – Modifications	Extends funding for the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program.	Augustine	FIN B&T HGO	HB 108	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 299	Human Services – Trauma-Informed Care – Commission and Training (<u>Healing Maryland’s Trauma Act</u>)	Establishes a commission to develop a strategy for ensuring a trauma-responsive state government. <i>[Amendments expand commission membership and create a program to address adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).]</i>	Carter	FIN HGO	HB 548	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 313	Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Other Types of Dementia	Requires the Department of Health to include information about dementia in its public outreach materials.	Washington	EHE HGO	HB 119	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 327	Civil Actions – Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable <u>Susceptible Adults and Older Adults</u> (Maryland SAFE Act)	Establishes a path for vulnerable adults who are victims of financial exploitation to file a noncriminal lawsuit.	Waldstreicher	JPR JUD		MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 393	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance	Adds audio-only services to the definition of telehealth, prohibits Medicaid from limiting the delivery of telehealth based on	Augustine	FIN	HB 551	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION

	– Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services	the location of the provider or recipient, requires insurance carriers and Medicaid to reimburse telehealth services at the same rate as in-person services, and protects the consumer’s right to choose a telehealth or in-person visit.					<i>[amended into SB 3 HB 123]</i>
SB 398	Mental Health Law – Petitions for Emergency Evaluation – Procedures	Allows certain providers to escort individuals for emergency petitions in place of a police officer.	Carter	FIN	HB 537	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 399	Maryland Transit Administration – Disabled Reduced Fare Program for Opioid Treatment Program Patients – Modifications	Allows Opioid Treatment Programs to issue ID cards to participating patients to receive reduced fare for MTA transit.	Carter	FIN	HB 947	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 405	Higher Education – Student Identification Cards – Required Information	Requires higher education institutions that provide student identification cards to include the telephone number of Maryland’s Helpline and the option of additional mental health crisis hotlines. <i>[Amendments allow, as an alternative, the number of an on-campus 24/7 crisis center.]</i>	Augustine	EHE APP	HB 466	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 425	Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences	Creates a workgroup to study, make recommendations, and take certain actions related to ACE screening and referral in primary care and school settings, expansion of state- and county-level data collection, and coordination of agencies to link youth and families to services.	Augustine	FIN HGO W&M	HB 783	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE NO HOUSE ACTION

SB 466	<u>Mental Health – Assent to and Certificates for Involuntary Admission – Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor</u>	Allows an LCSW-C to serve as one of the two clinicians required to certify an involuntary psychiatric commitment. <i>[Amendments also include LCPCs in the expansion.]</i>	West	FIN HGO	HB 689	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
SB 500	Psychology Interjurisdictional Compact	An agreement between states allowing psychologists in participating states to practice across state lines <i>[Amendment makes the bill an emergency measure.]</i>	Lam & Hettleman	EHE HGO	HB 970	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 520	Behavioral Health Services and Voluntary Placement Agreements – Children and Young Adults – Reports Modifications	Expands annual data collection related to children’s behavioral health to include race/demographic information and information related to the availability of telehealth services.	Klausmeier	FIN HGO	HB 1243	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 548	Public Schools – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Surveys – Revisions	Expands Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) administration to all public middle and high schools and prevents the omission of any questions related to ACEs. <i>[As amended, the bill requires at least five ACEs questions.]</i>	Augustine	EHE W&M	HB 771	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 550	Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and	Establishes a matching grant program to support nonprofit organizations serving the behavioral health needs of service members and veterans.	Beidle	FIN B&T HGO APP	HB872	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

	Veterans – Establishment						
SB 557	Suicide Treatment Improvements Act	Requires suicide counseling training for crisis hotline staff; outlines specific suicide-related requirements for state psychiatric facilities; prohibits insurance providers from charging deductibles/co-pays for counseling and assessment of suicidal individuals; requires the Police Training Commission to implement standards to ensure officers appropriately engage suicidal individuals.	Young	FIN	HB 442	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
SB 565	Public Health – Data – Race and Ethnicity Information	Requires the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collect and analyze data on the racial and ethnic composition of all individuals licensed or certified by a health occupations board.	Griffith	EHE HGO	HB 309	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 567	Telehealth Services – Expansion	Adds audio-only services to the definition of telehealth, prohibits Medicaid from limiting the delivery of telehealth based on the location of the provider or recipient, and requires insurance carriers to reimburse telehealth services at the same rate as in-person services.	Admin	FIN	HB 731	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 638	Maryland Insurance Commissioner – Specialty Mental Health Services and Payment of Claims – Enforcement	Requires the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce the prompt payment of claims submitted by behavioral health providers to the state Administrative Services Organization. <i>[Amendments give MIA the authority to levy fines and penalties against the ASO.]</i>	Augustine	FIN HGO	HB 919	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

SB 646	Alcohol and Drug Counseling – Alcohol and Drug Trainees – Practice Through Telehealth	Allows individuals pursuing drug and alcohol counseling certifications to practice counseling through telehealth under approved supervision.	Carozza	EHE HGO	HB 1287	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 719	Maryland Department of Health – 2-1-1 Maryland – Mental Health Services Phone Call Program (<u>The Thomas Bloom Raskin Act</u>)	Requires the Department of Health to work with 2-1-1 Maryland to establish a program where individuals can opt-in to receive periodic mental health check-in calls	Zucker	FIN HGO	HB 812	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 815	Mental Health Facilities – Sexual Abuse and Harassment – Reporting and Prevention	Expands the list of entities to which claims of sexual abuse and harassment in state facilities must be reported.	Klausmeier	FIN HGO	HB 881	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
SB 844	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.	Benson	JPR	HB 1281	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
SB 853	Juvenile Law – Juvenile Justice Reform <u>Council Extension and Grant Funding</u>	Implements a range of reforms aimed at diverting youth away from the juvenile justice system based on recommendations from the Juvenile Justice Reform Council (JJRC). <i>[Amendments strike the entire bill and simply extend the work of the JJRC for another year.]</i>	Carter	JPR	HB 1187	SUPPORT	PASSED SENATE NO HOUSE ACTION

SB 857	Health – Maryland Community Behavioral Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence – Establishment	Establishes a Center of Excellence to develop a strategic plan, provide technical assistance, and coordinate state and local governments in furtherance of a sequential intercept model (SIM) framework to divert individuals with serious mental illness away from the criminal justice system. <i>[Amendments require the Center to carry out its duties with an eye toward reducing racial disparities in the criminalization of individuals with behavioral health disorders.]</i>	Hester	FIN HGO	HB 1280	SUPPORT W/ AMEND	BILL PASSED
SB 928	Mental Health Law – Reform of Laws and Delivery of Service	Broadens the definition of ‘danger to self or others’ to include potential future psychiatric deterioration, and expands the net of people who would be eligible for involuntary commitment by including people who would be “reasonably expected, if not hospitalized” to present a danger to self or others.	Ready	FIN	HB 1344	OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 28	Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities	Requires the completion of implicit bias training for purposes of health occupation licensure/certification and renewal.	Pena-Melnyk	HGO FIN B&T	SB 5	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 29	Health – Standards for Involuntary Admissions and Petitions for Emergency Evaluation – Substance Use Disorder	Provides for an individual with a substance use disorder to be involuntarily committed to a psychiatric facility.	Ivey	HGO		OPPOSE	NO COMMITTEE ACTION

HB 34	State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health – Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards – Telehealth	Emergency measure that eliminates an approval process that limits the ability of school-based health centers to provide telehealth services.	Rosenberg	HGO W&M EHE	SB 278	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 68	Baltimore City and Prince George’s County – Diversionary and Reentry Program	Requires State’s Attorneys in Baltimore City and Prince George’s County to establish programs to deliver counseling, job training, housing and related services to at-risk children and youth.	T. Branch	JUD	SB 115	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 78	Public Health – Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)	Establishes a commission to examine the impact of various social determinants on the health of Maryland residents; provide advice regarding issues of racial, ethnic and socioeconomic disparities; and make recommendations to reduce health disparities.	Pena-Melnyk	HGO FIN	SB 52	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 88	Police Officers – Mental Health – Employee Assistance Programs Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Prohibition Against Penalization 4 for Seeking Mental Health Services	Requires all law enforcement agencies to develop employee assistance programs to provide officers with access to an array of mental health services. <i>[Amendments prohibit a law enforcement agency from penalizing a police officer for seeking mental health services.]</i>	Brooks	JUD	SB 74	MONITOR	PASSED HOUSE NO SENATE ACTION
HB 108	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services – Modifications	Extends funding for the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program.	Charkoudian	HGO	SB 286	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

HB 119	Maryland Department of Health – Public Health Outreach Programs – Cognitive Impairment, Alzheimer’s Disease, and Other Types of Dementia	Requires the Department of Health to include information about dementia in its public outreach materials.	Sample-Hughes	HGO EHE	SB 313	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 123	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Adds audio-only services to the definition of telehealth, prohibits Medicaid from limiting the delivery of telehealth based on the location of the provider or recipient, and requires insurance carriers to reimburse telehealth services at the same rate as in-person services. <i>[Amendments extend reimbursement parity provisions to the Medicaid program, add important consumer choice protections, and terminate certain provisions after two years pending a report/evaluation.]</i>	Pena-Melnyk	HGO FIN	SB 3	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 132	Health – Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)	Lowers to 12 years the age of consent for mental health consultation, diagnosis, and treatment. Capacity to consent to prescription medications remains at 16 years.	Bagnall	HGO	SB 41	MONITOR	PASSED HOUSE NOT FULLY PASSED IN SENATE <i>[crossfile passed]</i>
HB 141	Maryland Department of Health – Residential Service Agencies – Training Requirements	Requires regular training for staff at residential service agencies related to Alzheimer’s disease and dementia.	Sample-Hughes	HGO FIN	SB 275	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

HB 186	Courts – Court Dog Therapy Program – Veterans Treatment Courts	Expands the court dog program to provide therapy dogs for individuals in veterans treatment court.	Malone	JUD JPR	SB 7	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 191	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement – Sunset Termination	Removes the sunset on a provision allowing psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners to participate on assertive community treatment (ACT) teams remotely via telehealth.	Kelly	HGO FIN	SB 56	SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE <i>[amended into SB 3 HB 123]</i>
HB 207	Nursing Homes – Resident Change in Condition – Notification <u>and</u> Consultation With <u>Physician</u>	Consistent with state and federal confidentiality laws, requires a nursing home to notify a resident’s family members within 24 hours upon a change in condition, including the onset of depression. <i>[Amendments require immediate notification and consultation with the resident’s physician.]</i>	Wilson	HGO FIN		SUPPORT	PASSED HOUSE NOT FULLY PASSED IN SENATE
HB 209	Public Health – Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee	Establishes a program to review Maryland suicide deaths, make determinations regarding the factors that contribute to suicide deaths, and develop strategies to prevent future suicide deaths.	Belcastro	HGO	SB 168	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 212	Criminal Procedure – Medical Emergency – Immunity	Expands legal protections provide to individuals who seek medical assistance for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting alcohol or drugs.	Cardin	JUD		SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 235	Correctional Services – Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals – Substance Abuse	Requires substance use disorder screening of pregnant incarcerated individuals and referral to a behavioral health provider as necessary for counseling and/or initiation or continuation of medication.	W. Fisher	JUD		SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION

	Assessment and Treatment						
HB 244	Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education	Establishes a task force to study and make recommendations on a range of issues related to the availability of mental health services at institutions of higher education.	Valentino-Smith	APP	SB 161	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 276	Congregate Care Facilities – Visitation	Requires certain congregate care facilities to allow family visitors unless the facility determines it would endanger the resident or staff. If they do make such a determination, they must allow an alternative means of communication.	Henson	HGO		SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 309	Public Health – Data – Race and Ethnicity Information	Requires the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collect and analyze data on the racial and ethnic composition of all individuals licensed or certified by a health occupations board.	Pena-Melnyk	HGO EHE	SB 565	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 347	Criminal Law – Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual – Undue Influence	Adds factors a court must consider when determining whether property has been taken from a vulnerable adult via domination, influence, or excessive persuasion	Shetty	JUD JPR		MONITOR	PASSED HOUSE/NO SENATE ACTION
HB 375	Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)	Creates a program to provide up to 12 weeks of paid family leave to workers who need time to care for ailing relatives.	Valderrama	ECM	SB 211	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 377	Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment	Establishes a commission to study and revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment and practices. <i>[Amendments expand requirements to include considerations related to race and ethnicity.]</i>	Bagnall	W&M EHE		MONITOR	PASSED HOUSE/NO SENATE ACTION

HB 396	Public Health – Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Provides for the establishment of 6 overdose prevention sites throughout Maryland.	Pena-Melnyk	HGO	SB 279	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 416	Health Care Facilities – Assisted Living Programs – Memory Care and Alzheimer’s Disease Unit <u>Requirements for Alzheimer’s Special Care Units and Regulations</u>	Requires the Department of Health to adopt regulations establishing standards for memory care and Alzheimer’s units in assisted living programs, including staff training requirements, staff ratios, adjustments to reduce social isolation of residents, and admissions and discharge criteria. <i>[Amendments reduce required regulations to include just training and staffing standards.]</i>	Belcastro	HGO FIN	SB 204	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 434	Public Health – Telehealth – Health Care Practitioners and the Maryland Medical Assistance Program	Prohibits health occupation boards from disallowing the use of audio-only telehealth	K. Young	HGO		MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 442	Suicide Treatment Improvements Act	Requires suicide counseling training for crisis hotline staff; outlines specific suicide- related requirements for state psychiatric facilities; prohibits insurance providers from charging deductibles/co-pays for counseling and assessment of suicidal individuals; requires the Police Training Commission to implement standards to ensure officers appropriately engage suicidal individuals.	K. Young	HGO	SB 557	SUPPORT	WITHDRAWN
HB 461	Public Schools – Student Attendance	Provides that student absences for mental health needs are lawful absences and	Washington	W&M EHE		MONITOR	PASSED HOUSE/NO

	– Excused Absences for Mental Health Needs	requires schools to excuse at least one such absence per quarter. <i>[Amendments remove the limit on amount of absences due to mental health and require the student to meet with a school mental health specialist.]</i>					SENATE ACTION
HB 462	Residential Rehabilitation Programs – Reporting of Critical Incidents	Requires the Secretary of Health to notify the local authorities 14 days before licensing a residential rehabilitation program, who must also report any critical incident to local authorities within 24 hours to be assessed and evaluated.	Washington	HGO		MONITOR	WITHDRAWN
HB 463	Maryland Health Equity Resource Act	Establishes a program to provide grants, tax incentives, and health care provider loan repayment assistance to locations across the state with health inequities and poor health outcomes. Creates a special fund to support the program and provide additional funding for community behavioral health services. <i>[As amended, the bill establishes a process for designation of “Health Equity Resource Communities” (HERCs) to target resources to specific areas of the state to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes and access to primary care, promote prevention services, and reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions.]</i>	Barron	HGO W&M B&T FIN	SB 172	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 466	Higher Education – Student Identification Cards – Required Information	Requires higher education institutions that provide student identification cards to include the telephone number of Maryland’s Helpline and the option of additional mental health crisis hotlines.	Palakovich Carr	APP EHE	SB 405	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

		<i>[Amendments allow, as an alternative, the number of an on-campus 24/7 crisis center.]</i>					
HB 496	Primary and Secondary Education – Mental Health Services – Expansion (Counselors Not Cops Act)	Removes \$10 million in state funding for school resource officers to be used instead to expand school-based mental health services and supports.	Wilkins	W&M		SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 537	Mental Health Law – Petitions for Emergency Evaluation – Procedures	Allows certain providers to escort individuals for emergency petitions in place of a police officer.	Ruth	HGO	SB 398	MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 548	Human Services – Trauma-Informed Care – Commission and Training (<u>Healing Maryland’s Trauma Act</u>)	Establishes a commission to develop a strategy for ensuring a trauma-responsive state government. <i>[Amendments expand commission membership and create a program to address adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).]</i>	R. Lewis	HGO	SB 299	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 551	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance – Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services	Adds audio-only services to the definition of telehealth, prohibits Medicaid from limiting the delivery of telehealth based on the location of the provider or recipient, requires insurance carriers and Medicaid to reimburse telehealth services at the same rate as in-person services, and protects the consumer’s right to choose a telehealth or in-person visit.	Bagnall	HGO	SB 393	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION <i>[amended into SB 3 / HB 123]</i>
HB 560	Human Relations – Discrimination in Housing – Reentry-Into-Society Status	Prohibits housing discrimination based on a prior criminal record	Fennell	E&T		SUPPORT	NO HOUSE ACTION

HB 605	Veterans – Behavioral Health Services – Mental Health First Aid	Requires that services for veterans and their families coordinated by the Department of Health include Mental Health First Aid.	Kipke	HGO FIN	SB 164	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 670	<u>Maryland Police Accountability Act of 2021 – Police Discipline and Law Enforcement Programs and Procedures</u>	Omnibus police reform measure that repeals the Law Enforcement Officers’ Bill of Rights, restricts “no-knock” search warrants, provides tuition exemption for police officers, etc. <i>[Amendments include changes to warrant procedures, replaces tuition exemption with a loan assistance repayment program, establishes use of force standards, creates county-level accountability boards, etc.]</i>	Jones	JUD JPR		MONITOR	BILL PASSED VETOED VETO OVERRIDDEN
HB 689	<u>Mental Health – Assent to and Certificates for Involuntary Admission – Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical and Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor</u>	Allows an LCSW-C to serve as one of the two clinicians required to certify an involuntary psychiatric commitment. <i>[Amendments also include LCPCs in the expansion.]</i>	McComas	HGO FIN	SB 466	MONITOR	BILL PASSED
HB 731	Telehealth Services – Expansion	Adds audio-only services to the definition of telehealth, prohibits Medicaid from limiting the delivery of telehealth based on the location of the provider or recipient, and requires insurance carriers to reimburse telehealth services at the same rate as in-person services.	Admin	HGO	SB 567	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 771	Public Schools – Centers for Disease Control and	Expands Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) administration to all public middle and high	Queen	W&M	SB 548	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

	Prevention Surveys – Revisions	schools and prevents the omission of any questions related to ACEs. <i>[As amended, the bill requires at least five ACEs questions.]</i>					
HB 774	Public Health – Adverse Childhood Experience Screening – Requirement and Practitioner Training Program	Requires all children entering the public school system to be screened for ACEs as part of their physical examination	Queen	HGO		LETTER OF INFO	WITHDRAWN
HB 776	State Department of Education – Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project – Study and Report	Requires MSDE to study and analyze the IECMH Consultation Project, determine if it is meeting its goals, identify gaps, and consider whether it should be expanded.	Ebersole	W&M EHE		MONITOR	BILL PASSED
HB 783	Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences	Creates a workgroup to study, make recommendations, and take certain actions related to ACE screening and referral in primary care and school settings, expansion of state- and county-level data collection, and coordination of agencies to link youth and families to services.	Queen	HGO W&M	SB 425	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 812	Maryland Department of Health – 2-1-1 Maryland – Mental Health Services Phone Call Program (The Thomas Bloom Raskin Act)	Requires the Department of Health to work with 2-1-1 Maryland to establish a program where individuals can opt-in to receive periodic mental health check-in calls.	Cullison	HGO FIN	SB 719	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 824	Public Schools – Cyber Safety Guide and Training Course –	Requires state agencies to develop and publish a cyber safety guide and training course on safe Internet, social media, and	P. Young	W&M	SB 231	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION

	Development, Implementation, and Reporting	technology usage for students, parents, and school employees.					
HB 849	Public Health – Medical Records – Fees	Prohibits health care providers from charging fees for medical records that are needed to secure public benefits.	Rosenberg	HGO FIN		SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 851	Corrections – Restrictive Housing – Serious Mental Illness	Prohibits placing an incarcerated person with serious mental illness in restrictive housing, such as solitary confinement.	Ruth	JUD		SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 872	Sheila E. Hixson 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.	Charles	HGO APP FIN B&T	SB 550	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 881	Mental Health Facilities – Sexual Abuse and Harassment – Reporting and Prevention	Expands the list of entities to which claims of sexual abuse and harassment in state facilities must be reported.	Valentino-Smith	HGO FIN	SB 815	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 903	Task Force to Study the Maryland Public Guardianship Program	Establishes a task force to study the Maryland Public Guardianship Program and to make recommendations for improvement to the Governor and General Assembly.	Bridges	HGO		SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 919	Maryland Insurance Commissioner – Specialty Mental Health Services and Payment of Claims – Enforcement	Requires the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce the prompt payment of claims submitted by behavioral health providers to the state Administrative Services Organization.	Bagnall	HGO FIN	SB 638	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

		<i>[Amendments give MIA the authority to levy fines and penalties against the ASO.]</i>					
HB 947	Maryland Transit Administration – Disabled Reduced Fare Program for Opioid Treatment Program Patients – Modifications	Allows Opioid Treatment Programs to issue ID cards to participating patients to receive reduced fare for MTA transit.	Wells	E&T	SB 399	SUPPORT	NO HOUSE ACTION
HB 970	Psychological Interjurisdictional Compact	An agreement between states allowing psychologists in participating states to practice across state lines <i>[Amendment makes the bill an emergency measure.]</i>	Johnson	HGO EHE	SB 500	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 977	Prince George’s County – Public Safety and Behavioral Health Surcharges – Behavioral Health Programs PG 414-21	Local Prince George’s County bill that imposes a ‘behavioral health’ fee on residential construction in the jurisdiction to help fund the operation of behavioral health programs or the construction of behavioral health facilities.	Prince George’s County Delegation	E&T EHE		MONITOR	BILL PASSED
HB 1089	Primary and Secondary Education – Expansion of Mental Health Services and Prohibition of School Resource Officers (Police-Free Schools Act)	Prohibits local school systems from utilizing school resource officers.	Acevero	W&M		MONITOR	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1187	Juvenile Law – Juvenile Justice Reform <u>Council Extension and Grant Funding</u>	Implements a range of reforms aimed at diverting youth away from the juvenile justice system based on recommendations from the Juvenile Justice Reform Council (JJRC). <i>[Amendments strike the entire bill</i>	Clippinger	JUD JPR	SB 853	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

		<i>and simply extend the work of the JJRC for another year.]</i>					
HB 1243	Behavioral Health Services and Voluntary Placement Agreements – Children and Young Adults – Report Modifications	Expands annual data collection related to children’s behavioral health to include race/demographic information and information related to the availability of telehealth services.	Sample-Hughes	HGO FIN	SB 520	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED
HB 1280	Health – Maryland Community Behavioral Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence – Establishment	Establishes a Center of Excellence to develop a strategic plan, provide technical assistance, and coordinate state and local governments in furtherance of a sequential intercept model (SIM) framework to divert individuals with serious mental illness away from the criminal justice system. <i>[Amendments require the Center to carry out its duties with an eye toward reducing racial disparities in the criminalization of individuals with behavioral health disorders.]</i>	Pena-Melnyk	HGO FIN	SB 857	SUPPORT W/ AMEND	BILL PASSED
HB 1281	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.	W. Fisher	JUD	SB 844	SUPPORT	NO COMMITTEE ACTION
HB 1287	Alcohol and Drug Counseling – Alcohol and Drug Trainees – Practice Through Telehealth	Allows individuals pursuing drug and alcohol counseling certifications to practice counseling through telehealth under approved supervision.	R. Lewis	HGO EHE	SB 646	SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

HB 1344	Mental Health Law – Reform of Laws and Delivery of Service	Broadens the definition of ‘danger to self or others’ to include potential future psychiatric deterioration, and expands the net of people who would be eligible for involuntary commitment by including people who would be “reasonably expected, if not hospitalized” to present a danger to self or others.	Kipke	HGO	SB 928	OPPOSE	WITHDRAWN
HB 1375	Health Information Exchanges – Electronic Health Information – Sharing and Disclosure	Requires the State-designated health information exchange to establish a process for consumers to opt out of sharing their personal health information beyond their rendering provider.	Kelly	HGO FIN		SUPPORT	BILL PASSED

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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