

2023 MHAMD BILL LIST

Bill Number	Title	Purpose	Sponsor	Committee	Crossfile	Hearing Date	MHAMD Position	Status
SB 3	988 Trust Fund - Funding	Requires the Governor to appropriate \$12 million to the 988 Trust Fund in FY25.	Augustine	B&T HGO	HB 271	1/19	SUPPORT	Passed Senate
SB 8	Mental Health - Treatment Plans for Individuals in Facilities - Requirements	Outlines specific requirements related to the development, review and reassessment of treatment plans for individuals admitted to state facilities.	Augustine	FIN	HB 121	1/31	SUPPORT	
SB 101	Maryland Medicaid Collaborative Care Model Services - Implementation and Reimbursement Expansion	Requires Medicaid reimbursement for behavioral health services delivered in primary care settings via the Collaborative Care Model.	Augustine	FIN	HB 48	1/31	SUPPORT	
SB 108	Health Insurance Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits - Coverage and Reimbursement	Requires private health insurers to provide coverage and reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits.	Augustine	FIN		2/1	SUPPORT	
SB 112	State Finance and Procurement - Grants - Prompt Payment Requirement	Establishes invoicing and prompt payment requirements related to grants from specific state departments.	Kagan	B&T	HB 328	1/19	SUPPORT	

SB 154	Public Health - Mental Health Advance Directives - Awareness and Statewide Database	Requires the Department of Health to develop and implement a public awareness campaign to encourage the use of mental health advance directives and a statewide database of mental health advance directives accessible to providers.	Beidle	FIN		2/7	SUPPORT	
SB 190	Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment	Requires substance use screenings of pregnant incarcerated individuals and referral to a behavioral health provider for counseling and/or initiation or continuation of medication.	West	JPR	HB 44	2/8	SUPPORT	
SB 201	Maryland Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program's - School-Based Behavioral Health Services - Reimbursement	Requires Medicaid to apply for a state plan amendment to begin reimbursing certain professionals for behavioral health services delivered in school settings	Hester	FIN	HB 82	2/7	LETTER OF INFO	
SB 223	State Government - State Facilities Changes and Closures - Procedures	Establishes notice, public input, and reporting requirements related to the closure of state facilities.	Augustine	EEE	HB 395	2/7	SUPPORT W/ AMEND	
SB 228	Department of Aging - Dementia Care Coordinator and Dementia Care Navigation Programs	Establishes the position of Dementia Care Coordinator in the Department of Aging and requires each area agency on aging to employ a dementia care navigator.	Beidle	FIN	HB 614	2/9	SUPPORT W/ AMEND	

SB 255	Public Health - Home- and Community-Based Services for Children and Youth	Expands access to home and community-based High Fidelity Wraparound services for children and youth with high intensity behavioral health needs.	Hester	FIN	HB 322	2/14	SUPPORT	
SB 263	Maryland Higher Education Commission - Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee - Establishment	Establishes a committee to study and make recommendations regarding access to mental health services on higher education campuses.	Jackson	EEE APP	HB 573	2/8	SUPPORT	Passed Senate
SB 283	Mental Health - Workforce Development - Fund Established	Establishes a Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to reimburse for costs associated with educating, training, certifying, recruiting, placing, and retaining behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals.	Augustine	B&T & FIN HGO	HB 418	2/8	SUPPORT	Passed Senate
SB 362	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics - Established	Provides for the statewide expansion of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs).	Guzzone	FIN	HB 1249	2/14	SUPPORT	
SB 388	Public Schools - Standardized Behavioral Health Questionnaire for Students - Development and Implementation	Requires the development of guidelines for a standardized screening to identify students with behavioral health needs	Lewis Young	EEE	HB 265	3/1	LETTER OF INFO	

SB 441	Maryland Medical Assistance Program Prescription Digital Therapeutics	Requires Medicaid to provide coverage for prescription digital therapeutics.	Lam	FIN	HB 813	2/28	SUPPORT	
SB 460	Maryland Medical Assistance Program Gender-Affirming Treatment (Trans Health Equity Act)	Requires Medicaid coverage for medically necessary gender-affirming treatment.	Washington	FIN	HB 283	2/28	SUPPORT	
SB 480	Mental Health Law Assisted Outpatient Treatment Programs	Authorizes the establishment of local assisted outpatient treatment (AOT) programs whereby individuals may be court-ordered into community mental health treatment.	Lewis Young	FIN	HB 823	2/28	OPPOSE	
SB 482	Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program - Mental Health Professionals in Public Schools	Provides loan repayment assistance for certain enumerated professionals providing mental health services in public schools.	Lewis Young	EEE	HB 488	2/22	MONITOR	
SB 503	Criminal Procedure Child Advocacy Centers - Care Providers	Requires child advocacy centers, with certain exceptions, to provide notice to parents/guardians when there is a change in the child's behavioral health care provider and allow for a final session with the prior provider.	Muse	JPR	HB 762	3/8	MONITOR	

SB 515	Health Insurance - Step Therapy or Fail-First Protocol - Revisions	Prohibits insurance companies from imposing a step therapy or fail first requirement for prescription medications used to treat certain mental health disorders	Lam	FIN	HB 785	2/22	SUPPORT	
SB 532	Criminal Law - Overdosing in Public - Prohibition	Makes overdosing in public a criminal offense subject to 60 days in jail.	Corderman	JPR	HB 667	3/7	OPPOSE	
SB 534	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2023	Extends provisions requiring coverage for audio-only telehealth services and telehealth rate reimbursement on par with in-person services until June 2025.	Gile	FIN		2/22	SUPPORT	Passed Senate
SB 546	Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity	Expands Good Samaritan legal protections for individuals who call for help at the scene of an overdose or medical emergency.	Muse	JPR	HB 427	3/9	SUPPORT	
SB 581	Behavioral Health Care Coordination Value-Based Purchasing Pilot Program	Establishes a 3-year pilot under which behavioral health providers would deliver intensive care coordination to a high risk population and be financially incentivized for meeting certain outcomes.	Klausmeier	FIN		3/7	SUPPORT	

SB 582	Behavioral Health Care - Treatment and Access (Behavioral Health Model for Maryland)	Establishes a 4-year commission on behavioral health treatment and access; establishes a value-based purchasing pilot; provides for the expansion of CCBHCs; extends certain telehealth provisions.	Augustine	FIN	HB 1148	3/7	SUPPORT	
SB 600	Health - Mental Health Care Provider Immunity and Establishment of Specialty Tertiary Care Psychiatric Programs	Provides that entities and individuals providing "specialty tertiary care psychiatric services" are legally immune from damages resulting from harm to or by a program patient.	Feldman	JPR & FIN	HB 732		LETTER OF INFO	Withdrawn
SB 604	Maryland Medical Assistance Program Provider Agencies and Personal Care Aides - Reimbursement and Wages	Requires Medicaid to increase the hourly reimbursement rate for personal assistance services to a minimum of \$25 per hour and requires provider agencies to pay the greater of \$16/hour or 64% of the reimbursement rate to their personal care aides.	Benson	FIN & B&T	HB 318	3/7	SUPPORT	
SB 618	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Provides for the establishment of six overdose prevention sites throughout Maryland.	Hettleman	FIN	HB 953	3/14	SUPPORT	

SB 761	Correctional Facilities - Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Inmates (Transgender Respect, Agency, and Dignity Act)	Expands housing options and protections against discrimination for LGBTQ incarcerated individuals.	Carter	JPR	HB 426	3/15	SUPPORT	
SB 762	Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization	Decriminalizes possession of drug paraphernalia	Carter	JPR	HB 173	3/7	SUPPORT	
SB 794	Behavioral Health Programs - Residential Programs - Food Service Facility Requirements	Prohibits the Maryland Department of Health from requiring behavioral health residential programs to comply with food service facility regulations if the program has fewer than 17 residents.	Carozza	FIN	HB 1153	3/16	MONITOR	
SB 811	School Discipline - Behavioral Health and Safety - Data Collection and School Resource Officers	Requires local school boards to develop behavioral health and safety plans, which schools must implement prior to hiring a school resource officer.	Washington	EEE		3/14	MONITOR	
SB 858	Firearm Safety - Storage Requirements and Youth Suicide Prevention (Jaelynn's Law)	Requires the Department of Health to develop and make available a Youth Suicide Prevention and Firearm Safe Storage Guide.	Smith	JPR	HB 307	2/21	SUPPORT	

HB 26	Health Occupations Psychologists - Licensure Qualifications	Provides for a postdoctoral respecialization certificate for purposes of licensure by the State Board of Psychologists.	Bagnall	HGO		2/9	SUPPORT	Passed House
HB 44	Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment	Requires substance use screenings of pregnant incarcerated individuals and referral to a behavioral health provider for counseling and/or initiation or continuation of medication.	Lopez	JUD	SB 190	2/28	SUPPORT	
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HB 375	Education - Coaches - Mental Health First Aid Training	Requires schools and universities to train coaches in Mental Health First Aid.	Attar	W&M		3/9	SUPPORT	
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HB 1155	Workgroup on Establishing a Youth Codesigned Integrated Behavioral Health Model	Establishes a workgroup to design a pilot program that utilizes behavioral health prevention and early intervention services co-designed by youth.	Bridges	HGO		3/14	SUPPORT	

HB 1198	Drug and Alcohol Treatment Programs - Discharge of Patients and Referral Services - Standards	Requires the Department of Health to establish standards governing the discharge of patients from drug and alcohol treatment programs.	Howard	HGO		3/14	MONITOR	
HB 1224	Public Schools - Medical and Psychological Treatment in School-Based Health Center and Public Schools - Parental Notice	Requires school-based behavioral health providers to provide student parents/guardians with information about any consultation, diagnosis, or treatment provided to a student.	Miller	HGO & W&M		3/14	OPPOSE	
HB 1249	Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics - Established	Provides for the statewide expansion of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHCs).	Hornberger	RULES	SB 362		SUPPORT	
HB 1272	Maryland Insurance Commissioner Enforcement - Speciality Mental Health Services and Payment of Claims - Sunset Extension	Extends for two years the Maryland Insurance Administration's authorization to levy penalties against the state's public behavioral health service administrator for failure to meet performance standards.	Bagnall	RULES		3/15	SUPPORT	