

2020 Annapolis Insider Bill Tracker

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Budget							
HB0150	SB0190	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2021)	Speaker of the House/ Senate President by request of the administration	In House First Reading APP	In Senate First Reading B&T		The Budget includes the 4% mandated increase for DDA Community Services but the BRFA removes funding to make the increase only 2%. At 2%, the medicaid-funded (DDA) Community Services programs will not have enough in funding to cover the growing minimum wage in the state. See page 68 of either document for Developmental Disabilities Administration Budget.
HB0152	SB0192	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020	Speaker of the House/ Senate President by request of the administration	In House First Reading APP	In Senate First Reading B&T		The Budget includes the 4% mandated increase for DDA Community Services but the BRFA removes funding to make the increase only 2%. At 2%, the medicaid-funded (DDA) Community Services programs will not have enough in funding to cover the growing minimum wage in the state. See page 16 of SB0192 for Community Provider Rates.
Current Positions on Bills by Topic							
Community Living & Working							
HB0010	SB0044	Public Buildings - Changing Facilities for Adult Diapers	Delegate Ebersole/ Senator Lam	In House Hearing 1/29 at 2 PM HGO	In Senate Hearing 1/16 at 3 PM JPR	Support	This bill creates a requirement for newly constructed or extensively remodeled public buildings to provide changing stations suitable to hold the weight of an adult. Several self-advocates, siblings and parents of people with disabilities who need access to adult changing stations in the community came out to testify. The next hearing on this matter is scheduled to happen in the House on January 29 at 2 p.m. in the HGO Committee.
	SB0040	Sales and Use Tax - Diapers Exemption	Senator Lam		In Senate Hearing 1/9 at 2 PM B&T	Support	Sen. Lam added clarifying language that adult absorbant products such as Depends are intended to be included in the list of products that are exempt from state sales tax.
	SB0065	Counties - Construction of Sidewalks and Crosswalks - Safe Alternative Routes to Public Schools	Senator Ellis		In Senate Hearing 1/22 at 1 PM EHEA	Letter of Information	The Arc Maryland is requesting that the sponsor include clarifying language that sidewalks and crosswalks meet ADA accessibility standards.
	SB0083	State Government – Delivery of Notices and Communications by Electronic Means – Authorized	Chair EHEA		In Senate Hearing 1/21 at 1:30 PM EHEA	Letter of Information	Watching to see what implications this could have on notices sent by DOH- DDA to families to update status, "clean up" the waiting list, etc. According to this, the notices may no longer need to be sent via mail but could be emailed. We need to consider what protections we may need to put in place for people with limited comprehension of implications of signing affirmative docs to allow e-communications of an official nature.
HB0771	SB0158	Lodging Establishments - Accessible Rooms for Individuals With Disabilities - Bed Height	Delegate Reilly et al/ Senator Cassilly	In House First Reading EMC	In Senate Hearing 2/6 at 1 PM FIN	Support	This legislation would require that lodging establishments ensure that beds of an accessible height be available to people who use wheelchairs to transfer in and out of with ease.
HB0203		Community Parks and Playgrounds Program – Baltimore County and Howard County – Expansion	Delegate Hettleman et al	In House First Reading E&T		Support with amendment	Presenting Amendment to require that a percentage of these playgrounds to be accessible
HB0209	SB0313	Plastics and Packaging Reduction Act	Delegate Lierman et al/ Senator Augustine et al	In House Hearing 2/11 at 1 PM E&T	In Senate Hearing 2/20 at 1 PM FIN	Letter of Information.	The bill creates a mandate for a 10 cent charge on plastic bags and creates a workgroup to make recommendations on the reduction of single use plastics. There is currently not a member suggested for that work group who would represent the interests of the disability community. Given our interest in ensuring the limited availability of plastic straws for those who need them for nutrition and hydration, we will be speaking with the sponsors.
HB0231	SB0530	Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act	Delegate Lierman et al/ Senator Smith et al	In House Hearing 2/4 at 1 PM E&T	In Senate Hearing 2/4 at 1 PM JPR	Support with coalition testimony	The bill prevents source of income discrimination and other forms of discrimination that create barriers to housing acquisition and maintenance.

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HB0296		Environment - Single-Use Plastic Straws - Use in a Food Service Business	Delegate Love et al	In House Hearing 2/19 at 1 PM EMC		Support with amendment	Working with DD Council and presenting Del Love with amendment adopted by PG County when this bill was presented there. We consider the amendment friendly in that it is in keeping with the intention of single use plastic reduction but has accommodations for people with disabilities who need plastic straws for the safe consumption of food and drink.
HB0312	SB0473	Discrimination in Employment - Reasonable Accommodations for Applicants With Disabilities	Delegate Charkoudian et al/ Senator Lam et al	In House Hearing 2/11 at 1 PM EMC	In Senate Hearing 2/18 at 12 PM JPR	Support	includes requirements of businesses to comply with Fair Labor Standards act so in many ways it is redundant but helpful in its clarification of the requirements for application and interview accessibility
HB0712	SB0260	Labor and Employment – Leave With Pay – Bereavement Leave (Family Bereavement Act)	Delegate Boyce et al/ Senator Washington et al	In House Hearing 2/25 at 1 PM EMC	In Senate Hearing 2/13 at 1 PM FIN	Oppose	“Pet” is too broad a term and the benefit would amount to an unfunded mandate for people who Self-Direct and Medicaid Providers since their funding is set by the state and there is no mandate in this bill to provide funding to providers of Medicaid waiver services (such as DD Providers).
HB0353	SB0264	Frederick County – Elderly or Disabled Renters – Grants	Senators Young & Hough/ Frederick County Delegation	In House Hearing 2/6 at 1 PM W&M	In Senate Hearing 1/29 at 1 PM B&T	Support	Instead of a property tax credit, this bill would add Frederick County to the list of current counties that provide housing grants to specific populations of people (people with disabilities)
HB0498		Department of Aging - Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs - Funding	Delegate Hill et al	In House Hearing 2/11 at 1 PM APP		Gathering more information	Creates an appropriation to support initiatives that would help seniors age in place- including seniors with I/DD
HB0604	SB0326	State Libraries - Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped and State Library Board - Alterations	Delegate Forbes et al/ Senator King et al	In House First Reading W&M	In Senate Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM EHEA	Gathering more information	
	SB0401	Places of Public Accommodation and Public Buildings - Single-Occupancy Public Restrooms - Availability (The Accessible to All Act)	Senator Kagan et al		In Senate Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM JPR	Support with Amendment	Requires that single use restrooms in public buildings be labeled with gender-inclusive signage. Amendment to House Bill (not yet available) ensures that signage include a universal bathroom and non-gender image such as a toilet so that people who cannot read can identify the room is a bathroom
	SB0449	Labor and Employment - Direct Care Workforce Innovation Program	Senators Guzzone and Kelley		In Senate First Reading FIN and B&T	Support	The purpose of the bill is to create a \$250,000 grant program that would be used to provide matching grants to organizations to create and expand on successful recruitment and retention strategies to increase the number of qualified Direct Care Workers.
HB0699	SB0504	Office of the Attorney General - Special Education Ombudsman	Delegates Washington and Ivey/ Senator Pinsky et al	In House First Reading W&M	In Senate First Reading EHEA	Support	Would create a Special Education Ombudsman and toll free number for a person to offer non-partial information to families, people with disabilities, teachers, and others regarding special education services, access, and methods to resolve disputes.
HB0711		Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center – Inclusion of Out-of-Home Placement Data	Delegate Kaiser et al	In House First Reading W&M		Support	Education bill requiring that the Maryland Longitudinal Data Center adds placement data to its reports. Redefines the purpose of the center to also be to generate timely and accurate information about children who were provided with state-sponsored out-of-home care that can be used to improve the state’s education and child welfare systems and guide decisions made at all levels; and facilitate and enable the linkage of student data, placement data, and workforce data.
HB0730	SB0567	Sales and Use Tax – Exemption – Out-of-State Nonprofit Organizations	Delegate D. Barnes et al/ Senator Washington	In House Hearing 2/20 at 1 PM W&M	In Senate Hearing 2/19 at 2 PM B&T	Monitor	Extends sales and use tax exemptions to out of state non-profits who make purchases or rentals in the state for the sole purpose of holding a conference or convention in the state of Maryland.

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	SB0539	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment	Senator Hayes and Elfreth et al		In Senate First Reading FIN		This would create a benefit for thousands of individuals with I/DD and their families to be able to take paid leave for medical appointments, surgeries and recoveries, and to care for loved ones with job protections. The bill is problematic however in that it would amount to another unfunded mandate for our provider system and people who self direct their services as employers are those with 1 or more employees under this proposal. Providers and self-directed individual budgets are funded by the state and only if the bill is amended to mandate a state increase in DD funding to account for the additional expense of this benefit would we be able to support. Determining the amount needed would be difficult when the state can adjust the percentage of payroll tax required of employers up to .5% based on the need to create a sufficient fund bank. For an average sized provider with a \$500,000 payroll each period, this mandate would amount to at least \$65,000 in additional employer portion of insurance expenses, plus the expense associated with backfilling vacancies of those individuals taking leave, additional administrative expenses to track employee hours, etc since the requirements for taking this leave do not align with FMLA.
Education & Childcare							
	SB0078	Public Schools – Student Discipline Regulations – Remedial Measures	Senator Hough		In Senate Hearing 1/22 at 1 PM EHEA	Oppose. We are working with Coalition to Reform School Discipline on a response.	Seems to misinterpret concept of restorative justice by adding requirements of children to apologize, provide restitution, and possibly endure a modified schedule. Some children with specific disabilities may have difficulty with self regulation and understanding the effects of their behavior on other students. This requirement is too broad and does not take many issues under consideration.
HB0264		Prince George's County - Elementary School Students - Daily Physical Activity PG 503-20	Prince George's County Delegation	In House Hearing 2/5 at 2 PM W&M		Support	Return of this bill from last session
HB0277	SB0367	State Department of Education - Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach	Delegate Wilkins et al/ Senator Washington et al	In House Hearing 2/5 at 2 PM W&M	In Senate First Reading EHEA	Support	The bill creates a fund for schools to provide training to implement trauma informed approaches.
HB0327		Public Schools – School Resource Officers – Prohibited Conduct	Delegates Washington & Ivey	In House Hearing 2/5 at 2 PM W&M		Support	Return of bill from last year- does not allow SROs to carry arms.
HB0328		State Department of Education – School Discipline – Data Collection	Delegate Washington et al	In House Hearing 2/5 at 2 PM W&M		Support	Requires desegregated data on discipline separated by race, grade level, ethnicity, special services (including special education) and disciplinary practices employed,
HB0383		State Department of Education - Student Performance Reports - Students With Disabilities	Delegate Guyton et al	In House Hearing 2/7 at 1 PM W&M		Support	The Bill would require data to be desegregated for students supported under the IDEA and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.
HB0396		Child Care Centers - Early Childhood Screening for Developmental Disabilities	Delegate Guyton et al	In House First Reading W&M		Gathering more information	Bill would require child care centers to have a staff person on site who has training in early childhood screening and interventions for children with developmental disabilities. Need to gather more information about qualifications required as we would not want a situation where a family is incorrectly notified of the suspicion of a delay when the progress of their child may be within typical developmental expectations after premature birth and other factors.
HB0413		Prince George's County - Elementary School Students - Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act)	Delegate Walker	In House Hearing 2/7 at 1 PM W&M		Support	It is well established that children benefit from daily physical activity and there are profound benefits for children with sensory needs who, when allowed to jump and swing (proprioceptive), are more ready to learn after these activities.
HB0475		Community Colleges - Students With Disabilities	Delegates Cain, Guyton, and Mosby	In House Hearing 2/11 at 1 PM APP		Support	This bill would mandate an appropriation of 2.5 million to the grant program that exists to provide assistance to students with disabilities to attend community college

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HB0516		Public School Students - Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act)	Delegate Walker et al	In House First Reading W&M		Support	It is well established that children benefit from daily physical activity and there are profound benefits for children with sensory needs who, when allowed to jump and swing (proprioceptive), are more ready to learn after these activities.
HB0522	HB0572	Education – Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students – Report	Delegate Bhandari et al/ Senator McCray	In House First Reading W&M	In Senate First Reading EHEA	Gathering more information	It is not clear what this bill changes as there is no bolded bill text. Checking with sponsor on intentions.
HB0548		Career and Technology Education - Training in Soft Business Skills	Delegate Stein	In House Hearing 2/14 1 PM W&M		Support	Requires public schools to adjust Career and Technology programs to include modules on Workplace "soft skills" to include interacting with co-workers and supervisors, email and other communication etiquette. The Arc Maryland's position as that this training would contribute to the success of students with I/DD to enter the workforce.
	SB0459	Public Schools - School Resource Officers - Firearms Required	Senator Jennings et al		In Senate First Reading EHEA	Oppose. We are working with Coalition to Reform School Discipline on a response.	
HB0620		Baltimore-Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport - Security Screening Checkpoint - Charitable Donations	Delegates Love and Parrott	In House Hearing 2/20 at 1 PM E&T		Support	Requires that a donation box be placed at BWI that would allow for the collection of donated funds to go toward Department of Disabilities educational programs.
	SB0610	Community Colleges – Supplemental Services and Supports for Students With Disabilities Grant Program	Senator King et al		In Senate Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM EHEA	Support	Return of bill from last year.
HB0675	SB0549	Education – Public Schools – Seizure Action Plans (Brynleigh Act)	Delegate Kerr/ Senators Young, Feldman, and Klausmeier	In House First Reading W&M	In Senate First Reading EHEA	Gathering more information	The Arc Maryland supports this critical training and availability of treatment. The Arc is requesting additional information from the sponsor regarding changes to delegated care.
HB0718	SB0575	State Department of Education - Early Literacy and Dyslexia Practices - Guidance and Assistance	Delegate Luedtke/ Senator Hester	In House First Reading W&M	In Senate First Reading EHEA	Support with possible amendment to include a self advocate on the advisory group.	Requires the MD State Department of Education to establish a stakeholder advisory group to develop a certain reading and dyslexia handbook
HB0769	SB0133	Education – High School Students – Graduation and Attendance Credit for Vocational Training	Delegate Adams et al/ Senators West and McCray	In House First Reading W&M	In Senate Hearing 2/4 at 1 PM EHEA	Support	Provides for graduation and attendance credit for students engaging in vocational training activities. This would benefit people with I/DD who are gathering experience and training in a specific trade if the time spent on those activities counts toward their graduation credits.
Health Care							
	SB0042	Health Services Cost Review Commission – Duties and Reports – Revisions	Requested by Department of Health		In Senate Hearing 1/15 at 1 PM FIN	Monitoring	We are currently watching this. There have been some whispers of the state going to a Managed Care model for DD services in the future and there is emphasis on the "All-Payer Model" demonstration pilot in this bill.
HB0255	SB0547	Health Care Facilities - Hospitals and Related Institutions - Discrimination Protections	Delegate K. Young et al	In House Hearing 2/5 at 1 PM HGO	First Reading FIN	Gathering more information	This bill would extend protections against discrimination to facilities at the point of admission consideration. Protected class includes basis of disability. Facilities who accept state and federal funds must already refrain from discriminatory practices however it could present the burden of defense to facilities and people with disabilities if facilities lack capacity and expertise to effectively and safely support people with certain needs and deny admission on this basis, if the denial is disputed as discriminatory.
HB0259	SB0103	Health Occupations - Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment of Patients - Disciplinary Actions (The Patient's Access to Integrative Healthcare Act of 2020)	Delegate Szeliga et al/ Senators Eckardt and Klausmeier	In House Hearing 2/4 at 1 PM HGO	In Senate Hearing 1/21 at 1:30 PM EHEA *Open briefing on Wednesday, 1/29 in EHEA at 4PM as a follow up to the hearing and controversy.	Letter of information provided	The bill appears to be well intended to expand treatment options for people which we would support. However, the way in which this bill is written, it may be interpreted to allow parents to provide written consent for treatment for patients (even adult children) who are "unable to consent." The language is too broad in that parents seem to be given similar power as guardians. While we would appreciate Supported Decision Making when it is presented (likely next session), we want to be careful that the rights of people are maintained. We will be speaking to the sponsors to determine whether or not any further action is required.

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	SB0106	Health Care Facilities - Certificate of Need - Exception for State-Owned Facilities	Requested by Department of Health		In Senate Unfavorable Report by FIN	Gathering more information.	It is unknown whether this bill would apply to RTCs. Requesting a meeting with the sponsor.
HB0317		Mental Health - Involuntary Admissions - Procedures	Delegate K. Young et al	In House Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM HGO		Gathering more information	Allows a person to be held for observation status with additional rights. This bill is one in a series reacting to lack of crisis mental health services in Maryland and efforts to increase options for individuals and families
HB0331	SB0605	Public Schools – Medical Cannabis – Guidelines for Administration to Students (Connor’s Courage)	Delgate Lisanti et al/ Senator Feldman	In House Hearing 2/5 at 2 PM W&M	In Senate First Reading EHEA	Gathering more information- Leaning toward "Support"	The bill would require that on or before December 1, 2020, guidelines shall be available for public schools regarding the administration of medical cannabis to students who are qualifying patients under Title 13 sub 33 of Health General Art. during school hours and school-sponsored activities.
HB0332	SB0441	Mental Health - Emergency Facilities List - Comprehensive Crisis Response Centers, Crisis Stabilization Centers, and Crisis Treatment Centers	Delgate Bagnall et al/ Senator Hayes et al	In House Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM HGO	In Senate Hearing 2/18 at 1 PM FIN	Gathering more information	Bill dictates what the list (that is already mandated to be created once a year) includes comprehensive crisis response centers, crisis stabilization centers, and crisis treatment centers. It is not clear how this information would help without information on current capacity/openings in each of these centers, but it is a start.
HB0374		Behavioral Health Administration – Children With Mental Disorders – List of Available Services	Delegates Barron, Bartlett & Lehman	In House Hearing 2/5 at 1 PM HGO		Gathering more information	This bill would require inclusion of information on specific services offered and would make the list more accessible to the public.
HB0457	SB0371	Environment - Drinking Water Outlets in School Buildings - Testing for Elevated Level of Lead	Delegate Rosenberg/ Senator Carter et al	In House Hearing 2/19 at 1 PM E&T	In Senate Hearing 2/11 at 1 PM EHEA	Providing a Letter of Information	The bill would require that school water outlets (drinking fountains for example) be tested at minimum every 18 months and that any level of lead found cannot exceed 5 parts per billion. Lead poisoning is a cause of developmental and intellectual disability in children who have had exposure to elevated levels of lead in water or surroundings.
HB0547	SB0455	Health - Maryland Children’s Service Animal Program - Establishment	Delegate Barron/ Senator Pinsky et al	In House First Reading HGO	In Senate First Reading FIN	Providing a Letter of Information	Creates a fund for the Marland Children’s Service Animal Fund. The Arc Maryland would suggest this fund be available to children and young adults up to the age of 21 to be consistent with other programs and supports under the FSW and Autism Waiver. We would also suggest an amendment to clarify a reason for a child to be disqualified from the program. "HAS CAUSED OR MAY POTENTIALLY CAUSE HARM TO OTHERS, AN ANIMAL, OR PROPERTY is too broad and subjective in that it would require a decision on a child’s "potential" to cause harm to self or others based on past behavior when the purpose of the program is to help a child work through trauma, to receive unconditional support, and to increase coping skills.
HB0584		Day Care Centers for the Elderly and Day Care Centers for Adults - Reimbursement	Delegate Hettleman (now known as Senator Hettleman)	In House Hearing 2/25 at 1 PM APP		Gathering more information	The bill requires the payment of a day of service by the Department of Health for day care programs for older adults (medical day) if the person attends for at least 4 hours that day or is unable to attend due to weather related incidents.
	SB0453	Behavioral Health Administration - Children With Mental Disorders - List of Available Services	Senator Pinsky et al		In Senate Hearing 2/18 at 1 PM FIN	Monitoring	
HB0612		Labor and Employment - Health Care Facilities - Workplace Safety Program - Revisions	Delegate Cox	In House First Reading HGO		Monitoring	Requires that healthcare facilities (hospitals and state residential centers) create a workplace safety committee and allow employees, who report assault or threatening behavior of an individual in their care, to elect to not care for the individual any more.

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HB0617	SB0604	Public and Nonpublic Schools – Medical Cannabis – Policy for Administration During School Hours and Events	Delegate Kipke and Lehman et al/ Senator Feldman et al	In House First Reading HGO and W&M	In Senate First Reading EHEA	Gathering More Information	The bill would require MSDE to work with the Cannabis commission to develop guidelines the the administration of medical cannabis in schools on or before December 2020, and provide training and technical assistance to schools to be able to implement the established guidelines. Some children with disabilities and specific conditions benefit greatly from the use of cannabis components where other drugs and treatments have failed. This would be a game changer for those children. That said, Federal law still has not made the use of Cannabis components legal so it is not clear how guidelines would be implemented in schools that receive Fed funds.
HB0643		End-of-Life Option Act (Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer Act)	Delegate Pendergrass et al	In House First Reading HGO and JUD		Oppose	It is the position of The Arc of the United States that laws allowing assisted suicide would be detrimental to individuals with I/DD. For our entire position statement, please visit www.thearc.org
HB0691	SB0576	Health Occupations – Nurse Practitioners – Certifications of Competency and Incapacity	Delegate Cullison/ Senator Eckardt	In House First Reading HGO	In Senate Hearing 2/13 at 1 PM EHEA	Gathering more information- Consulting with DRM on implications for people with I/DD	
Justice and Civil Rights							
HB0033	SB0153	Criminal Law – Abuse or Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult – Causing Severe Emotional Distress	Delegate Guyton et al/ Senator West	In House Hearing 1/21 at 1 PM JUD	In Senate Hearing 1/22 at 3 PM JPR	Support	The bill adds severe emotional distress to the list of abuses, which constitute a felony crime and of which a person can be fined and serve time. While the bill language as amended is improved, it still does not completely address the effects of cumulative trauma in the causation of "Emotional Distress" and proximal cause, possibly making severe emotional distress victimization difficult to prove. That said, The Arc Maryland supports the intention of this bill which is to add a possibly remedy to the law in cases where there is a preponderance of evidence that a person has maliciously caused a person emotional harm. See Amendment
HB0140	SB0056	Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Plain Language Requirement	Delegate Guyton et al/ Senator Kagan	In House Hearing 1/29 at 1 PM W&M	In Senate Hearing 1/28 at 2 PM EHEA	Support	The standard for readability is 7th grade and this bill creates a lower threshold (6th grade). Our research indicates that although we would prefer a lower threshold for reading level (4th grade) there are specific guidelines for ballots and election measures and a 6th grade reading level is supported and could be reinforced though these guidelines. This measure would improve access and understanding from current level.
HB0142		Election Law – Voting Order Priority – Individuals Who Need Extra Assistance	Delegate Guyton et al	In House Hearing 1/29 at 1 PM W&M		Support	Allows people with disabilities and parents of small children with disabilities to advance in the voting line. It's considered a reasonable accommodation given the many issues people have had in the past with accessing voting places.
HB0184		Special Education – Judicial Actions – Attorney's Fees and Related Costs	Delegate Luedtke	In House Hearing 1/30 at 1 PM W&M		Support	This bill would create a mechanism for judges to award expert witness fee recovery to parents when they are the prevailing party in a Special Ed case. The law currently allows for the award of attorney's fees to prevailing parents, but families have the burden of assuming expert witness expenses and many families cannot afford the expense of having expert witnesses while the school system regularly brings experts in at state taxpayer expense.
HB0304		Consumer Protection – Unfair, Abusive, or Deceptive Trade Practices – Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults	Delegate Shetty et al	In House Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM EMC		Gathering more information	The bill would increase penalties for people found to have violated a specific section of the Consumer Protection Act, engaging in exploitation of a vulnerable adult.
HB0320		Criminal Law - Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual - Undue Influence	Delegate Shetty et al	In House Hearing 2/4 at 1 PM JUD		Support	The bill would effectively criminalize the behavior of a person exerting undue influence to coerce a vulnerable adult or older adult out of their belongings. Undue influence is re-defined as "EXCESSIVE PERSUASION THAT CAUSES A VULNERABLE ADULT OR AN INDIVIDUAL AT LEAST 68 YEARS OLD TO ACT OR REFRAIN FROM ACTING BY OVERCOMING THAT PERSON'S FREE WILL AND THAT RESULTS IN INEQUITY"

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HB0369		Foster Parents, Preadoptive Parents, and Caregivers - Right to Intervene	Delegate Dumais	In House Hearing 2/6 at 1 PM JUD		Gathering more information	This may broaden the statute too much by giving additional people authority to intervene on behalf of a child.
HB0421		State Government – Open Meetings – Requirements and Application of Open Meetings Act (Maryland State Agency Transparency Act)	Delegate Korman et al	In House Hearing 2/18 at 1 PM HGO		Monitoring	
HB0477		Estates and Trusts – Guardianship of the Property of Disabled Persons – Court–Appointed Attorneys	Delebate Dumais	In House Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM JUD		Gathering more information	Provides for attorney's fees or the appointment of an attorney who is contracted by the Department of Human Services for a person who otherwise cannot afford an attorney
HB0745	SB0407	Office of the Attorney General - Senior and Vulnerable Adult Asset Recovery Unit	Delegate Stein/ Senator Kramer et al	In House First Reading JUD and APP	In Senate Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM JPR	Monitoring	Creates a Senior and Vulnerable Adult Unit in the Office of the Attorney General to assist individuals with scams and other difficulties and to monitor threats.
	SB0436	Courts - Improperly Summoning a Police Officer - Civil Liability	Senator McCray		In Senate First Reading JPR	Letter of information	This bill would allow a civil complaint to be made from the first person against a second person who summons the police without cause to arrive at a location to address the 1st person. Some people with I/DD and co-occurring mental health conditions may summon the police out of reaction to paranoid ideation or out of another need for support and attention. This summoning is not typically malicious and is reasonable to the person at the time, but people who do this may now be exposed to damages if charges are brought against them by the person about whom they called police.
	SB0481	Criminal Law - Crime of Violence - Vulnerable Adult	Senator Lee et al		In Senate Hearing 2/13 at 12 PM JPR	Gathering more information	The bill defines abuse and neglect as a level 1 felonious offense
HB0721	SB0512	Vehicle Laws - Injury or Death of Vulnerable Individual - Penalties	Delegate Stein/ Senator Waldstreicher	In House First Reading JUD	In Senate Hearing 2/21 at 12 PM JPR	Monitor	
HB0742		Corrections - Restrictive Housing - Serious Mental Illness - Assessments (Restrictive Housing Reform Act)	Delegate J. Lewis et al	In House Hearing 2/25 at 1 PM JUD		Support	Part of restrictive housing reform to account for the needs of individuals with I/DD and individuals with Mental Health conditions