

Annapolis Insider Bill Tracker

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House	Senate			House	Senate			House	Senate	
Budget										
	<a href="#">SB0016</a>	Workgroup on Categories for Funding Priorities in the Annual State Budget	Senator Serafini		Hearing 1/30 at 2 PM B&T	Monitor				
<a href="#">HB0100</a>	<a href="#">SB0125</a>	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)	Speaker of House/ President of Senate	First Reading Appropriations	First Reading B&T	Still reviewing the components of the budget and will be attending briefings for more information before taking a position. Initially, it appears favorable to Developmental Disabilities Services, with a 3.5% rate increase included for providers. Funding is also included for the annualization of the CSW and FSW, Emergencies, Waiting List Equity, and LISS. Unfortunately, there are no new slots funded for Autism Waiver leaving that waiver with only 1200 slots and over 5,600 children and adults (up to age 21) on the registry, waiting.	For Section on the Developmental Disabilities Administration, see pages 64-65			
<a href="#">HB0101</a>	<a href="#">SB0126</a>	Creation of a State Debt – Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2019, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2009, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018	Speaker of House/ President of Senate			Support	A partner Arc organization is pursuing a Capital Bond Loan for the acquisition, planning, and overall site improvement of a facility supporting people with I/DD and the community			
Current Positions on Bills by Topic										
Community Living & Working										
<a href="#">HB0112</a>		Vehicle Laws – Injury or Death of Vulnerable Individual – Penalties	Delegate Lafferty	Hearing 2/7 at 1 PM E&T		Support. In addition to other penalties imposed by law, the bill creates certain penalties and training requirements for motor vehicle operators who injure a vulnerable person on a sidewalk or crosswalk as the result of distracted driving, requires that they appear in court and cannot pre-pay any fines related to an accident-causing injury and provides the administration with the option of suspending the license of a driver.				
<a href="#">HB0022</a>		Occupational Licenses or Certificates - Application Determinations - Use of Criminal History	Delegate Sydnor	Hearing 1/22 at 1 PM EMC		Monitor				
	<a href="#">SB0134</a>	State Board of Nursing - Criminal History Records Checks - Certified Nursing Assistants and Certified Medication Technicians	Senator Nathan-Pulliam		Hearing 1/30 at 2 PM EHEA	Community Providers of DD Services currently conduct background checks on staff prior to allowing them to work. The bill requires that the Central Repository (background information) provide the Board of Nursing updates on a Med Tech or CNA's criminal history as information is updated. The concern with this is that Community DD Providers will not have timely access to these reports (as they may only go to the BON and not necessarily the provider), reports are not always complete, and there may be timing concerns for community providers that present a barrier to recruitment an onboarding. We are collecting more information at this time on potential impacts of this legislation.	Providing "Letter of Information" at this time. Monitoring with DD Coalition Partners for position			
<a href="#">HB0134</a>		Environment – Single–Use Plastic Straws – Use in Restaurants	Delegate Love	Hearing 2/6 at 2 PM E&T		Monitor				
<a href="#">HB0166</a>		Labor and Employment – Payment of Wages – Minimum Wage and Enforcement (Fight for Fifteen)	Delegate Fennell et. al.	Hearing 2/8 at 12:30 PM EMC		The Fight for 15 bill aims to raise the state minimum wage to \$15 by 2024 and contains language to provide a 7% rate increase to Community Providers supporting individuals with developmental disabilities in FY20, followed by 5.55 in FY21, 5.5% in FY22, 5.5% FY23, and what amounts to 6.6% in FY24. The bill also includes language for a continuing increase in the state minimum wage and DD funding on years beyond FY24. The DD Coalition is currently working on strategy and messaging around the bill; supporting the move to increase the statewide minimum wage, but addressing the timing and funding on the increases.	As per the bill, the increases to the minimum wage would begin in July 2020. Even though the bill calls for a 7% increase to DD providers in 2020, the governor's proposed budget currently contains a 3.5% increase to providers, representing a gap of 3.5%. We are talking to our representatives to determine best remedies.			
Education & Childcare										
<a href="#">HB0031</a>		Baltimore City - Weapons on School Property - School Resource Officer	Delegate Glenn	First Reading JUD		Oppose	The Arc Maryland signed on to a letter with the Coalition to Reform School Discipline last week, communicating our concerns with the bill in light of the fact that children of color and children with disabilities are disproportionately punished, restrained, secluded, and arrested. In Baltimore City (according to the most recent school arrest data (2015-16), 40% of the students arrested that year had IEPs, and in most of these cases, charges were eventually dropped. We are very concerned that children would be at risk of unintended harm if this bill should pass.			
<a href="#">HB0045</a>	<a href="#">SB0092</a>	Accountability in Education Act of 2019	Speaker of House/ President of Senate	First Reading W&M	Hearing 2/6 at 1 PM in EHEA	Monitor	Creates a commission and an education monitoring unit to investigate and determine whether the civil rights of students, teachers and parents are being upheld, review school system use of resources for fraud and abuse monitoring.			
	<a href="#">SB0103</a>	Criminal Law - Electronic Harassment and Bullying (Grace's Law 2.0)	Senator Zurkin		Hearing 1/29 at 1 PM JPR	Written Support	The bill ammends existing anti-bullying law to extend electronic bullying definitions to include the dissemination of sexual information about a minor, posing as another with the intent to harass, and other activities that are intended to harass, imposes increased fines, and other penalties			

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<a href="#">HB0047</a>		State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Revision	Delegate Cullison	Hearing 2/6 at 2 PM W&M		Monitor and review with Coalition Partners	Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to revise the Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards to repeal the requirements that a school-based health center have a medical director who is a physician and have a physician consultant who is available to discuss clinical issues as needed and to authorize a licensed physician or nurse practitioner to serve as a clinical director or clinical consultant of a school-based health center.			
<a href="#">HB0087</a>		State Board of Education - Membership - Teachers and Parent	Delgate Ebersole	Hearing 2/7 at 1 PM W&M		Monitor	Planning a meeting with Delegate Ebersole to request he add a preference for parents of children with disabilities and/or a teacher with Special Education credentials			
<a href="#">HB0110</a>		Elementary School Students – Daily Physical Activity 3 (Student Health and Fitness Act)	Delegate Walker	Hearing 1/31 at 1 PM W&M		Support on principle with request for friendly amendment to include consideration of 504 plans	The bill calls for mandatory physical activity and physical education time for elementary students each week, taking into consideration a student's IEP.			
<a href="#">HB0132</a>		Education – Robotics Grant Program – Alterations	Delegate Reznik	First Reading W&M		Support	The bill expands the current Robotics Grant program to eligible nonprofits and increase the allocation for the grant			
<a href="#">HB0148</a>	<a href="#">SB0165</a>	Safe Schools Maryland Act of 2019	Speaker of House/ President of Senate	First Reading W&M	First Reading EHEA	Gathering more Information	Gathering more information to determine implications for students with IEPs and 504 plans in schools.			
	<a href="#">SB0181</a>	Education - Child Care Subsidies - Mandatory Funding Level	Senator King		Hearing 2/5 at 2:30PM B&T	Support	Increases Child Care Subsidy Funding levels to account for market increases			
	<a href="#">SB0182</a>	Community Colleges - Supplemental Services and Supports for Students With Disabilities Grant Program	Senator King		First Reading EHEA and B&T	Support	Creates a mandate for 2.5 million to be included in the annual budget from General Funds to be used for grants to provide supplemental services and supports to students with disabilities to improve and increase access to Community College			
<a href="#">HB0196</a>		Prince George's County- Elementary School Students- Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act)	Prince George's County Delegation	Hearing 2/7 at 1 PM W&M		Support on principle with request for friendly amendment to include consideration of 504 plans	The bill calls for mandatory physical activity and physical education time for elementary students each week, taking into consideration a student's IEP.			
<a href="#">HB0256</a>	<a href="#">SB0223</a>	State Department of Education- Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach	Delegate Wilkins/Senator Nathan-Pulliam	First Reading W&M	Hearing 2/6 at 1 PM in EHEA	Gathering More Info	There is another bill on restorative justice requirements of schools and we are conferring with partners to see if this bill and the other bill compliment one another. We support trauma-informed approaches as part of a comprehensive restorative practice in schools			
Health Care										
<a href="#">HB0145</a>		Hospitals - Patient's Bill of Rights	Delegate Young	Hearing 2/6 at 2 PM HGO		Support	The bill creates a standardized Patient Bill of Rights and requirements for timely information about testing and treatment, risks and responsibilities, and that information be provided in alternative formats			
	<a href="#">SB0158</a>	Maryland Department of Health – Community Dental Clinics Grant Program	Senator Guzzone		First Reading FIN and B&T	Support	The bill creates a community dental clinic grant program to expand free and reduced dental services to people in need.			
<a href="#">HB0025</a>	<a href="#">SB0195</a>	Public Health - Prescription Drug Monitoring Program - Revisions	Delegate Barron/ Senator Kelley	First Reading HGO	Hearing 2/14 at 1 PM FIN	Monitor	Expands requirements of prescription drug monitoring agents in an effort to address opioid abuse.			
<a href="#">HB0226</a>	<a href="#">HB0226</a>	Food Stamp Program- Minimum Benefit for Disabled Individuals- State Supplement	Delegate Lopez	Hearing 2/5 at 1 PM APP		Monitor	Increases the amount of food stamps available to a person with disabilities to a minimum of \$30.			
Justice and Civil Rights										
	<a href="#">SB077</a>	Estates and Trusts - Protection of Minors and Disabled Persons - Guardianship	Senator Lam		Hearing 1/22 at 1:00 PM JPR	Monitor as amended	Currently monitoring- friendly amendments have been made to the bill to clarify notifications and venue. Considering additional suggestions for amendments- Also referal to the state bar Estates and Trusts section for feedback.			
<a href="#">HB0140</a>		Special Education – Administrative Proceedings and Judicial Actions – 3 Attorney's and Expert Witness Fees and Related Costs	Delegate Luedtke	Hearing 2/7 at 1PM W&M		Support	Allows an administrative law judge to award reasonable attorney's fees and related costs to a prevailing party who is the parent of a child with a disability under certain circumstances.			