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| Budget | | | | | | | | |
| HB0588 | SB0491 | Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2022) | Speaker of the House by request of the administration | Senate President by request of the administration | In House First Reading APP | In House First Reading B&T | Support | The bill contains full appropriation for DDA Community Services 4%. The draft budget also includes appropriations for the Waiting List, LISS, Transitioning Youth (usual appropriation), but no new Autism Waiver slots. |
| HB0589 | SB0493 | Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2021 | Speaker of the House by request of the administration | Senate President by request of the administration | In House Hearing 3/3 at 1:30 PM APP | In House Hearing 3/3 at 1 PM B&T | Monitoring | None of our priority areas are included in the BRFA this year |
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| Community Living & Working | | | | | | | | |
| HB0612 | SB0496 | Recovery for the Economy, Livelihoods, Industries, Entrepreneurs, and Families (RELIEF) Act | Speaker of the House by request of the administration | Senate President by request of the administration | In House Hearing 2/4 at 1:30 PM W&M | Passed in Senate with Amendments (47-0); Passed in House with Amendments (45-0); Passed Enrolled; Approved by Governor | Support | Enrolled bill includes funding for special education, tutoring and summer school, and 5 million dollars for providers of community supports to assist with funding losses during covid, recovery, and transformation/reopening needs |
| HB0056 | SB0473 | Labor and Employment - Leave With Pay - Bereavement Leave | Delegate Boyce | Senator Washington | Passed In House (95-37); First Reading FIN | Passed in Senate (45-0); In House First Reading EMC | Letter of Information | The bill allows leave earned to be used for bereavement purposes (previously for taking care of sick) |
| HB0255 | | Department of Aging - Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs - Funding | Delegates Hill, Ebersole, Feldmark, Korman, and Lierman | | In House Unfavorable Report APP; Withdrawn | | Support | Bill advanced last session, but no funding was put in the budget to support the grants. |
| HB0318 | SB0441 | Developmental Disabilities Administration - Self-Directed Services (Self - Direction Act) | Delegate Young | Senator Lee | In House Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 2/16 at 1 PM FIN | Support with DD Coalition Testimony | Bill preserves self directed services components that are important to many people. |
| HB0375 | SB0211 | Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021) | Delegate Valderrama | Senator Hayes | In House Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 PM EMC | In Senate Hearing 1/28 at 1 PM FIN | Support with Amendment. Funding is a concern | The Arc supports the intention of this bill and the establishment of an insurance program that would be created to allow for paid family leave. We have concerns about the expense to DDA providers and people who self-direct, as well as some of the definitions included in the bill. Without a provision for DD Provider funding to support this new benefit, the program would amount to an unfunded mandate for both providers and staff. |

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| | SB0064 | Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - Waiver of Benefit Charges Due to COVID-19 | | Senator Salling | | In Senate Unfavorable Report FIN; Withdrawn | Support | <u>Other nonprofits and all for-profit employers' contributions are based on two factors -- their own 'experience rating' and the state tax table for that year. The Governor's action in December will moderate contribution/tax increases based on employers' own experience ratings, that would otherwise begin in April of 2021. But regardless of employers' experience, the fact that the Trust Fund itself has been substantially depleted will require - by law - that a much higher 'tax table' apply for 2021 in order to begin replenishing the Fund. This higher table will significantly increase the costs for all contributing employers, regardless of their experience ratings - even those with no layoffs. Read more here.</u> |
| HB0511 | | Income Tax - Personal Exemption - Disabled Individuals | Delegate Valentino-Smith | | In House Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Support | Supports extension of tax exemption of additional 1K for people with Physical Disabilities as a natural extension of Blindness (considered a physical disability). |
| HB0581 | SB0486 | Labor and Employment - Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act) | Delegate D.E. Davis | Senator Augustine et al. | In House Hearing 2/5 at 11 AM EMC | In Senate Hearing 2/11 at 1 PM FIN | Oppose | Direct Support Professionals are essential and should be provided with appropriate PPE, communication, safety considerations for their working environments, and other rights. We are concerned with the overly broad nature of the bill, including definitions for who is included in the list of essential workers, what constitutes an emergency, a retroactive application of the provisions of the bill to the beginning of the state of emergency, the absence of any funding mechanism for the pay and benefits required through this bill, and other provisions that may result in increased risk to people with IDD. Individuals who self-direct would be considered essential employers under the current definition as well. |
| | SB0307 | Labor and Employment - Direct Care Workforce Innovation Program | | Senator Guzzone | | Passed In Senate (47-0); In House First Reading EMC | Support | It appears this bill WOULD include DD Provider Staff as Direct Support Professionals. Support with coalition testimony |
| HB0718 | | State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs - Mandated Appropriation | Delegate Guyton | | Passed In House Second with Amendments (130-0); In Senate First Reading FIN | | Letter of information with DD Coalition | The law to create this position is currently in place (passed last year) but there has been no appropriation to support this position. This bill requires an annual appropriation. Our letter of information supports the need for a funded position that can assist individuals with disabilities and their families to access needed services and supports, and locate needed resources/coordinate services, and generally improve options and access for people with disabilities. |
| HB0786 | | Department of Human Services, Maryland Department of Health, and Department of Education - Easing Access to Family Support Programs | Delegate Kaiser | | In House Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 PM APP | | Support | Parents currently have to navigate a maze of applications and eligibility and this initiative would endeavor to create a one stop shop for families to obtain needed benefits and services. |
| HB0923 | SB0728 | Labor and Employment - Worker Safety and Health - Injury and Illness Prevention Program | Delegate Pena-Melnyk | Senator Feldman | In House Hearing 3/5 at 1:30 PM EMC | In Senate Hearing 3/17 at 1 PM FIN | Letter of Information | We do not feel this legislation is needed for our industry since we are already regulated to comply with health and safety standards by regulation and oversight of the Office of Health Care Quality. |

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| | SB0388 | Vehicle Registration - Disability Plates - Parking Meter Fees | | Senator Cassilly | | In Senate Hearing 2/10 at 1 PM JPR | Support | Would make it so that people with disability plates would not have to pay parking meter fees regardless of whether spaces are accessible |
| HB0906 | SB0814 | Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - Waiver of Benefit Charges Due to COVID-19 | Delegate Carey | Senator Klausmeier | In House Unfavorable Report EMC; Withdrawn | In Senate Hearing Cancelled | Support | Many of The Arc providers self-insure for their unemployment insurance, and some had to downsize during the pandemic (transportation and day program components primarily) due to lack of work for those employees. The experience rating for them is going to be higher, plus the experience rating for the state (which is aggregated and spread) is likely to increase up to 5X what it is now without this legislation. The legislation synopsis: Requiring, except under certain circumstances, the Secretary of Labor to waive the charges of unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit for claims filed during a certain period of time that the Secretary determines to be related to COVID-19; authorizing the Secretary to charge certain unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit due to certain conduct related to separation notices; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2025. |
| | SB0610 | Lodging Establishments - Accessible Rooms for Individuals With Disabilities - Deadlines | | Senator Cassilly | | In Senate Favorable with Amendments Report FIN | Oppose | The sponsor is asking to move the timeline for law compliance back by one year for lodging establishments to have 25% of its ADA rooms contain a bed of accessible height and with space underneath for the legs of a hooyer. Given that the law passed last year already provided a fair runway for changes, we oppose an extension to that timeline change. |
| | SB0812 | Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - COVID-19 | | Senator Klausmeier | | In Senate Hearing 3/9 at 1 PM FIN | Oppose | This bill is written similarly to HB1199/SB813. See comments for opposition below. |
| HB1105 | | Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - Charging of Benefits | Delegate Wivell | | In House Hearing 1/23 at 1:30 PM EMC | | Support | Prohibiting the Secretary of Labor from charging unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit if, through no fault of the employing unit, the claimant is unemployed due to an official order for the employing unit to shut down that is issued by the Governor, the chief executive officer of a county, the governing body of a county or municipal corporation, or a unit or instrumentality of the State or a political subdivision. |

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| HB1199 | SB0813 | Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - COVID-19 | Delegate Valdderrama | Senator Klausmeier | In House Hearing 3/2 at 1:30 PM EMC | In Senate Hearing 3/9 at 1 PM FIN | Oppose | <p>Providing that certain covered employees who are suffering from the effects of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease the was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable in a certain manner. Includes those working in "related institutions" under Health General Title 19 (3) which includes settings such as individual home supports and services, and small congregate settings under the Developmental Disabilities Administration.</p> <p>In small congregate group homes, Direct Support Professionals may work alone or with a small number of co-worker caregivers to provide care to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. If a co-worker were to test positive for the virus, and then another caregiver were to test positive within a certain timeframe, it may be reasonable to conclude the co-worker contracted the virus through occupational exposure, and it may be appropriate for that employee to be covered under worker's compensation benefits. However, there are many other circumstances where it would not be reasonable to arrive at the conclusion that an employee is presumed to have contracted COVID as the result of occupational exposure. In some of the most recent cases, a caregiver, who has contracted coronavirus, has brought the virus into the congregate setting, and exposed people with IDD to the virus. Besides their caregiving staff, many of the individuals in the congregate settings have been without visitors during the pandemic and isolating, for health reasons.</p> <p>We must consider that the virus has a high rate of contagion and there are people who have likely contracted the illness from visits with family and friends, patronage at restaurants or bars, and even at the grocery store. These same employees may have also worked in a small congregate setting (group home), with or without other staff within the same 14-day period of these other visits and experiences. It would be impossible for anyone to determine the source of illness under this VERY common scenario, much less make a causal link to their occupation.</p> |
| HB1258 | | Health Enterprise Zones - Established (Restoring the Promise Act of 2021) | Delegate Kipke | | In House Hearing 3/2 at 1:30 PM HGO | | Letter of Information from DD Coalition | The sponsor is well intentioned in his efforts to conure appropriate funding for waiting list services. The consideration we hope to detail for further discussion is the condition of the provider community. With the current strain, and rates/policies/procedures not all completed and promulgated combined with the strain created by the pandemic/workforce crisis, we believe stabilization of the system needs to occur to build capacity to support people from the waiting list. |
| | SB0756 | Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - COVID-19 | | Senator Carter | | In Senate Hearing 3/9 at 1 PM FIN | Oppose | This bill is written similarly to HB1199/SB813. See comments for opposition below. |

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| HB1326 | SB0727 | Maryland Healthy Working Families Act - Revisions and Public Health Emergency Leave | Delegate Dumais | Senator Feldman | In House Hearing 3/2 at 1:30 PM EMC | In Senate Hearing 3/17 at 1 PM FIN | Oppose | Although having paid leave is important during this time due to COVID, this bill would provide additional paid leave in some cases to what employees already accrue AND require leave for intermittent and PRN workers; both of which would be hard to track and would be required without additional DDA funding. Medicaid providers cannot increase their rates to pay for any new mandated benefits and bills such as this which do not include a mandatory appropriation for DD providers are incomplete/we oppose. |
| Education & Childcare | | | | | | | | |
| HB0059 | SB0147 | Task Force on Higher Education Students With Chronic Health Conditions | Delegate Pena-Melnyk | Senator Feldmark | In House Unfavorable Report APP; Withdrawn | In Senate Unfavorable Report EHEA; Withdrawn | Support with Sponsor Amendment | The sponsor's vision is a Maryland where all students striving for a higher education degree suffering from chronic conditions have the support they need to be successful. This bill will establish a task force to recommend best practices and legislation to best protect this population of students. In the bill as amended, a chronic health condition will be re-defined as a physical, DEVELOPMENTAL, behavioral, or emotional condition. |
| HB0097 | SB0066 | Department of Housing and Community Development - Office of Digital Inclusion - Established (Digital Connectivity Act of 2021) | Delegate Lierman et al. | Senator Elfreth et al. | In House Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 PM EMC | In Senate Hearing 2/9 at 1 PM EHEA | Support | There has been a great inability for children to access virtual education due to gaps in service and income. This needs to be addressed for equity in access. This bill would establish an Office of Digital Inclusion in the Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure that every resident of the State is supported by high-quality broadband Internet service at an affordable price and has the tools necessary to use and take advantage of the Internet. |
| HB0155 | SB0098 | County Boards and Public and Nonpublic Prekindergarten Programs and Schools - Discrimination - Prohibition | Delegate Wilkins | Senator McCray | Passed In House with Amendments (93-44); In Senate First Reading JPR | In Senate Hearing 1/28 at 11 AM JPR | Support with Education Advocacy Coalition Testimony | Would create protections against discrimination of children with disabilities in policies related to admissions and educational services. |
| HB0171 | | State Department of Education - School Discipline - Data Collection | Delegate Washington | | Passed In House (130-6); In Senate First Reading EHEA | | Support | Requires desegregated data on discipline separated by race, grade level, ethnicity, special services (including special education) and disciplinary practices employed. |
| HB0143 | SB0218 | Maryland Child Tax Credit | Delegate Palakovich Carr | Senator King | In House Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 PM W&M | Passed In Senate with Amendments (32-15); Passed in House (91-44); Returned Passed | Support | This would allow certain taxpayers to claim a credit against the state income tax for certain dependent children under certain circumstances; defining a qualified dependent as a child that is under the age of 6 years OR is under the age of 17 years and is a child with a disability. |
| HB0237 | SB0126 | State Department of Education - Early Literacy and Dyslexia Practices - Guidance and Assistance | Delegate Ebersole | Senators Hester and Zucker | Passed In House (130-0); In Senate First Reading EHEA | In Senate Hearing 1/27 at 11 AM EHEA | Support with Education Advocacy Coalition Testimony | Support to enhance training and awareness of dyslexia practices and needs of students to succeed in school |
| HB0266 | | Student Education Equity Grant Program - Established (Student Education Equity in Funding Act) | Delegate Cox | | In House Hearing 2/3 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Oppose with EAC | May be problematic if it requires appropriation to more BOOST slots as there are no protections yet in admissions policies for discrimination against children who have disabilities. |

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| HB0273 | SB0266 | Education - Voluntary Ethical Special Education Advocate Certificate Program | Delegate Turner | Senators Patterson and Benson | In House Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate Hearing 1/27 at 11 AM EHEA | Oppose | The bill would create a “voluntary ethical special education advocate certificate program.” The purpose of the bill is unclear. “Advocate” is not defined, and it is not clear who the bill is intended to encompass. Second, the bill would allow “advocates” who complete a webinar or online training module to obtain a certificate of completion, but the content and length of the webinar or module are not specified. There is no reason to assume that a person who completes the webinar or training module would, by virtue of having received a certificate of completion, have reached any particular level of achievement or would automatically be an “ethical special education advocate.” Third, because the program is voluntary, there is no guarantee that “advocates” who may be in need of the training envisioned by the bill sponsors would avail themselves of it. The bill is vague and would have no practical meaning if enacted. In fact, the bill might have the unintended consequence of leading people to believe that an advocate who possesses a certificate of completion of the program is more qualified than he or she actually is. |
| HB0370 | SB0225 | Education - Public and Nonpublic Schools - Seizure Action Plans (Brynleigh's Act) | Delegate Kerr | Senators Young and Feldman | In House Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate Hearing 1/20 at 3 PM EHEA | Support | Would require training of all school personnel including bus drivers on seizures and select staff would be trained to provide emergency first aid to students experiencing seizures. |
| HB0392 | | Child Care Centers - Early Childhood Screening and Assistance | Delegate Guyton | | Passed in House (115-15); In Senate First Reading EHEA | | Support | This is a repeat bill from last session that would increase childhood screening for early identification and intervention. |
| HB0405 | | Special Education - Judicial Actions - Attorney's Fees and Related Costs | Delegate Lopez | | In House Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 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. |
| HB0496 | | Primary and Secondary Education - Mental Health Services - Expansion (Counselors Not Cops Act) | Delegate Wilkins | | In House Hearing 2/3 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Letter of Information | The Arc supports that SROs should be limited in schools, not be involved in school discipline, and that any enhancements to funding for supportive personnel be directed at providing additional counseling staff. |
| HB0724 | SB0209 | Special Education - Prolonged School Closure - Extension of Education Services | Delegate Guyton | Senator Peters | In House Hearing 2/12 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate Hearing 1/27 at 11 AM EHEA | Support | This bill would require a county board of education to offer and provide to certain disabled and special education students (whose schools are subject to a prolonged school closure) the option to continue attending school or receiving education services after the student's anticipated graduation date. Furthermore, the bill would require a county board to provide a notice to the parents or guardians of eligible students about a student's option to continue attending school or receiving certain education services. |

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| HB0714 | SB0300 | Special Education - Learning Continuity Plan - Requirement | Delegate Guyton | Senator Peters | In House Favorable with Amendments Report W&M | In Senate Hearing 1/27 at 11 AM EHEA | Support | This bill would require an individualized education program or 504 Plan to include a learning continuity portion to be developed by the team, including the parents of the child as equal partners to the process. The component of the plan would be developed by the members of the child's IEP or 504 plan team at the time of the plan review and serve as a guide to ensure continuity of services and supports needed by the student to continue to receive a Free and Appropriate Public Education (FAPE) during emergency conditions - when the child is unable to access the school building for 10 days or more. This bill would become effective on October 1, 2021. |
| HB0715 | SB0665 | Public Schools - Self-Contained Special Education Classrooms - Use of Video Recording Devices | Delegate Guyton | Senator Peters | In House Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate Hearing 3/9 at 1 PM EHEA Withdrawn by Sponsor | See notes | This is very important to many of the families who are members of The Arc. The sponsor has done a good job of limiting the bill to only self contained classrooms. The sense is that this bill would help students as well as teachers in situations where there are unexplained injuries to a student. One concern that was voiced by opposition during the hearings was whether or not the schools would be able to use the footage "against" a student to justify another placement or disciplinary action. Despite assurances the video would not be used in this way, the sense was that the concern was too great, and it would be better to withdraw the bill this session to perfect it over the next several months and address concerns/provide safeguards. |
| HB0716 | SB0371 | Special Education - Individualized Education Programs - Educational Evaluations | Delegate Griffith | Senator Peters | In House Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate Favorable Report EHEA | Support | This bill would create a mechanism for parents to obtain an evaluation paid for by the school in cases where the school has not provided the evaluation within prescribed timeframes. This has been critical for families during the pandemic as they have not been able to have their children evaluated or re-evaluated for education access supports. |
| HB0522 | | Public Schools - School Resource Officers - Prohibited Conduct | Delegate Washington | | In House Hearing 2/3 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Support | This bill would prevent school administration from directing a school resource officer (SRO) to enforce discipline-related school policies, rules, regulations or procedures and would also prevent an SRO from intervening to enforce discipline. |
| HB0547 | SB0485 | Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Dental Prophylaxis Care and Oral Health Exams | Delegate R. Lewis | Senator Augustine | Passed In House (130-0); In Senate First Reading FIN | In Senate Hearing 2/16 at 1 PM FIN | Support | Expands payment to allow for more frequent cleaning appointments as indicated to be needed by dentists. |
| HB0621 | | Prince George's County - Elementary School Students - Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act) PG 504-21 | PG County Delegation | | In House Hearing 2/5 at 1:30 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. |

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| HB0765 | | Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - Novel Coronavirus (Essential Workers' Compensation Act) | Delegate Terrasa | | In House Unfavorable Report EMC; Withdrawn | | Oppose | The bill states that employees of certain industries who contract Covonavirus will be presumed to have contracted the virus on the job. DD Settings are included. We know that COVID is unusually high on the transmission scale, and many people contract the virus through the course of everyday life, despite wearing masks and taking other precautions. With access to PPE and strict cleaning protocols now In the Developmental Disabilities settings, a staff person is more likely to bring a virus into the setting than contract it from the setting. Many day program staff work from home and even if they went into the setting once in 14 days, their exposure in the outside world is more so: It would be a mistake to make the assumption that an employee who has COVID contracted it in a DD setting for these reasons. |
| HB0608 | SB0890 | Early Childhood Education - Child Care Provider Support Grant Program (The Child Care Provider Support Act) | Delegate Solomon | Senator King | In House Heating 2/5 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate Hearing 2/25 at 11 AM EHEA | Support with Amendments | The bill is confusing in that it appears to apply to certain childcare programs that have experienced losses in enrollment but then another section says that eligible organizations are those that are not currently serving enrollees but would serve them within a certain time period after receiving the grants. The bill also prioritizes child care programs in certain zip codes and poverty concentration areas. Amendments would include those programs that support children with disabilities that are currently unable to access typical childcare programs due to their support needs. |
| HB0764 | | Education - Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program - Established and Mandated Funding | Delegate Kittleman | | In House Unfavorable Report W&M; Withdrawn | | Opposed | Opposed with other advocates as schools that receive these funds do no have to honor IEPs and individualized needs of students with disabilities |
| HB0914 | | Education - Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students - Report | Delegate Bhandari | | In House Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Letter of Information | Would be a good initiative. We hope that one determination will be that Peyton's Law, passed in 2017, will have an annual appropriation for the Home and Hospital Program. |
| HB0939 | | Education - Student Education Grant Program - Established | Delegate Arikan | | In House Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Oppose | Private Schools don't have to honor the extra support students may need through an IEP. Unless they commit to following the IDEA and ensure admissions applications and protocols do not discriminate against children with IEPs who need additional support, they should not be able to access these grants. |
| HB0998 | | County Boards of Education - In-Person Instruction and Related Services - Requirement | Delegate Griffith | | In House Hearing 2/24 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Letter of Information | Requiring, notwithstanding any law, regulation, or executive order to the contrary, each county board of education, for the 2021-2022 school year, to require school buildings to be open each school day to provide in-person instruction and related services, including services such as speech-language pathology services, counseling, physical therapy, and occupational therapy, to certain students; requiring each county board to provide instruction and related services to certain students in person except under certain circumstances; etc. |

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| HB1166 | | Education - Physical Restraint and Seclusion - Requirements, Reporting, and Training | Delegate Ebersole | | In House Hearing 2/24 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Support | Prohibiting a public agency or nonpublic school from using a physical restraint on a student as a behavioral health intervention, except under certain circumstances; prohibiting a public agency or nonpublic school from using seclusion as a behavioral health intervention for a student, except under certain circumstances; requiring a certain risk assessment to be completed at certain points for a student who has an individualized education plan and experiences a seclusion; etc. |
| HB1056 | SB0827 | Nonpublic Schools - Adequate Health Services - Eligibility for Reimbursement | Delegate Stein | Senators Waldstreicher and Hettleman | In House Hearing 3/3 at 1:30 PM APP | In Senate Hearing 3/3 at 1 PM EHEA | Support with Amendment | For some children with specific disabilities and a need for health monitoring, the inadequacies of health services and inability for non-public schools to be reimbursed for certain health service needs, may have been a barrier into the child's ability to be accepted into, and attend, certain schools. Amendment needed to ensure nondiscrimination in admissions and other policies on the basis of disability. |
| HB1181 | SB0921 | County Boards of Education - Accessibility Standards - Digital Tools (Nonvisual Access Accountability Act for Grades K-12 Education) | Delegate Guyton | Senator Lam | In House Hearing 3/3 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate Hearing 3/9 at 1 PM EHEA | Support with EAC testimony | Requiring digital tools developed or purchased by a county board of education to include specifications for access by students with disabilities, including nonvisual access; requiring a county board to provide a student with disabilities access to digital tools that enable students with disabilities to acquire the same information and access the same services as students without disabilities; requiring each invitation for bids or request for proposals for a digital tool to require submission of an accessibility conformance report; etc. |
| HB1296 | | Public School Students - Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act) | Delegate Walker | | In House Hearing 3/3 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Support | Physical education is very valuable for the health of students, not just as a way to relieve stress and provide movement for a healthier lifestyle, but for students with certain disabilities, the movement and ability to compress joints allows their proprioceptive sensation needs to be fulfilled, creating an environment for better learning and retention. |
| HB1355 | | Primary and Secondary Education - Repeating Previous Grade Level - Authorization (Education Recovery Act of 2021) | Delegate Griffith | | In House First Reading HRU | | Support | On request of the student, parent, or guardian, authorizing certain students, regardless of the student's age or whether the student had completed all promotion or graduation requirements for the grade level the student seeks to repeat for the 2021-2022 school year, to repeat the grade level they were in during the 2020-2021 school year. |
| Health Care | | | | | | | | |
| | SB0096 | Public Health - Behavioral Health Programs and Health Care Facilities - Safety and Community Relations Plans | | Senator McCray | | Passed in Senate with Amendments (47-0); In House First Reading HGO | Letter of Information | While the safety plan component of the bill is a positive development, the community communication plan is concerning. People with disabilities have the right to access the community and be in and of the community with preservation of privacy. NIMBY is a going concern, and it is possible this bill would fan that fire. |
| HB0368 | SB0100 | Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland | Delegate Bangall | Senator Kelley | In House Second Reading Passed with Amendments | Passed in Senate with Amendments (45-0); In House First Reading HGO | Support with Coalition Testimony | Creates a task force to look at equity in access to dental care. |

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| HB0463 | SB0172 | Maryland Health Equity Resource Act | Delegate Barron | Senator Hayes et al. | In House Hearing 2/2 at 3:45 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 1/27 at 1 PM B&T | Support | Support with Maryland Health Care Coalition |
| HB0123 | SB0003 | Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021 | Delegates Pena-Melnyk, Lewis, Stein, and Wilson | Senator Griffith et al. | In House Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Second Reading Passed with Amendments | Support | Telehealth has been critical for people with disabilities and the ability of providers in our system to support people through this virtual mechanism has been important for continuity of services and supports. |
| HB0548 | SB0299 | Human Services - Trauma-Informed Care - Commission and Training | Delegate R. Lewis | Senator Carter | In House Hearing 2/9 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Favorable with Amendments Report FIN | Support | This bill would create a Trauma Informed Care Commission. |
| HB0636 | SB0546 | School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act) | Delegate Solomon | Senator McCray | In House Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 PM E&T | In Senate Hearing 2/24 at 1 PM EHEA | Support | Altering the definition of "elevated level of lead" for purposes of certain provisions of law requiring the periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings. Lead poisoning causes I/DD in some children. |
| Justice and Civil Rights | | | | | | | | |
| HB0069 | | Environment - Single-Use Plastics - Restrictions | Delegate Love | | In House Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 PM EMC | | Support with DD Coalition Testimony | Contains changes that we requested to allow for people with disabilities to obtain straws upon request and training/outreach. |
| HB0090 | SB0687 | State and Local Housing Programs - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing | Delgate Lierman | Senator Smith | In House Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 PM E&T | In Senate Hearing 2/9 at 1 PM EHEA | Support | Creates opportunity to track waiting lists and ensure there is adequate fair housing stock for people with very low income and accessible housing needs. |
| HB0153 | | Election Law- Voting by Mail | Delegates Ivey and Henson | | In House Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Support | Improves access to exercising voting rights for people with disabilities. |
| HB0203 | SB0519 | Estates and Trusts - Wills and Advance Medical Directives - Notaries Public | Delegate C. Jackson | Senator Klausmeier | In House Hearing 2/4 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 PM JPR | Oppose with Coalition Testimony | Would create another barrier to People with IDD to name a healthcare decision maker without having to locate a notary and prove capacity. |
| HB0234 | SB0607 | Criminal Law - Harm to Service Animals | Delegate Williams | Senator Jackson | In House Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 PM JUD | In Senate Hearing 2/17 at 1 PM JPR | | Protects service animals from harm by imposing severe penalties on those who harm or kill a service animal. |
| HB0245 | | Election Judges - Training and Signs - Accommodations for Voters in Need of Assistance | Delegate Hill | | In House Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Support | Improves access to exercising voting rights for people with disabilities. |
| HB0247 | | Election Law - Accommodations for Voters in Need of Assistance | Delegate Guyton | | Passed In House with Amendments (132-0); In Senate First Reading EHEA | | 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. |
| HB0321 | SB0061 | Public Buildings - Changing Facilities - Requirements | Delgate Ebersole | Senator Lam | Passed In House (130-6); In Senate First Reading JPR | In Senate Favorable Report 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. |

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| HB0347 | | Criminal Law - Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual - Undue Influence | Delegate Shetty | | Passed In House (131-4); In Senate Hearing 3/18 at 12:30 PM JPR | | Support | <p>WHY is this legislation important?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a fact that some adults with disabilities are vulnerable and at risk of a range of exploitative or coercive behaviors including financial, physical or emotional abuse. • The Attorney's General office notes that abuses against vulnerable adults are escalating in our communities. Even more troubling is that for every case of abuse that is reported to authorities, experts estimate that as many as five cases go unreported. • Those who are elderly, or have significant support needs are at an increased risk of losing their assets to those exerting undue influence on them. <p>This legislation redefines the term "undue influence" and adds factors the court must consider when determining whether property was obtained from a person with disabilities by undue influence.</p> |
| HB0315 | SB0136 | Juvenile Law - Juvenile Interrogation Protection Act | Delegate Bartlett et al. | Senator Carter | In House Hearing 2/4 at 1:20 PM JUD | In Senate Hearing 2/4 at 11 AM JPR | Support | <p>Often, children who become entangled in the legal justice system are questioned by law enforcement without a parent or attorney present. As a result, they face criminal charges, prosecution, and incarceration often without the basic due process rights to which adults are entitled.</p> <p>Without consideration for the due process rights of children, and supports to ensure these rights are upheld, our current system presents dangers for all children and particularly children with intellectual and developmental disabilities who may lack awareness of the severity of their situation. Some children with disabilities may experience dysregulation of their emotions or have adverse reactions to their environment, causing them to become disruptive or even aggressive. In these situations, trauma-informed and restorative practices/positive behavioral interventions are the keys to safe and effective incident resolution, but we have only just begun to see these practices used in our schools. Students with disabilities, therefore, remain vulnerable to disciplinary responses from schools, and police involvement in incidents.</p> |
| HB0423 | SB0271 | Election Law - Voting Systems - Accessibility for Voters With Disabilities | Delegate Feldmark | | In House Hearing 2/2 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate Hearing 2/18 at 11 AM EHEA | Support with DD Coalition Testimony | <p>This bill would require each voter to use a ballot marking device that is accessible to voters with disabilities to vote at early voting centers and election day polling places to ensure that access is provided to voters with disabilities in accordance with a certain provision of law; prohibiting certain ballots from being set apart or distinguishable, in size and form, to ensure that access is provided to voters with disabilities in accordance with a certain provision of law; providing for the application of this Act; and generally relating to voting systems and accessibility for voters with disabilities.</p> |

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| HB0493 | | Election Law - Voting Locations - Accessibility by Public Transportation and Voters With Disabilities | Delegate Guyton | | In House Hearing 2/2 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Support | Would require that absentee ballot boxes be accessible by a person using a wheelchair and that County Boards place priority of voting locations to those within 500 feet of public transportation. |
| | SB0327 | Civil Actions - Financial Exploitation of Vulnerable Adults (Maryland SAFE Act) | | Senator Waldstreicher | | In Senate Hearing 2/2 at 1 PM JPR | Support with DD Coalition Testimony | Creates civil penalties for those who financially exploit people with disabilities. |
| HB0338 | | Business Regulation - Innkeepers - Records and Human Trafficking Awareness Training | Delegate Ebersole | | In House Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 PM EMC | | Support with Amendment | We want to make sure training includes data on victimization and trafficking of people with disabilities so innkeepers can identify possible victimization. |
| HB0500 | | Police Procedures - Requiring a Person to Lie Prone | Delegate Rosenberg | | In House Hearing 2/12 at 1:30 PM JUD | | Letter of Information with DD Coalition | Some people with certain disabilities such as Down Syndrome are at dramatically increased risk of injury or death if they are restrained in a prone position. The way in which this bill is written however may not accomplish the intention of the sponsor. |
| HB0508 | SB0210 | COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity | Delegate Attar | Senators West, Carozza, Hester, and Peters | In House Hearing 2/3 at 1:30 PM JUD | In Senate Hearing 1/26 at 1 PM JPR | Letter of Information | Would provide immunity for providers and potentially people who self direct from civil liability for claims from people that they contracted COVID in the line of duty. This bill also has other implications for people with disabilities who may have been the victim of improper treatment, and who wish to exercise their rights for remedy- If this bill should pass as broadly written, they would be denied this right and that is something The Arc Maryland cannot support. |
| HB0656 | | Election Law - Early Voting Centers - Accessibility by Public Transportation | Delegate Crosby | | Passed In House with Amendments (104-32); In Senator First Reading EHEA | | Support | There is a significant portion of the population of people with disabilities who rely on public transportation. We support the requirement that a percentage of early voting centers be located within a short distance of public transportation stops. |
| HB0917 | | Corrections - Restrictive Housing - Prohibition | Delegate Amprey | | In House Hearing 3/2 at 1:30 PM JUD | | Support | Part of restrictive housing reform to account for the needs of individuals with I/DD and individuals with mental health conditions. |
| HB1000 | | Estates and Trusts - Guardian of Property of Minor or Disabled Person - Prohibition on Distribution or Disbursement | Delegate Pippy | | In House Hearing 2/24 at 1:30 PM JUD | | Support with Amendment | Prohibiting a guardian of the property of a minor or disabled person from distributing or disbursing property of the minor or disabled person without court authorization or confirmation if the guardian is not a family member of the minor or disabled person under certain circumstances; providing that, if a guardian of the property violates the Act, the guardian is liable for breach of the guardian's fiduciary duty to certain persons to the same extent as a trustee of an express trust; etc. Amendment including family members |

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| HB1020 | | Election Law - Curbside Voting - Establishment | Delegate Williams | | In House Hearing 3/9 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Support | Providing that voters are eligible for curbside voting under certain circumstances; requiring that curbside voting be made available to all registered voters with disabilities recognized under a certain federal law; requiring each local board of elections to establish a location outside each polling place for curbside voting; requiring that a curbside voting location meet certain requirements; requiring that an election judge give a certain voter a paper ballot or, under certain circumstances, a handheld voting device; etc. |
| Bills We Are Monitoring or Evaluating by Topic | | | | | | | | |
| Community Living & Working | | | | | | | | |
| HB0055 | | Immunities - Associations, Organizations, and Charities - Liability of Agents and Volunteers | Delegate Crosby | | In House Hearing 1/15 at 1:30 JUD | | Monitoring | The bill could provide protections via continued insurance coverages for DDA providers from organizational liability due to the unforeseen behavior of a volunteer |
| HB0124 | | Occupational Safety and Health Standards to Protect Employees - Aerosol Transmissible Diseases and COVID-19 | Delegate Valderama | | In House Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 PM EMC | | Monitoring | Defines employer as having one employee so it would impact people who self direct and are employer of record. |
| HB0141 | SB0275 | Maryland Department of Health - Residential Service Agencies - Training Requirements | Delegate Sample-Hughes | Senators Hester and Hayes | Passed In House with Amendments (131-0); First Reading FIN | In Senate Hearing 2/4 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | The bill requires residential service agencies to ensure staff receive training on dementia and related conditions within 45 days of hire. At this time, it does not appear that DDA residential service agencies are included in the definition, but that could change and so we will monitor. |
| HB0350 | | Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act - Verification | Delegate Adams | Senators Hester and Hayes | In House Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 PM EMC | | Monitoring | Prohibits employers from requiring certain documentation for to or after confirming eligibility for paid absences of employees. |
| HB0908 | SB0816 | Unemployment Insurance - Employer Contributions - Payment Plans | Delegate Carey | Senator Klausmeier | In House Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 PM EMC | In Senate Hearing 3/2 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | Would allow employers to spread out their payments over different and longer periods of time if funding was tight. |
| HB1002 | | Unemployment Insurance - Revisions and Required Study | Delegate Charkoudian | | In House Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 PM EMC | | Monitoring | Part of the bill provides relieve for organizations against the Unemployment employer rating so that unemployment claims filed will not impact the employers rating for a period of time. |
| HB1126 | | Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - Waiver of Benefit Charges Due to COVID-19 | Delegate Beitzel | | In House Unfavorable Report EMC; Withdrawn | | Monitoring | Authorizing the Secretary of Labor to waive the charging of unemployment insurance benefits paid to a claimant against the earned rating record of an employing unit during a state of emergency declared by the Governor due to COVID-19 under certain circumstances; providing that the required waiver of benefit charges is in effect only until the earlier of 4 months after a certain state of emergency has ended or the date the employing unit hires a certain workforce; etc. |

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| HB1171 | | Labor and Employment - Maryland Employee Protection Plan for Vaccine Refusal | Delegate Charles | | In House Hearing 3/9 at 1:30 PM EMC | | Monitoring | Prohibiting an employer from terminating an employee solely on the basis of the employee's refusal to receive a vaccination against COVID-19; specifying that an employee waives the right to file a civil action against the employer if the employee refuses to receive a certain vaccination and the employee contracts COVID-19 in the course of employment; etc. |
| | SB0811 | Unemployment Insurance - Computation of Earned Rate of Contribution - Applicable Table of Rates | | Senator Hershey | | In Senate Hearing 3/2 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | Monitoring with other similar bills that would take a look at the experience rating of an employer and make allowances for activity during this unprecedented period. |
| HB1247 | SB0725 | Workers' Compensation - Occupational Disease Presumptions - COVID-19 | Delegate Washington | Senator Peters | In House Hearing 3/2 at 1:30 PM EMC | In Senate Hearing 3/9 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | Providing that certain covered employees who are suffering from the effects of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable in a certain manner. The application in this case if to first responders. |
| | SB0860 | Workers' Compensation - COVID-19 Occupational Disease Presumption - Public School Employees | | Senators Zucker and Guzzone | | In Senate Hearing 3/9 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | Providing that certain covered employees who are suffering from the effects of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable in a certain manner. The application in this case if to public school employees. |

Education & Childcare

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| HB0027 | | Education - Reporting Arrests of Students - Alterations | Delegate Long | | In House Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 PM JUD | | Monitoring | Specifically mentions non-public schools. Monitoring to see if it has implications for people with I/DD. |
| HB0342 | | Education - Health and Safety of Students - Notification of Problematic Student Behavior | Delegate Wilson | | In House Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Monitoring | refers to problematic sexual behavior and we are evaluating for unintended consequences to students with disabilities |
| HB0713 | SB0409 | County Boards of Education - Therapy Dogs - Policy for Handling and Use in Schools | Delegate Guyton | Senator Kramer | In House Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate Hearing 2/11 at 11 AM EHEA | Monitoring | Although The Arc recognizes the importance of support animals, the bill is vague on exactly what the cost of this program would be and whether it would deflect from other priorities and funding. Also does not state how children with severe pet allergies would be accommodated |
| HB0651 | SB0464 | Education - Educational Interpreter - Certification Requirements | Delegate Qi | Senator West | In House Favorable with Amendments Report W&M | In Senate Hearing 2/11 at 11 AM EHEA | Monitoring | Only concern is with possible unintended consequence of creating a shortage of certified interpreters. Without additional provisions to create more funding for trainers and campaigns to bring people into the field. |
| HB1089 | | Primary and Secondary Education - Expansion of Mental Health Services and Prohibition of School Resource Officers (Police-Free Schools Act) | Delegate Acevero | | In House Hearing 3/3 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Evaluating | Repealing certain provisions of law relating to the establishment of the Baltimore City School Police Force; prohibiting a local school system from contracting with certain law enforcement agencies for a certain purpose; prohibiting a local school system from establishing its own police force; altering certain functions and duties of the Maryland Center for School Safety to require the Center to analyze certain data, to certify certain law enforcement coverage, and to submit a certain report; etc. |

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| HB0078 | SB0052 | Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021) | Delegates Pena-Melnyk, Lewis, Crutchfield, Wilkins, and Williams | Senator Washington | In House Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 PM HGO | Passed in Senate with Amendments (47-0); In House First Reading HGO | Monitoring | Like similar bills looking at unconscious bias and health equity, we would like to see more inclusion of disability factors. People with disabilities have experienced health inequities and biases for years, amplified during the pandemic. It is a topic we will push this session but likely need to continue work on in the off session period. |
| HB0393 | SB0012 | Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health | Delegates Barron, Crutchfield, and Pena-Melnyk | Senator Hettleman | Passed In House (130-6); In Senate First Reading FIN | Passed in Senate (47-0); In House First Reading HGO | Monitoring | Removes this office from under DOH and makes it independent. |
| HB0028 | SB0005 | Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities | Delegates Pena-Melnyk and Lewis | Senators Griffith, Benson, Ellis, Kelley, Washington, and West | In House Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Second Reading Passed with Amendments | Monitoring | Does not specifically mention disabilities as a minority group who has been impacted by implicit bias. |
| HB0276 | | Congregate Care Facilities - Visitation | Delegate Henson | | In House Hearing 2/2 at 3:45 PM HGO | | Monitoring | Recognize importance of visitation. Concern is not with that as this has been an advocacy point, but want to make sure there are considerations for visitation during public health emergencies. |
| HB0537 | SB0398 | Mental Health Law - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Procedures | Delegate Ruth | Senator Carter | In House Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 2/9 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | |
| HB0551 | SB0393 | Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services | Delegate Bagnall | Senator Augustine | In House Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 1/27 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | |
| HB0598 | SB0469 | Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Applied Behavior Analysis Services - Reimbursement | Delegate Kelly | Senator Washington | In House Hearing 2/9 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 2/10 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | |
| HB0652 | SB0384 | Health Facilities - Residential Service Agencies - Guidance and Reporting | Delegate Qi | Senator Kelley | In House Hearing 2/18 at 1:30 PM HGO | Passed in Senate with Amendments (45-0); In House First Reading HGO | Monitoring | |
| HB0673 | SB0542 | State Health Care Facilities - Employees - Alternative Workweeks | Delegate Valentino-Smith | Senator Eckardt | Passed In House with Amendments (130-1); | Passed In Senate with Amendments (47-0); In House First Reading HGO | Monitoring | Does not appear to include DD facilities, but rather state operated institutions. |
| HB1033 | SB0707 | Office of Health Care Quality - Influenza Virus Immunization Education and Information - Assisted Living Facilities | Delegate Cullison | Senator Feldman | In House Hearing 3/4 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 2/25 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | Related to ensuring people have information and access to vaccines if they reside in assisted living OR "related institutions." This would be good, but there is no appropriation included to cover the costs of requiring DD agencies to provide the vaccines. Right now, people typically get the annual vaccine for the flu through their primary care physicians' and insurance covers. |
| | SB0796 | Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities and Maryland Health Care Commission - Reporting Requirements | | Senator Eckardt | | In Senate Hearing 3/3 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | |

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| HB0836 | SB0741 | COVID-19 Testing, Contact Tracing, and Vaccination Act of 2021 | Delegate Pena-Melnyk | Senators Rosapepe, Beidle, et al. | In House Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 2/24 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | |
| HB1263 | | Maryland Department of Health - COVID-19 Vaccination Plan | Delegate Rosenberg | | In House Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 PM HGO | | Monitoring | |
| HB1313 | SB0067 | Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Vaccination Administration | Delegate Mangione | Chair of EHEA By Request of Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems | In House Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 PM HGO | Passed in Senate with Amendments (44-1); In House First Reading HGO | Monitoring | |
| Justice and Civil Rights | | | | | | | | |
| | SB0245 | Public Schools - School Resource Officers - Requirements and Prohibitions | | Senator Ellis | | In Senate Hearing 1/27 at 11 AM EHEA | Monitoring | |
| HB0132 | SB0041 | Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative) | Delegate Bagnall | Senator Augustine | In House Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 PM HGO | Passed In Senate with Amendments (31-16); In House First Reading HGO | Monitoring | |
| HB0227 | SB0363 | Courts - Improperly Summoning a Police Officer - Civil Liability | Delegate Charles | Senator McCray | In House Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 PM JUD | In Senate Hearing 2/9 at 1 PM JPR | Monitoring | Some people, due to the nature of their disability, summon police officers out of fear or an attempt to communicate. While other tools and methods to communicate are being explored with the individual, we would not want the individual to be fined when matters such as this arise. |
| HB0238 | | Criminal Procedure - Automatic Expungement | Delegate Wells | | In House Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 PM JUD | | Monitoring | Have concerns as even seemingly minor convictions for theft of small amounts for example would have implications for vulnerable adults. May support an amendment to change auto expungement to auto shielding for all employers except our industry for protection. |
| HB1106 | | Civil Actions - Immunity From Liability - COVID-19 Exposure | Delegate Wivell | | In House Hearing 3/3 at 1:30 PM JUD | | Monitoring | Providing that an owner, lessee, or tenant of a premises is immune from civil liability for injury or death relating to the exposure of others on the premises to COVID-19 so long as the owner, lessee, or tenant, or an agent of the owner, lessee, or tenant, was following and enforcing local, State, and federal guidelines in effect at the time of the exposure or alleged exposure; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act. |
| HB1122 | SB0776 | Criminal Procedure - Out of Court Statements - Child and Vulnerable Adult Victims | Delegate Crutchfield | Senator Lee | In House First Reading JUD | In Senate Hearing 3/10 at 12 PM JPR | Evaluating | Authorizing the court to admit into evidence in certain criminal proceedings certain out of court statements made by a child victim or vulnerable adult victim subject to certain requirements. |
| HB1216 | | Human Relations - Public Accommodation Discrimination - Enforcement and Remedies | Delegate Rosenberg | | In House Unfavorable Report HGO; Withdrawn | | Withdrawn | Authorizing complainants, respondents, and the Commission on Civil Rights to elect to have claims of public accommodation discrimination determined in a civil action brought by the Commission under certain circumstances and subject to certain requirements; requiring the remedy for public accommodation discrimination to include the greater of certain damages; authorizing the remedy for public accommodation discrimination to include certain remedies; etc. |

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| HB1281 | SB0844 | Adult Protective Services - Vulnerable Adults Registry - Investigations and Records of Abuse and Neglect and Workgroup Study | Delegate W. Fisher | Senator Benson | In House Hearing 3/4 at 1:30 PM JUD | In Senate Hearing 3/9 at 1 PM JPR | Monitoring | Does not include a registry for people with IDD, but there was a workgroup this summer so it is hard to know how it may evolve. |
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