

2020 Annapolis Insider Bill Tracker

House	Senate	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status		Position	Notes	Amendment Links	
				House	Senate			House	Senate
Budget									
Current Positions on Bills by Topic									
Community Living & Working									
HB0010	SB0044	Public Buildings - Changing Facilities for Adult Diapers	Delegate Ebersole/ Senator Lam	In House First Reading HGO	In Senate First Reading JPR	Support	The bathroom bill has dropped! We have been working with DDC and bill sponsors on amendments to clarify some of the requirements of this bill to create changing stations capable of supporting the weight of both a child and adult.		
	SB0040	Sales and Use Tax - Diapers Exemption	Senator Lam		In Senate Hearing 1/9 at 2 PM B&T	Support	Sen. Lam is adding clarifying language that adult absorbant products such as Depend are intended to be included in the list of products that are exempt from state sales tax.		
	SB0083	State Government – Delivery of Notices and Communications by Electronic 3 Means – Authorized	Chair EHEA		In Senate First Reading EHEA	Gathering more 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.		
Education & Childcare									
	SB0078	Public Schools – Student Discipline Regulations – Remedial Measures	Senator Hough		In Senate First Reading EHEA	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.		
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.		
	SB0103	Health Occupations - Diagnostic Evaluation and Treatment of Patients - Disciplinary Actions (The Patient's Access to Integrative Healthcare Act of 2020)	Senators Eckardt and Klausmeier		In Senate First Reading EHEA	Gathering more information.	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.		
Justice and Civil Rights									
HB0033		Criminal Law – Abuse or Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult – Causing Severe Emotional Distress	Delegate Guyton et al	In House First Reading JUD		Monitoring	While we appreciate the Delegate's intentions we are concerned that the bill may not adequately address the weight of cumulative trauma in the causation of "Emotional Distress" (proximal cause). This could pin effects of "the final straw" on someone who does something that is inappropriate but not necessarily severe. We would like to see a bill action to increase training for sensitivity and respect for people with disabilities as preventative steps we can take to stop the trauma trend.		
	SB0056	Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Plain Language Requirement	Senator Kagan		In Senate First Reading EHEA	Gathering more information but will support intention	We appreciate the universal application of readability to enhance understanding. We are researching to ensure the reading level they are prescribing is not still too high.		