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Bill Number & Link		Title	Primary Sponsor	Status		Position	Notes	Amendment Links	
House	Senate			House	Senate			House	Senate
Budget									
	SB0016	Workgroup on Categories for Funding Priorities in the Annual State Budget	Senator Serafini		Hearing 1/30 at 2 PM B&T	Monitor	Letter of Information to encourage prioritization of DD Community Services Funding.		
HB0100	SB0125	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2020)	Speaker of House/President of Senate	DDA Budget Appropriation recommended favorable out of subcommittee on 3/6/19	DDA Budget Hearing 3/7 at 1 PM Health and Human Services Subcommittee (William Amos Room, 4th Floor) DDA Budget Decision 3/11 at 1 PM Health and Human Services Subcommittee (William Amos Room, 4th Floor)	Developmental Disabilities Services is recommended for 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		
HB0101	SB0126	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	First Reading APP	First Reading B&T	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		
HB0365	SB0017	State Grants and Contracts - Reimbursement of Nonprofit Indirect Costs - Application	Delegate Bagnall/Senator Kagan	Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM HGO	Passed in the Senate ; First Reading in the House HGO	Monitor			SB0017 from EHEA
Current Positions on Bills by Topic									
Community Living & Working									
HB0112	SB0804	Vehicle Laws – Injury or Death of Vulnerable Individual – Penalties	Delegate Lafferty/Senator Lee	Passed in House ; First Reading in Senate JPR	Hearing 2/13 at 12 PM JPR	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.		
HB0166	SB0280	Labor and Employment – Payment of Wages – Minimum Wage and Enforcement (Fight for Fifteen)	Delegate Fennell et. al./ Senator McCray	Passed in House ; First Reading in Senate FIN	Senate decision on SB280 due 8:30 AM Senate FIN on 3/7	Call for amendments to the version of the bill passed by the House. We need the restoration of at least 5.5/ 5.5/ 4.5/ 4.25 / 4/ 3	The Fight for 15 bill aims to raise the state minimum wage to \$15 by 2024. The original bill contained language to provide a 7% rate increase to Community Providers supporting individuals with developmental disabilities in FY20, followed by 5.5% in FY21, 5.5% in FY22, 5.5% FY23, and a different percentage increase in FY24. The bill also included language for a continuing increase in the state minimum wage and DD funding on years beyond FY24 based on the CPI. See the amended bill link for the House Amendments.	HB0166 from EMC	
HB0228	SB0134	State Board of Nursing - Criminal History Records Checks - Certified Nursing Assistants and Certified Medication Technicians	Delegate Cullison/Senator Nathan-Pulliam	Second Reading Passed with Amendments	Hearing 1/30 at 2 PM EHEA	Oppose	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 and onboarding. Testimony in Opposition on 2/5/19, with call for the development of a workgroup to examine the issue and develop a viable solution to concerns with the current process.	HB0228 from HBO	Decision is to remove CNAs from the bill for a summer study to determine best course forward.
HB0251	SB0279	Department of Aging - Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs (Nonprofits for our Aging Neighbors Act - "NANA")	Delegate Hill/Senator Feldman	Passed in House ; First Reading in Senate FIN	Passed in Senate ; First Reading in House HGO	Support	Creates grants for non-profit organizations to expand and establish aging-in-place programs for seniors, to include funding for affordable transportation and in-home modifications to improve safety, mobility, and accessibility.		
HB0397	SB0339	Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System (Carl Henn's Law)	Delegate Krebs/Senator Kagan	Hearing 2/26 at 1 PM HGO	Second Reading Passed with Amendments FIN	Support	Improves the state's 911 calling system (by county) to create Next Gen 911, improving accessibility to EMS for people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities		SB0339 by FIN

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HB0415		Medical Assistance Employment Initiative Pilot Program	Delegate Rosenberg	Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM in EMC		Oppose	Establishes a Medical Assistance Employment Initiative Pilot Program with the "goal of reducing the number of able-bodied individuals depending on social programs." There have been efforts in other states to impose work requirements on people who receive Medical Assistance. Many people receive Medical Assistance for permanent disabilities that make working difficult. To have to jump through hoops and administrative burdens to prove disability repeatedly or lose benefits would be detrimental to the health of people with disabilities.	This was put into budget language recommendations out to the House subcommittee as an "optional" pilot.	
HB0451	SB0812	Fair Housing Opportunities Act of 2019	Delegate Lafferty/ Senator Smith	Unfavorable Report by E&T; Withdrawn	Unfavorable Report by JPR; Withdrawn	Support	This bill (FKA the Home Act, introduced in previous sessions) would prohibit source-of-income discrimination. These prohibitions have been adopted by several Maryland counties and we are interested in a statewide solution that would increase access to affordable housing for people with I/DD		
	SB0492	Investment in Job Skills Act of 2019	Senator Rosapepe		Hearing 3/6 at 1 PM B&T	Support with Amendment	Creates a grant program for schools to create career and technology education programs. Also includes a campaign to encourage employers to hire people with trade industries. These areas include nursing- asking for the inclusion of home-health/DSP professions as focus for recruitment.		
	SB0534	Public Buildings and Places of Public Accommodation – Diaper-Changing Facilities in Restrooms	Senator Lam		Unfavorable Report by JPR; Withdrawn	Support with Amendment	Asking Sponsor to consider an amendment to encourage the installation of changing stations for older children and adults.		
HB0923	SB0642	Task Force to Study Transportation Access	Delegate Stein/ Senator Klausmeier	Hearing 2/28 at 1 PM E&T	Hearing 2/27 at 1 PM FIN	Support	Establishes a task force to examine our areas coordinated transportation system. Names a provider organization, Maryland Nonprofits, and The Arc Maryland to serve and provide input to a report of current system and recommendations to increase access for people. Our focus would be on increasing access for people with I/DD to work and access their communities.		
HB1189	SB0425	Home Energy Assistance - Critical Medical Needs Program	Delegate Carey/ Senator Benson	Hearing 3/7 at 1 PM EMC	Second Reading Passed with Amendments	Support	Would provide energy subsidies for people with medical conditions with need for electronic equipment (ventilator for example) that consume higher than average levels of energy.		SB0425 by FIN
HB1197		Task Force on Adults With Autism Spectrum Disorder	Delegate Guyton	Hearing 3/11 at 2 PM HGO		Support	Names several advocacy organizations to speak of needs for the community of people with Autism, Disability Rights Maryland, and MACS to provide input from the perspective of providers of community services.		
HB1244	SB0330	Public Buildings and Places of Public Accommodation - Diaper-Changing Facilities	Delegate Acevero/ Senator Smith	Hearing 3/5 at 1 PM HGO	Hearing 2/14 at 12 PM JPR	Support with Amendment	Friendly amendment requested to include incentives to create changing stations for older children and adults.		
HB1262		Human Relations - Employment Discrimination and Discriminatory Housing Practices - Revisions	Delegate Hill	Hearing 3/5 at 1 PM HGO		Support	Redefines "employer" for the purpose of identifying who may be faced with claims and calls for discrimination remedies from those with 15 or more employees to those with 5 or more employees. Also narrows definition of covered landlords for discrimination against people with disabilities		
HB1420		Maryland Department of Health - Services for Individuals With Developmental Disabilities - Fee-for-Service Payment Pilot Program	Chair HGO (by request)	First Reading Rules and Executive Nominations		Support (reviewing to see if amendments are needed)	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a fee-for-service payment pilot program; authorizing providers that provide waiver program services to certain eligible individuals with a developmental disability may participate in the pilot program; requiring the Department to determine, establish, and publish certain rates for certain services in a certain manner; requiring certain providers to submit a claim for payment for certain services to the Department in a certain manner; etc.		
Education & Childcare									
HB0031		Baltimore City - Weapons on School Property - School Resource Officer	Delegate Glenn	Unfavorable Report by JUD; Withdrawn		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.		
HB0087	SB0529	State Board of Education - Membership - Teachers and Parent	Delegate Ebersole/ Senator Zucker	Passed in House; First Reading in Senate EHEA	Hearing 2/13 at 1 PM EHEA	Support with Amendments	Written request that Sponsors add a preference for parents of children with disabilities and/or a teacher with Special Education credentials	HB0087 from W&M	

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HB0110		Elementary School Students – Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act)	Delegate Walker	Second Reading Passed with Amendments		Support	The bill calls for mandatory physical activity and physical education time for elementary students each week, taking into consideration a student's IEP. Signed on to a letter of Support with our Education and Advocacy Coalition partners.	HB0110 from W&M	
HB0181	SB0103	Criminal Law - Electronic Harassment and Bullying (Grace's Law 2.0)	Delegate Cardin/ Senator Zurkin	Hearing 2/7 at 1 PM JUD	Passed in Senate ; First Reading in House JUD	Support	The bill amends 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.		
HB0196		Prince George's County - Elementary School Students - Daily Physical Activity (Student Health and Fitness Act) PG 509-19	Prince George's County Delegation	Hearing 2/7 at 1 PM W&M		Support	The bill calls for mandatory physical activity and physical education time for elementary students each week, taking into consideration a student's IEP. Signed on to a letter of Support with our Education and Advocacy Coalition partners.		
HB0248	SB0181	Education - Child Care Subsidies - Mandatory Funding Level	Delegate Jones/ Senator King	Passed in House ; First Reading in Senate B&T	Passed in Senate ; In House Hearing 3/19 at 1 PM APP	Support	Increases Child Care Subsidy Funding levels to account for market increases		
HB0256	SB0223	State Department of Education- Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach	Delegate Wilkins/ Senator Nathaniel Pulliam	Hearing 2/14 at 1 PM W&M	Hearing 2/6 at 1 PM in EHEA	Support	The Arc Maryland supports trauma-informed approaches as part of a comprehensive restorative practice in schools. Signing on with written support with CRSD.		
HB0295	SB0848	Nonpublic Elementary and Secondary Schools - Discrimination - Prohibition	Delegate Wilkins/ Senator McCray	Favorable with Amendments Report W&M	Hearing 2/14 at 12 PM JPR	Support	Prohibits private schools who access state funding from discriminating against a child on the basis of disability in the admissions process. Signed on to Written Testimony to support with EAC.	HB0295 from W&M	
HB0381		Baltimore County Public Schools - Student Misconduct - Penalty for Parent or Guardian	Delegate Long	Hearing 2/14 at 1 PM W&M		Oppose	This bill holds parents personally accountable for student truancy. We are opposing this as an ineffective measure to encouraging greater school participation and instead promote offering additional assistance and support to families who face situations whereby their children refuse to or are otherwise impeded from attending school.		
HB0439		Public Schools - School Resource Officers - Prohibited Conduct	Delegates Washington and Charkoudian	Hearing 2/14 at 1 PM W&M		Support	Prohibits SROs from participating in school discipline and requires a specialized curricula, for using in training of SROs to include training in conduct that is prohibited.		
	SB0576	Student Victim of Violent Crime – Option to Transfer or Require Offender to Transfer Schools	Senator Salling		Hearing 3/6 at 1 PM EHEA	Oppose	Too broad and would put children at risk as it would give authority to children who were victims of "violent crime" to determine the fate of the student who allegedly committed the act of "violence." We oppose this in cooperation with our CRSD partners.		
HB0611		Special Education- IEP- Timeline for Independent Evaluations	Delegate Guyton	Passed in House ; First Reading in Senate EHEA		Support	Authorizes a parent who requests an independent evaluation to receive a written response to the request within a certain time period.		
HB0690	SB0734	Education - Students With Reading Difficulties - Screenings and Interventions	Delegate Luedtke/ Senator Zucker	Hearing 2/21 at 1 PM W&M	Hearing 2/26 at 1 PM EHEA	Support	Support principal that all children should receive appropriate screenings to mediate any underlying medical conditions that may interfere with access to an appropriate education.		
HB0704		Maryland Longitudinal Data System - Student Data and Governing Board	Delegate Washington	Favorable with Amendments Report W&M		Support	Encourages transparency and meta-data availability while protecting student identity	HB0704 from W&M	
HB0714	SB0182	Community Colleges - Supplemental Services and Supports for Students With Disabilities Grant Program	Delegate Jones/ Senator King	Hearing 2/21 at 1 PM APP	Hearing 2/20 at 1 PM EHEA	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. Signed on to Letter of Support with EAC.		
HB0725	SB0766	Public Schools- Student Discipline- Restorative Practices	Delegate Chardoudian/ Senator Smith	Hearing 2/28 at 1 PM W&M	Hearing 3/6 at 1 PM EHEA	Support	Requires a school principal to exhaust certain procedures before suspending or expelling a student, and upon student's return to engage in restorative approach to transition back to school.		
HB1283	SB0732	Child in Need of Assistance - Guardianship by Local Department - ABLE Accounts	Delegate Wilson/ Senator Zucker	Hearing 2/28 at 1 PM JUD	Hearing 3/6 at 12 PM JPR	Support	Expands access to ABLE accounts to CINA		
	SB0778	Education - Identification of Students With Traumatic Brain Injury - Study and Report	Senator Waldstreicher		Unfavorable Report EHEA	Gathering additional information	Would compell a study on the identification of children with TBI in school for a report to the legislature/future action.		
	SB0948	Criminal Law - Assault in the Second Degree - School Employee	Senator West		Hearing 3/14 at 12 PM JPR	Oppose			
HB0950		State Dept of Education- School Discipline- Data Collection	Delegate Washington	Hearing 2/28 at 1 PM W&M		Support	Requires MSDE to disaggregate school discipline data for analysis and requires the system to report disproportionality of high-suspending schools. It is well documented that children with disabilities and children of color are suspended and expelled at disproportionate rates compared to the rest of the student population in Maryland		

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HB1186	SB0465	Nonpublic Schools - Fire Drill Requirements - State Fire Prevention Code	Delegate Ebersole/ Senator King	Hearing 3/7 at 1 PM W&M	Passed in Senate; First Reading in House W&M	Support	Requires non-public schools to conduct and document fire drills in conformance to State Fire Prevention Code.		
HB1208		Board of Restorative Practices in Schools- Establishment	Delegate Washington	Hearing 2/28 at 1 PM W&M		Support	Establishes a Board of Restorative Practices in Schools to monitor and make recommendations regarding certain matters, and report its findings to the General Assembly each year. Names The Arc Maryland as member.		
HB1229		Restorative Schools Fund and Grants- Establishment	Delegate Cain	Hearing 2/28 at 1 PM W&M		Support	Creates grant for school personnel training for restorative practices implementation.		
HB1233		Environment - Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing - Elevated Blood Lead Levels and Environmental Investigations (Maryland Healthy Children Act)	Delegate R. Lewis	Hearing 3/6 at 1 PM E&T		Support	Providing letter of information on danger of lead poisoning and affect on children as a cause of disabilities.		
HB1247		No Fear in Education Act – Student Protection in School (Meadow Pollack's Law)	Delegate Cox	Hearing 2/25 at 10 AM JUD		Oppose	Allows "Trained Individuals" and SROs to carry handguns in schools. The CRSD opposes this due to the fact that these individuals do not have regular contact with students with disabilities and may unintentionally harm a student.		
HB1275		Office of Administrative Hearings- Administrative Law Judges- Special Education Law Training	Delegate Smith	Hearing 3/1 at 11:30 AM JUD		Support	Creates requirement for ALJudges to have training on Special Education Law before conducting a mediation session or due process hearing related to a special education case.		
Health Care									
HB0145	SB0301	Hospitals - Patient's Bill of Rights	Delegate Young/ Senator Benson	Hearing 2/6 at 2 PM HGO	Hearing 2/28 at 1 PM FIN	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. Testified in support of the bill with other patient bill of rights coalition members on 2/6.		
	SB0220	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Coverage of Dental Services - Repeal of Contingency	Senator Kelley		Hearing 2/6 at 1:30 PM FIN	Support	Removes a requirement for a report-finding as a contingency to providing expanded dental services to people with disabilities at 300% below the poverty level. (expands access)		
HB0226	SB0550	Food Stamp Program- Minimum Benefit for Disabled Individuals- State Supplement	Delegate Lopez/ Senator Guzzone	Hearing 2/5 at 1 PM APP	Hearing 3/14 at 1 PM FIN	Support	Increases the amount of food stamps available to a person with disabilities to a minimum of \$30. Ande testified on 2/5 in support of increasing the minimum benefit threshold to \$30		
HB0309	SB0431	Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland	Delegate Cullison/ Senator Nathan-Pulliam	Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM HGO	Hearing 2/27 at 1 PM FIN	Support	The Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council is named as a participant on this workgroup to identify solutions to the problem we have in Maryland of lack of access to oral/dental care for optimum health.		
HB0332	SB0158	Maryland Department of Health – Community Dental Clinics Grant Program	Delegate McKay/ Senator Guzzone	Hearing 2/13 at 1 PM HGO	Hearing 2/6 at 1:30 PM FIN	Support	The bill creates a community dental clinic grant program to expand free and reduced dental services to people in need. Provided written testimony- Senate.		
HB0341	SB0500	Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2019)	Delegate Kelly/ Senator Hayes	Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM EMC	Hearing 3/7 at 1 PM FIN	Support with Amendments	The Arc Maryland supports leave programs that allow parents to care for their loved ones, in recognition that some children with disabilities have medical conditions that require additional care and time away from work. We are examining possible impacts on family income (mandated components of the program for wage contributions to the fund) and our member Providers of Community Supports who often face mandates that are unfunded and difficult to implement while maintaining a stable organization with a ready workforce. There are some concerns with definitions of "Covered employees", "family members", and "qualifying exigency" for examples. There are also implications for people who self-direct as employers are defined as those with at least one employee. People who self-direct would therefore be compelled to contribute toward the insurance program.		
HB0768	SB0759	Health – Prescription Drug Affordability Board	Delegate Pena-Melnik/ Senator Klausmeier	Hearing 3/6 at 1 PM HGO	Hearing 3/6 at 1 PM FIN	Support	Support as member of coalition for prescription drug affordability.		
HB0832	SB0699	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Home- and Community-Based Waiver Services – Prohibition on Denials	Delegate Pena-Melnik/Senator Kelley	Hearing 3/11 at 2 PM HGO	Hearing 3/13 at 1 PM FIN	Gathering additional information	Bill intends to expand access to HCBS under medicaid.		
HB0856	SB0953	Health Care Facilities - Hospitals and Related Institutions - Discrimination Protections	Delegate K. Young/ Senator Nathan-Pulliam	Hearing 3/4 3 PM HGO	Hearing 3/20 at 1 PM FIN	Support	Prohibits hospitals and related institutions from discriminating against people in protected classes included disability in their admissions and other practices.		

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HB1009	SB0700	Home- and Community-Based Services Waivers - Alterations (Laurie's Law)	Delegate Cullison/ Senator Kelley	Hearing 3/11 at 2 PM HGO	Hearing 3/13 at 1 PM FIN	Gathering additional information	Would change statute significantly. Analyzing impacts. Positive aspects of the bill include the requirement that the Department provide information on where a person is on the waiting list or registry upon request. States that "community-based long-term supports are intended to be delivered in the individuals home and community and not an institution" (institution is not defined)		
Justice and Civil Rights									
HB0140		Special Education – Administrative Proceedings and Judicial Actions – Attorney's and Expert Witness Fees and Related Costs	Delegate Luedtke	Passed in House; First Reading in Senate EHEA		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. Written Testimony		
	SB0302	Mental Health - Electroconvulsive Therapy for Minors - Prohibition	Senator Benson		Hearing 2/20 at 1 PM FIN	Letter of Information/oppose	Language is too broad to protect minors from use of ECT for aversive purposes under the guise of medicine/treatment.		
HB0306	SB0402	Mental Health - Involuntary Admission - Inmates in Correctional Facilities	Delegate Snyder/ Senator Carter	Hearing 2/12 at 1 PM JUD	Hearing 2/20 at 1 PM FIN	Support	Requires a timely evaluation and plan of support to be developed for individuals who may be experiencing a mental health condition.		
HB0565	SB0363	Election Law - Voting Systems - Accessibility for Voters With Disabilities	Delegate Mosby/ Senator Lam	Hearing 2/19 at 1 PM W&M	Hearing 2/28 at 1 PM EHEA	Support	Standardizes ballots to an accessible format for all voters ensure privacy so ballots cast by people with disabilities cannot be identified from ballots cast by people without disabilities.		
HB0399	SB0311	End-of-Life Option Act (Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer Act)	Delegate Pendergrass/ Senator Smith	Special Order until 03/06 (Delegate Pendergrass) Adopted	Hearing 2/19 at 12 PM JPR	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		
HB0485	SB0475	Office of the Attorney General - Senior and Vulnerable Adult Asset Recovery Unit	Delegate Stein/ Senator Kramer	Hearing 2/20 at 1 PM EMC	Hearing 2/19 at 12 PM JPR	Support	Creates and Asset recovery unit for victims of financial crimes to include people with I/DD.		
HB0561		Criminal Law - Abuse or Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult - Psychological Abuse	Delegate Guyton	Hearing 2/19 at 1 PM JUD		Support with Amendments	Definition of what constitutes abuse is entirely too broad, and would have serious implications for family members and caregivers who did not have malicious intent.		
HB0864	SB0675	Duties of a Guardian of the Person - Petition for Visitation	Delegate Saab/ Senator West	Unfavorable Report JUD; Withdrawn	Unfavorable Reports by JPR; Withdrawn	Oppose	Would require that a person, including a person with a guardian, be compelled to go through a court to decline visitation from a family member or other interested persons.		
HB0992		Election Law - Qualification of Voters - Proof of Identity	Delegate Parrott	Unfavorable Report W&M		Oppose	Would discriminate against people with limited means, and people with disabilities who may have difficulty producing the forms of identification required under this bill. This would affect voter access.		
HB0994	SB0839	Labor and Employment - Criminal Record Screening Practices (Ban the Box)	Delegate Mosby/ Senator Carter	Hearing 3/5 at 1 PM EMC	Hearing 3/15 at 1 PM FIN	Gathering information for possible support	Ban does not extend to employers who provide programs, services, or direct care to minors or "vulnerable adults".		
HB1001	SB0774	Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing - Reporting by Correctional Units and Requirements Relating to Minors	Delegate Lewis, J./ Senator Smith	Hearing 3/12 at 1 PM JUD	Hearing 2/21 at 12 PM JPR	Support	https://disabilityrightsmd.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/NBCI-F-2018.pdf		
	SB1027	Criminal Law – Abuse and Neglect of Vulnerable Adults – Notice of Report	Senator Klausmeier		First Reading- Senate Rules	Oppose	Requiring a copy of a report of alleged abuse or neglect of a vulnerable adult made to a State or local unit to be provided by the State or local unit to the individual alleged to have committed the abuse or neglect. This requirement would place victims at risk of coercion, and continued abuse.		
HB1029		Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing- Limitations	Delegate Lewis	Hearing 3/12 at 1 PM JUD		Support	Requires additional review and limitations on amount of time people can spend in solitary confinement (restrictive housing) in prison. Per an investigation by DRM, people with disabilities are disproportionately restrained and put in restrictive housing for even the smallest administrative infractions. Reform is necessary.		
HB1076		Criminal Procedure - Out of Court Statements of Victims - Child Neglect and Abuse or Neglect of a Vulnerable Adult	Delegate Dumais	Hearing 2/28 at 1 PM JUD		Support	Allows a court to accept statements in formats such as drawings, pictures, and other iterations that form a basis for a statement, as well as actual statements made by alleged victims to their therapists and other professionals to aid in their claims and add strength to their assertions.		

Bills We Are Monitoring by Topic

Community Living & Working

HB0134	Environment – Single-Use Plastic Straws – Use in Restaurants	Delegate Love	Hearing 2/13 at 1 PM EMC		Monitor	DD Council sent a letter of information and we are following		
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HB0491		State Contractual Employees - Paid Leave	Delegate Hettleman	Hearing 2/21 at 1 PM APP		Monitor and Investigate further	Assessing implications for contractual staff accessed by Community Providers of DD Supports and people with disabilities who are hired as contractors.		
	SB0681	Labor and Employment – Maryland Healthy Working Families Act – Seasonal Temporary Workers	Senator Carozza		Hearing 2/21 at 1 PM FIN	Monitor and Investigate further			
HB0976		Labor and Employment- Minimum Wage- Establishment by Counties	Delegates Parrott and Arikan	Hearing 3/5 at 1 PM EMC		Monitor	Monitor. Providers of Community Support have contracts with the state and funding is currently based on the state minimum wage. While the bill aims to provide counties with the flexibility to opt out of a higher minimum wage, it has been problematic in the past when counties have opted to raise their minimum wage higher than that of the state.		
Education & Childcare									
HB0045	SB0092	Accountability in Education Act of 2019	Speaker of House/President of Senate	Hearing 3/7 at 1 PM W&M	Hearing 2/6 at 1 PM 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.		
HB0047	SB0404	State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Revision	Delegate Cullison/Senator Lam	Passed in House; First Reading in Senate FIN	Passed in Senate; First Reading in House HGO	Monitor	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.		
HB0148	SB0165	Safe Schools Maryland Act of 2019	Speaker of House/President of Senate	Hearing 3/7 at 1 PM W&M	Hearing 2/6 at 1 PM EHEA	Monitor	Gathering more information to determine implications for students with IEPs and 504 plans in schools.		
HB0356		Primary and Secondary Education - Nonpublic Schools - Required Information	Delegate Patterson	Hearing 3/7 at 1 PM W&M		Monitor			
HB0708		Education - Identification of Students With Traumatic Brain Injury - Study and Report	Delegate Turner	Passed in House; First Reading in Senate EHEA		Monitor	Gathering more information on intent of the bill		
HB1242	SB0915	Public School Students - Vision Services and the Vision for Maryland Program	Delegate Hill/Senator Lam	Hearing 3/7 at 1 PM W&M	Hearing 3/13 at 1 PM EHEA	Monitor			
Justice and Civil Rights									
	SB0398	Code Revision - Estates and Trusts	President of Senate		Second Reading Passed with Amendments	Monitor			SB0398 by JPR
HB0436	SB0077	Estates and Trusts - Protection of Minors and Disabled Persons - Guardianship	Delegate Hill/Senator Lam	Unfavorable Report by HGO; Withdrawn	Hearing 1/22 at 1 PM JPR	Monitor	Currently monitoring- friendly amendments have been made to the bill to clarify notifications and venue. Sponsor considering additional suggestions for amendments- Also referral to the state bar Estates and Trusts section for feedback. No Vote out of Senate Committee yet.		
HB0503	SB0219	Employers of Ex-Offenders - Liability for Negligent Hiring or Inadequate Supervision - Immunity	Delegate A. Cassilly/Senator R. Cassilly	Unfavorable Report EMC	Hearing 2/6 at 12 PM JPR	Monitor			
HB0743	SB0242	Criminal Procedure - Incompetency and Criminal Responsibility - Dismissal of Charges	Delegate Dumais/Senator Lee	Hearing 3/5 at 1 PM JUD	Hearing 2/12 at 12 PM JPR	Monitor			
	SB1034	Civil Actions - Family Caregiver Reimbursement	Senator Klausmeier		First Reading- Rules	Monitor	Authorizing a certain family caregiver to bring a civil action against a family member for reimbursement of reasonable expenses incurred to provide care and support to a family member in need against the family member in need or another family member; requiring an initial complaint filed in the civil action to include evidence of the expenses for which reimbursement is sought; and requiring the civil action to be filed within 10 years after the date on which the expenses are incurred There are SEVERAL troubling aspects of this bill but it is unlikely to get out of Rules.		