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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 appears to contain full appropriation for DDA Community Services 4%. We will know more later today (1/25/21) when we receive a briefing. |
| 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 First Reading APP | In House First Reading B&T | No Position | |
| Current Positions on Bills by Topic | | | | | | | | |
| Community Living & Working | | | | | | | | |
| HB0056 | SB0473 | Labor and Employment - Leave With Pay - Bereavement Leave | Delegate Boyce | Senator Washington | In House Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 PM EMC | In Senate First Reading FIN | Letter of Information | The bill requires paid bereavement leave to be provided to employees under certain circumstances. While the principal of the bill not something we take issue with, it would present an unfunded mandate and does not current carry a provision for increase in funding for DD providers and people who self-direct to cover the additional leave expense. |
| HB0255 | | Department of Aging - Grants for Aging-in-Place Programs - Funding | Delegates Hill, Ebersole, Feldmark, Korman, and Lierman | | In House Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 PM APP | | 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 First Reading 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. |
| | SB0064 | Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - Waiver of Benefit Charges Due to COVID-19 | | Senator Salling | | In Senate Hearing 2/9 at 1 PM FIN | Support | 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. |
| 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 to people with Physical Disabilities as a natural extension of Blindness (considered a physical disability). |

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| | SB0307 | Labor and Employment - Direct Care Workforce Innovation Program | | Senator Guzzone | | In Senate Hearing 1/21 at 1 PM FIN | Support | It appears this bill WOULD include DD Provider Staff as Direct Support Professionals. Support with coalition testimony |
| Education & Childcare | | | | | | | | |
| HB0059 | SB0147 | Task Force on Higher Education Students With Chronic Health Conditions | Delegate Pena-Melnyk | Senator Feldmark | In House Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 PM APP | In Senate Hearing 1/20 at 11 AM EHEA | 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 | In House Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 PM W&M | 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 | | In House Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 PM W&M | | 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 | In Senate Hearing 1/27 at 1 PM B&T | 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. |
| HB0192 | | Public Schools - Special Education Classrooms - Use of Video | Delegate Guyton | | In House Hearing 2/5 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Letter of Information | Still evaluating. We would prefer cameras in all or no classrooms. The concept that children with disabilities would be treated differently than other classmates is a concern as we strive for full inclusion. What about inclusive classrooms- why would or wouldn't they be eligible for the installation of cameras. |
| HB0237 | SB0126 | State Department of Education - Early Literacy and Dyslexia Practices - Guidance and Assistance | Delegate Ebersole | Senators Hester and Zucker | In House Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate Hearing 1/27 at 11 AM EHEA | Support with Education Advocacy Coalition Testimony | |

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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 | | In House Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 PM W&M | | 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. |
| | SB0209 | Special Education - Prolonged School Closure - Extension of Education Services | | Senator Peters | | 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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| | SB0300 | Special Education - Learning Continuity Plan - Requirement | | Senator Peters | | 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. |
| | SB0371 | Special Education - Individualized Education Programs - Educational Evaluations | | Senator Peters | | In Senate Hearing 2/11 at 11 AM 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 | In House Hearing 2/9 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 2/16 at 1 PM FIN | Support | |
| 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. |
| Health Care | | | | | | | | |
| | SB0096 | Public Health - Behavioral Health Programs and Health Care Facilities - Safety and Community Relations Plans | | Senator McCray | | In Senate Hearing 1/26 at 1 PM FIN | 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 Hearing 1/19 at 2 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 2/3 at 1 PM FIN | Support with Coalition Testimony | Creates a task force to look at equity in access to dental care |
| 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 | |
| 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 Hearing 1/27 at 1 PM FIN | 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 Hearing 2/11 at 1 PM FIN | Support | This bill would create a Trauma Informed Care Commission. |

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| HB0636 | | School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act) | Delegate Solomon | | In House First Reading E&T and APP | | 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 First Reading EMC and E&T | | 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 | | State and Local Housing Programs - Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing | Delgate Lierman | | In House Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 PM E&T | | 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 | Delegate Ivey, Delegate Henson | | In House Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Support | Improves access to exercising voting rights for people with disabilities. |
| HB0234 | | Criminal Law - Harm to Service Animals | Delegate Williams | | In House Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 PM JUD | | Support | 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 - Voting Order Priority - Individuals Who Need Extra Assistance | Delegate Guyton | | In House Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 PM W&M | | Support | Allows people with disabilities and parents of small children with disabilities to advance in the voting line. It's considered a reasonable accommodation given the many issues people have had in the past with accessing voting places. |
| HB0321 | SB0061 | Public Buildings - Changing Facilities - Requirements | Delgate Ebersole | Senator Lam | In House Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 1/28 at 11 AM 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. |
| HB0347 | | Criminal Law - Exploitation of Vulnerable Adult or Elderly Individual - Undue Influence | Delegate Shetty | | In House Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 PM JUD | | Support | <p>WHY is this legislation important?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It is a sad 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> |

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| HB0423 | SB0271 | Election Law - Voting Systems - Accessibility for Voters With Disabilities | Delegate Feldmark | Senator Lam | In House Hearing 2/2 at 1:30 PM W&M | In Senate First Reading EHEA | Support with DD Coalition Testimony | 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. |
| | 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 | Repeate bill from session 2020 |
| 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 | 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 | | Support | 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. |
| HB0508 | SB0210 | COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity | Delegate Attar | Senators West, Carozza, Hester, and Peters | In House First Reading 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 | | In House First Reading W&M | | Support | There is a significant portion of the population of people wiht 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. |

Bills We Are Monitoring or Evaluating by Topic

Community Living & Working

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| HB0055 | | Immunities - Associations, Organizations, and Charities - Liability of Agents and Volunteers | Delegate Crosby | | In House Hearing 1/15 at 1:30 JUD | | Evaluating | The bill could provide protections via continued nsurance coverages for DDA providers from organizational liability due to the unforeseen behavior of a volunteer |
| | SB0107 | Labor and Employment - Secure Maryland Wage Act | | Senator Hayes | | In Senate Hearing 1/28 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | |
| 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 | | Evaluating for Possible LOI or Oppose | Defines employer as having one employee so it would impact people who self direct and are employer of record. |

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| HB0141 | SB0275 | Maryland Department of Health - Residential Service Agencies - Training Requirements | Delegate Sample-Hughes | Senators Hester and Hayes | In House Hearing 1/19 at 2 PM HGO | 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 | | Evaluating for Possible LOI or Oppose | Prohibits employers from requiring certain documentation for to or after confirming eligibility for paid absences of employees. |
| 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 First Reading FIN | Evaluating with Coalition Partners | Any incident occurrence can trigger this law to go into effect; it is overly broad. DD Providers are covered for this bill. Those who self-direct would have to abide by it. |
| Education & Childcare | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | | Evaluating | |
| 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 | | Evaluating | |
| | SB0409 | County Boards of Education - Therapy Dogs - Policy for Handling and Use in Schools | | Senator Kramer | | In Senate Hearing 2/11 at 11 AM EHEA | Evaluating | |
| | SB0464 | Education - Educational Interpreter - Certification Requirements | | Senator West | | In Senate Hearing 2/11 at 11 AM EHEA | Monitoring | |
| Health Care | | | | | | | | |
| 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 | In Senate Hearing 2/2 at 1 PM FIN | Evaluating | |
| HB0393 | SB0012 | Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health | Delegates Barron, Crutchfield, and Pena-Melnyk | Senator Hettleman | In House Hearing 1/19 at 2 PM HGO | In Senate Hearing 1/21 at 1 PM FIN | Evaluating | Removes this office from under DOH and makes it independent. |
| | SB0322 | Health - Health and Wellness Standards - Correctional Facilities and Health Care Facilities | | Senator Benson | | In Senate Hearing 2/11 at 1 PM FIN | Evaluating | |
| 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 Hearing 2/2 at 1 PM FIN | Monitoring | |

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| HB0276 | | Congregate Care Facilities - Visitation | Delegate Henson | | In House Hearing 2/2 at 1:30 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 First Reading 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 | Evaluating | |
| 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 | Evaluating | |
| HB0652 | SB0384 | Health Facilities - Residential Service Agencies - Guidance and Reporting | Delegate Qi | Senator Kelley | In House First Reading HGO | In Senate Hearing 2/11 at 1 PM FIN | Evaluating | |
| Justice and Civil Rights | | | | | | | | |
| | SB0245 | Public Schools - School Resource Officers - Requirements and Prohibitions | | Senator Ellis | | In Senate Hearing 1/27 at 11 AM EHEA | Evaluating | |
| HB0132 | SB0041 | Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative) | Delegate Bagnall | Senator Augustine | In House First Reading HGO | In Senate Hearing 2/2 at 1 PM FIN | Evaluating | |
| 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 | Evaluating | 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 First Reading JUD | | Evaluating | 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. |
| | SB0388 | Vehicle Registration - Disability Plates - Parking Meter Fees | | Senator Cassilly | | In Senate Hearing 2/10 at 1 PM JPR | Evaluating | |
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| Senators | | | | | APP - Appropriations Committee | B&T - Budget and Taxation Committee | | |

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| | | | | | <u>W&M - Ways and Means Committee</u> | <u>SRU - Rules Committee</u> | | |
| | | | | | <u>HRU - Rules and Executive Nominations Committee</u> | | | |