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2024 Bill Tracker- The Arc Maryland							
HB0000	SB0000	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025)	Senate President at Request of Administration				
SB0000	HB0000	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025)	House Speaker at Request of Administration				
HB0000	SB0000		Senate President at Request of Administration				
SB0000	HB0000		House Speaker at Request of Administration				
HB0000	SB0000	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2025	House Speaker at Request of Administration				
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Bill Positions by Topic							
Bill	**Crossfiled Bill**	**Title**	**Sponsor**	**Status**	**Position**	**Description**	**Notes**
Community Living & Working							
HB0031		Consumer Protection- Right to Repair- Powered Wheelchairs	Delegate Kaufman	In House EMC First Reading	Support	Requiring, in order to make repairs to powered wheelchairs, that a certain manufacturer make available certain documentation, parts, embedded software, firmware, and tools to a certain independent repair provider or owner of a powered wheelchair; and generally relating to the repair of powered wheelchairs.	It can often take several months and sometimes years for specialized wheelchairs to be repaired. Related to this, repairs can be costly, and sometimes cost-prohibitive, leaving people without much of an option for access to a safe and reliable wheelchair. Much of this has to do with a lack of cooperation and information sharing from wheelchair manufacturers to repair companies, and a lack of transparency about costs and parts alternatives. This bill would require anyone doing business in Maryland to sell and repair wheelchairs provide information to consumers and collaborate for more timely, cost-efficient repairs.
HB0214	SB0208	Human Services - Maryland Assistive Technology Program - Establishment	Chair of APP by Request of Dept of Disabilities	In House APP First Reading	Support	Establishing the Maryland Assistive Technology Program in the Department of Disabilities to provide assistive technology devices and services to individuals with disabilities; establishing the Assistive Technology Services Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; and generally relating to the Maryland Assistive Technology Program.	
SB0208	HB0214	Human Services - Maryland Assistive Technology Program - Establishment	Chair of FIN by Request of Dept of Disabilities	In Senate FIN First Reading	Support	See above	
HB0249	SB0125	Residential Real Property- Local Limits on Summoning Law Enforcement or Emergency Services	Delegate Palkovich Carr	In House JUD FIrst Reading	Support	Prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enforcing a law or ordinance that 4 limits the summoning of law enforcement or emergency services to a residential 5 property by establishing a certain threshold or penalty; and generally relating to the 6 enforcement of local laws and ordinances that limit the summoning of law 7 enforcement or emergency services.	This bill builds upon the protections created by last years' legislation, by ensuring there can not be limits placed on the number of times an individual summons EMS or Law enforcement.
SB0125	HB0249	Residential Real Property- Local Limits on Summoning Law Enforcement or Emergency Services	Senator Gile	In Senate JPR First Reading	Support	See above	See above
HB0221	SB0242	Department of Information Technology - Maryland Digital Service - Establishment	Chair of HGO by Request of Dept of Info Technology	In House HGO First Reading	Support	Establishing the Maryland Digital Service within the Department of Information Technology to support improved service delivery to Maryland residents and agency staff through user–centered design, software development, and product management best practices; and generally relating to the Maryland Digital Service.	DoIt is responsible for assisting unites of state government to prioritize their transition to user-friendly, accessible and multilinqual digital platforms for all Maryland residents to have equitable access to information.
SB0242	HB0221	Department of Information Technology - Maryland Digital Service - Establishment	Chair of EEE by Request of Dept of Info Technology	In Senate EEE First Reading	Support	See above	See above
SB0157		Maryland Disability Service Animal Program- Established	Senators Simonaire, Carozza & Guzzone	In Senate FIN First Reading	Support	Establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program in the Department of Disabilities; requiring the Department to select a nonprofit training entity for participation in the Program; establishing the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; and generally relating to the Maryland Disability Service Animal Program.	This year, the bill contains the language change we requested for last year's bill and we are supportive.
Education & Childcare							

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HB0057		County Boards of Education- Student Cellular Phone Use Policy- Establishment	Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo	In House W&M First Reading	Support with Amendmens	Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement a policy limiting the use of a cellular phone by a student during the school day except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to county boards of education and a student cellular phone use policy.	Right now, the bill language includes a carve out for cell phone use for students with IEPs. We contacted the Delegate for what we believe will be considered a friendly amendment to include students with 504 plans as well.
SB0029		Eduation- Phone Free Schools Pilot Program- Establishment	Senators Waldstreicher and Ready	In Senate EEE First Reading	Support	Establishing the Phone–Free Schools Pilot Program; requiring certain local school systems to develop and implement a policy that prohibits student cell phone use during the school day, subject to certain exceptions; and generally relating to the Phone–Free Schools Pilot Program.	This bill includes a carve out for students with IEPs and 504 Plans and instead of creating a statewide obligation (all counties) it creates a pilot program for Montgomery and Carroll County.
SB0130		County Boards of Education- Student Cellular Phone Use Policy- Establishment	Senator Benson	In Senate EEE First Reading	Support	Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement a policy that prohibits students from using a cellular device during the school day except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to county boards of education and student cellular device use policy.	This bill is similar to the bill put in by Senator Waldstreicher and Ready (language is the same) however this would have a statewide impact. The bill contains language to ensure that students with IEPs or 504 plans may still have access to cell phones if included as an accommodation in their plans.
SB0151		Higher Education- Disciplinary Records- Use in Admissions and Disciplinary Proceedings	Senator A. Washington	In Senate EEE First Reading	Support with Amendmens	Prohibiting an institution of higher education from using an admissions application that contains questions about an applicant's disciplinary record, subject to certain exceptions; authorizing an institution of higher education to make inquiries into and consider information about a student's disciplinary record for discipline related to academic dishonesty; and generally relating to the consideration of disciplinary records in higher education.	While we support a prohibition on higher education institutions asking about a student's disciplinary records to use in their admissions decisions, this bill seems to be in the same format as last years' bill. At that time, and this time, we would ask that the bill go future to prohibit schools from asking questions on applications related to disiplinary records, including asking if students have changed schools which may make a student have to disclose discipline.
HB0197	SB0068	Public Schools- Restorative Practices Schools- Comprehensive Plan	Delegate Pasteur	In House W&M First Reading	Support	Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a comprehensive plan to implement requirements for the establishment of Restorative Practices Schools; requiring a county board of education to use the comprehensive plan if the county board chooses to establish a Restorative Practices School; and 6 generally relating to Restorative Practices Schools.	
SB0068	HB0197	Public Schools- Restorative Practices Schools- Comprehensive Plan	Senator Brooks	In Senate EEE First Reading	Support	See above	
HB0185		Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program - Funding - Alterations	Delegate Mireku-North et al.	In House W&M and APP First Reading	Support	Altering the fiscal years during which the Governor is required to 3 include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Therapeutic Child 4 Care Grant Program; and generally relating to funding for the Therapeutic Child 5 Care Grant Program.	Current funding sunsets this fiscal year. This bill was filed last year and did not advance with the understanding it was too soon, and would be brought back this year.
Healthcare							
SB00129		Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity - Advisory Committee and Hospital Reporting	Senator Ellis	In Senate FIN First Reading	Support with Amendments	Requiring the Maryland Commission on Health Equity, in coordination with the Maryland Department of Health, to establish a health equity measures advisory committee; requiring licensed hospitals in the State to submit a health equity report annually to the Department and the health equity advisory committee; and generally relating to the health equity and hospital reporting.	We will request that a member of the DD Coalition have a seat on this advisory committee to review things through the lens of people with IDD
Justice & Civil Rights							
HB0091		Elections- In-Person Voting- Proof of Identity	Delegate R. Long et al.	In House W&M First Reading	Oppose	Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present certain proof of identity; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide certain proof of identity; prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification; and generally relating to requiring voters to present proof of identity at a polling place.	This is a repeat bill from a prior session. The Arc Maryland has concerns that this bill will create a disperate and negative situation for voters with IDD. It would require a voter to present a government issued photo ID that includes a signature and require a person to provide a signature at the time of voting that matches the one on their ID. Some people with disabilities do not have a recognizable or consistent signature due to their conditions, and are twice as likely to not have a government issued state ID, resulting in a higher chance of being denied the right to vote under this legislation.
HB0115		Election Law- Polling Places- Establishing Voter Identity (Voter Privacy Act of 2025)	Delegate R. Long	In House W&M First Reading	Oppose	Authorizing a voter to establish the voter's identity at the request of an election judge at a polling place by presenting certain proof of identity; and generally relating to establishing a voter's identity at a polling place.	This is a repeat bill from a prior session. The Arc Maryland has concerns that this bill will create a disperate and negative situation for voters with IDD. It would require a voter to present a voter registration card, Driver's license, or other government issued photo ID that includes a signature and require a person to provide a signature at the time of voting that matches the one on their ID. Some people with disabilities do not have a recognizable or consistent signature due to their conditions, and are twice as likely to not have a government issued state ID, resulting in a higher chance of being denied the right to vote under this legislation.

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HB0067		Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Signature Requirements and Verification	Delegate R. Long et al.	In House W&M First Reading	Oppose	Prohibiting a local board of elections from removing an absentee ballot from a return envelope or ballot/return envelope or counting the ballot unless the return envelope or ballot/return envelope is signed by the voter and, except under certain circumstances, a witness and the local board verify the voter's signature; and generally relating to absentee ballots.	This bill raises privacy concerns by requiring local BOE to provide candidates with a list of registered voters who have access to an absentee ballot.
SB0066		Election Law- Polling Place Procedures- Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters with Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland)	Senator Ellis	In Senate EEE First Reading	Support	Requiring the State Board of Elections to establish guidelines for the local boards of election to implement a process to accommodate and expedite voting for elderly voters and voters with disabilities at each early voting center and polling place; requiring the local boards to implement the guidelines and collect feedback on the process from elderly voters and voters with disabilities and make immediate adjustments to the process; requiring the training program for election judges to include instruction on best practices for assisting elderly voters and voters with disabilities; and generally relating to in–person voting by elderly voters and voters with disabilities.	

Monitored Bills by Topic

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Community Living & Working							
SB0184	HB0239	Charitable Organizations- Late Fees and Registration- Suspension and Cancellation Requirements	Chair of JPR by Request of Secretary of State	In Senate JPR First Reading	Monitoring/ Support	Authorizing the Secretary of State to suspend payment of certain late fees assessed to certain charitable organizations under certain circumstances; authorizing the Secretary of State to cancel a charitable organization's registration or reinstate a charitable organization's canceled registration under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the regulation of charitable organizations by the Secretary of State.	This legislation would allow the Secretary of State to suspend or waive late filing fees for charitable organizations.
HB0239	SB0184	Charitable Organizations- Late Fees and Registration- Suspension and Cancellation Requirements	Chair of EMC by Request of Secretary of State	In House EMC First Reading	Monitoring/ Support	See above	See above
HB0033	SB0248	Department of Service and Civic Innovation – Maryland Corps Program Service Year Option Pathways – Revisions	Chair of HGO by Request of Dept	In House HGO First Reading	Monitor	Altering the duties of the Department of Service and Civic Innovation; renaming the Governor's Volunteer Council to be the Governor's Commission on Service and Volunteerism; altering certain requirements relating to qualifications for applicants and compensation for participants in the Young Adult Service Year Option Pathway and the Maryland Service Year Option Pathway; altering certain reporting requirements; repealing the Executive Fellows Program; and generally relating to the Maryland Corps Program Service Year Option Pathways.	Clarifies that participating organizations must pay participants at the state or county minimum wage rate, whichever is higher. Also clarifies the age range of eligible participants, and includes other clean up language. Since the DD Council recently released the report from the Think Tank to address the DSP Workforce Crisis, it may be possible to include something from this report in this legislation to boost participation of DD Community Providers/People who self direct who are employers of record.
SB0248	HB0033	Department of Service and Civic Innovation – Maryland Corps Program Service Year Option Pathways – Revisions	Chair of EEE by Request of Dept (	In Senate EEE First Reading	Monitor	See above	See above
SB0058		Labor and Employment – Parental School Engagement Leave Act	Senator Benson	In Senate FIN First Reading	Monitoring	Requiring certain employers to provide certain employees with parental school engagement leave to attend meetings and conferences relating to the schooling of the employee's child; requiring the State Superintendent of Schools and the Commissioner of Labor to provide notice of certain requirements of this Act and develop and make available a document that may be used to validate an employee's use of parental school engagement leave; and generally relating to parental school engagement leave.	This bill would create a new leave requirement for employers to provide 12 hours of paid parental school engagement leave to enable parents to attend to school-related meetings and events for their children.
Education & Childcare							
HB0053	SB0062	Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth	Delegates Fair, Mireku-North & Pruski	In House APP First Reading	Reviewing	Establishing the Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth; and generally relating to the Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth.	We need to ensure there is adequate representation from the Special Education community for any group created to look at school funding and student pupulation growth (future teacher needs).
SB0062	HB0053	Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth	Senators Lewis Young and Ready	In Senate B&T First Reading	Reviewing	See above	See above

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HB0068		Public Schools- Children Suspected of a Crime of Violence- Prohibition on In-Person Attendance (Student Protection Act of 2025)	Delegate Mangione	In House W&M First Reading	Under Review for possible opposition	Prohibiting a child from in–person attendance at a public school if the child has been identified as a suspect for certain offenses, until certain conditions are met; requiring each local school system to provide alternative educational options for children prohibited from in–person attendance in a certain manner; and generally relating to the prohibition of in–school attendance by children identified as suspects for certain offenses.	This bill refers to students suspected of a crime of violence (not charged). Maryland Criminal Law Code Section 14-101 Crime of Violence definitions include things like mayhem, maiming, assault, and minor sexual offences, along with other crimes. While we work through the education and justice system's treatment of students with disabilities and these charge labels that are often applied excessively on a student for behavior that is related to their disability, we have concerned this would increase the school to prison pipeline for students with disabilities, with alternatives not clearly defined.
HB0137		Public Schools - Children Charged With a Crime of Violence - Prohibition on In-Person Attendance (School Safety Act of 2025)	Delegate Mangione et al.	In House W&M First Reading	Under review for possible opposition	Prohibiting a child from in–person attendance at a public school if the child has been charged with a crime of violence, until certain conditions are met; requiring each local school system to provide alternative educational options for children prohibited from in–person attendance in a certain manner; and generally relating to the prohibition of in–school attendance by children charged with a crime of violence.	Similar to the bill above, this bill refers to students CHARGED with a crime of violence as defined by Criminal Law Code Section 14-101,
SB0078		Juvenile Child Sex Offenders- Juvenile Sex Offender Registry and Prohibition on In-Person School Attendance	Senator Salling	In Senater JPR and EEE First Reading	Under review for possible opposition	Expanding the acts for which a child adjudicated delinquent is required to register with the juvenile sex offender registry and supervising authority; requiring law enforcement agencies and State's Attorneys to notify schools of certain information when a child is arrested for a certain offense; prohibiting a child from in–person attendance at a public school or a nonpublic school that receives State funds if the child has been convicted or adjudicated delinquent of certain offenses; requiring each local school system to provide alternative educational options for children prohibited from in–person attendance in a certain manner; and generally relating to the juvenile sex offender registry and the prohibition of in–person school attendance by children convicted or adjudicated delinquent of certain offenses.	
HB0150	SB0252	Child Care Centers – Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement – Repeal	Chair of W&M by Request of Dept of Education	In House W&M First Reading	Reviewing	Repealing a requirement that certain child care centers have in attendance a certain ratio of staff to children who hold a certificate in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation under certain circumstances; and generally relating to child care centers and staffing requirements.	Reviewing for implications on the safety of children if CPR/First Aid requirements are repealed. This may not be an issue if there are trained staff in the same building or area. Still under consideration.
SB0252	HB0150	Child Care Centers – Certificated Staff Ratio Requirement – Repeal	Chair of EEE by Request of Dept of Education	In Senate EEE First Reading	Reviewing	See above	See above
HB0161		Primary and Secondary Education – Comprehensive Health Education Framework – Established	Delegates Atterbeary and Fair	In House W&M First Reading	Under Review for possible support	Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the 4 Maryland Department of Health, to develop a comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board of education to create an age–appropriate curriculum that is consistent with the comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board to establish policies, guidelines, and procedures for a parent or guardian to opt out of a certain topic for the parent's or guardian's student, subject to a certain prohibition and requirement; and generally relating to the 10 establishment of a comprehensive health education framework in public schools.	Health Education Curriculum is important and we support that this should be reviewed to ensure it is of the highest quality and inclusive to meet the learning needs of students with IDD.
Healthcare							
HB0141		Task Force on Loneliness and Isolation	Delegate Vogel	In House HGO First Reading	Under Review for possible Support with Amendments	Establishing the State Task Force on Loneliness and Isolation to study and make recommendations related to loneliness and isolation experienced by individuals in the State; and generally relating to the Task Force on Loneliness and Isolation.	We support the creation of this task force and think there should be a member of the DD Coalition as a member of it, given what we know about the prevalance of isolation with people who have IDD. According to NLM (NIH), "People with disability experienced loneliness, low perceived social support and social isolation at significantly higher rates than people without disability. Effect sizes were significantly greater for loneliness. Disability was associated with lower wellbeing. With one exception, low social connectedness was associated with lower wellbeing. Again, effect sizes were significantly greater for loneliness. The prevalence of loneliness was highest among adults with disability who were younger, economically inactive, living in rented or other accommodation, living alone and with low levels of access to environmental assets." https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC7403030/
Justice & Civil Rights							

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HB0027	SB0019	Estates and Trusts - Compensation of Guardians of Property and Trustees	Delegate Cardin	In House JUD First Reading	Evaluating	Clarifying the commissions that a guardian of the property may charge; authorizing a trustee of a trust to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances; authorizing certain trustees to charge compensation that is reasonable under the circumstances and calculated in accordance with a certain schedule of rates; and generally relating to the compensation of guardians of property and trustees of trusts.	
SB0019	HB0027	Estates and Trusts - Compensation of Guardians of Property and Trustees	Senator West	In Senate JPR First Reading	Evaluating	See above	
HB0195	SB0090	Criminal Procedure- Incompetency to Stand Trial Dismissal	Delegate Cardin	In House JUD First Reading	Monitioring	Altering a certain time period after which a court is required to dismiss a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial under certain circumstances; requiring a court to provide a certain notice and provide an opportunity to be heard to the State's Attorney and a certain victim or victim's representative before dismissing a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial; and generally relating to incompetency to stand trial.	
SB0090	HB0195	Criminal Procedure- Incompetency to Stand Trial Dismissal	Senator Muse	In Senate JPR First Reading	Monitioring	See above	

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E&T	Environment and Transportation	Marc Korman	Regina T. Boyce
HGO	Health and Government Operations	Joseline Pena-Menlyk	Bonnie Cullison
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JUD	Judiciary	Luke Clippinger	J. Sandy Bartlett
W&M	Ways and Means	Vanessa E. Atterbeary	Jheanelle Wilkins

Senate Committees

Abreviation	Committee Name	Committee Chair	Committee Vice Chair
B&T	Budget and Taxation	Guy Guzzone	Jim Rosapepe
EEE	Education, Energy, and the Environment	Brian Feldman	Cheryl C Kagan
EXN	Executive Nominations	Antonio Hayes	Clarence Lam
FIN	Finance	Pamela Beidle	Katherine Klausmeier
JPR	Judicial Proceedings	William C. Smith, Jr.	Jeff Waldstreicher
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Minority Whip	Jesse T. Pippy

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