

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council – Priority Legislation

April 14, 2026

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| Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter) | Title | Sponsor | Current Status |
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| HB0012 Oppose | Juvenile Sex Offender Registry - Qualifying Offenses and Access | Delegate Griffith | In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 2:00 p.m. |
| HB0026 (SB0350) Letter of Information | Public Schools - Open Enrollment - Policies and Funding | Delegate Toles | In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0044 (SB0029) Support | Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures | Delegate Feldmark | In the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules |
| HB0058 Support with Amendments | Transportation - Paratransit Services - Interjurisdictional Routes | Delegate Healey | In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0073 Support | Public Schools - Water Safety and Swimming Course - Established | Delegate Toles | In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0102 (SB0263) Support | Education - Dependent Children of Active Service Members - Advance Enrollment Procedures | Delegate Patterson | In the House - Returned Passed |
| HB0123 Oppose | School Systems - Reportable Offenses - Alterations | Delegate Griffith | In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means) |
| HB0198 Oppose | School Systems - Reportable Offenses - Notification of Student as Suspect | Delegate Griffith | In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. (Ways and Means) |
| HB0202 Support with Amendments | Public Health - Social Isolation and Loneliness Pilot Grant Program - Establishment | Delegate Vogel | In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 2:30 p.m. |
| HB0216 (SB0140) Support | Criminal Law - Benefits Exploitation | Delegate Kaufman | In the House - Returned Passed |

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| HB0226 (SB0022) Support | Department of Disabilities - Housing Programs and Affiliated Foundations - Establishment | Chair, Appropriations Committee | In the House - Returned Passed |
| HB0310 (SB0268) Letter of Information | Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing - Individuals With Developmental or Intellectual Disabilities | Delegate Kaufman | In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings |
| HB0311 (SB0507) Support | Public Schools - Individuals With Disabilities - Accessibility and Emergency Planning | Delegate Kaufman | In the House - Returned Passed |
| HB0396 (SB0402) Support as Amended | Residential Child Care Programs - Education of Children and Training of Child and Youth Care Practitioners | Delegate Pasteur | In the House - Passed Enrolled |
| HB0435 (SB0259) Support | Places of Public Accommodation - Open Movie Captioning | Delegate Bhandari | In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings |
| HB0440 Support | Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - Provider Reimbursement | Delegate Kaufman | In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor |
| HB0458 Support | General Provisions - Commemorative Months - Water Safety Month | Delegate Patterson | In the House - Hearing 3/17 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0462 (SB0567) Oppose | Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity | Delegate Long, R. | In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. |
| HB0490 (SB0311) Support with Amendments | Education - The Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Revisions | Speaker | In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment |
| HB0530 Support | Task Force on Proactive Review of Audio and Video Recordings on Special Education Buses | Delegate Wu | In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. |

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| HB0573 (SB0274) Support | Fair Housing and Housing Discrimination - Regulations, Intent, and Discriminatory Effect | Delegate Taveras | In the Senate - Passed Enrolled |
| HB0634 (SB0745) Support with Amendments | Police Training - Autism and Dementia (LEAD Act of 2026) | Delegate Kaufman | In the House - Returned Passed |
| HB0641 Support with Amendments | Election Law - Curbside Voting - Pilot Program | Delegate Williams | In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0649 Support | Advancing Equal Educational Opportunities for All Students in Maryland | Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee | In the Senate - Hearing 4/01 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0655 Oppose | Education - Student Behavior - Parent and Guardian Notice and Required Counseling (Parent and Guardian Accountability Act) | Delegate Long, R. | In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0733 Support | Maryland Transit Administration - Fixed-Route Transit Services - Announcements | Delegate Guyton | In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0768 (SB0658) Support | Department of Human Services - Benefits for Children in Custody - Alterations | Delegate Simpson | In the Senate - Second Reading Passed |
| HB0830 Oppose | Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Signature Requirements and Verification | Delegate Long, R. | In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0834 (SB0711) Letter of Information | Family Law - Child Neglect Definition - Alteration | Delegate Schindler | In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0849 Letter of Information | Child Care Scholarship Program - Freeze in Enrollment - Exceptions and Waitlist | Delegate Mireku-North | In the House - Returned Passed |

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| HB0856 (SB0648) Support | Local School Systems - Educator Screening - Educator Identification Clearinghouse (School Personnel Vetting and Hiring Transparency Act) | Delegate Ebersole | In the House - Returned Passed |
| HB0879 (SB0502) Support | Language Acquisition Tracking Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children - Establishment | Delegate Bagnall | In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB0882 Support | Consumer Health Information - Termination Date and Mandatory Funding for the State's Consumer Health Information Hub - Repeal | Delegate Kaufman | In the House - Returned Passed |
| HB0910 (SB0664) Letter of Information | Child Care Scholarship Program - Priority for Child Care Providers | Delegate McCaskill | In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor |
| HB0930 Support | Income Tax - Decoupling From Federal Changes - Education Expenses | Delegate Forbes | In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB1015 (SB0721) Support | Developmental Disabilities Services - Expedited Eligibility Determinations for Recently Relocated Individuals (Ralph's Act) | Delegate Solomon | In the House - Passed Enrolled |
| HB1039 Letter of Information | Education - Primary and Secondary Schools - Alternative School Options (Right to Learn Act) | Delegate Fisher | In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB1060 Support | Primary and Secondary Schools - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Requirement for Tracking and Reporting and Study | Delegate Smith | In the House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means) |
| HB1062 Support | Estates and Trusts - Jurisdiction Over Property of Minors or Disabled Persons - Authorized Transactions | Delegate Embry | In the House - Returned Passed |

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| HB1117 Support with Amendments | Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council and the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs - Recommendations for Elopement Response Devices | Delegate Lopez | In the Senate - Favorable with Amendments Report by Finance |
| HB1154 (SB0908) Support | Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing | Delegate Phillips | In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. |
| HB1242 (SB0786) Support | Transportation of Persons With Disabilities - Transportation Network Companies - Requirements | Delegate Allen | In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor |
| HB1321 Support with Amendments | Child Care Scholarship Program - Application Process and Copays - Alterations | Delegate Palakovich Carr | In the House - Returned Passed |
| HB1323 Oppose | Health Care Decisions Act - Surrogate Decision Making - Hospital Surrogate Committee | Delegate Rosenberg | In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 3:10 p.m. |
| HB1368 Support | Special Education - Individualized Education Program - Notification of Missed Services (Shifra's Act) | Delegate Rosenberg | In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:45 p.m. |
| HB1373 Support with Amendments | State Department of Education - Independent Regulatory Framework for After School and Out of School Time Child Care Programs - Study | Delegate Martinez | In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 1:45 p.m. |
| HB1434 Letter of Information | Maryland Department of Health - Caregiver Resource Webpage - Establishment | Delegate McCaskill | In the House - Returned Passed |
| HB1445 (SB0742) Support | Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Developmental Disabilities Administration - Home- and Community-Based Services Eligibility Determinations (Maryland Protecting People With Disabilities Act) | Delegate Wolek | In the Senate - Second Reading Passed |

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| HB1553 Oppose | Estates and Trusts - Guardianship of the Person of a Disabled Person - Emergency and Temporary Guardianship Petitions | Delegate Alston | In the House - Hearing 3/11 at 2:00 p.m. |
| HB1593 (SB0583) Support with Amendments | Community Pathways Waiver - Adoption of Regulations | Delegate Guyton | In the Senate - First Reading Finance |
| SB0022 (HB0226) Support | Department of Disabilities - Housing Programs and Affiliated Foundations - Establishment | Chair, Finance Committee | In the Senate - Passed Enrolled |
| SB0029 (HB0044) Support | Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures | Senator Kagan | In the Senate - Returned Passed |
| SB0037 Support | Maryland Service Animal Programs - Participant Disqualification - Revisions | Senator Simonaire | In the Senate - Returned Passed |
| SB0051 Letter of Information | Public Schools - Self-Contained Special Education Classrooms - Use of Video Recording Devices | Senator Folden | In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m. |
| SB0073 Support | Election Law - Polling Place Procedures - Voting by Elderly Voters and Voters With Disabilities (Accessible and Expedited Voting Act of Maryland) | Senator Ellis | In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m. |
| SB0140 (HB0216) Support | Criminal Law - Benefits Exploitation | Senator West | In the Senate - Passed Enrolled |
| SB0199 Support | Individuals With Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund - Eligible Companions | Senator Simonaire | In the Senate - Returned Passed |

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| SB0259 (HB0435) Support | Places of Public Accommodation - Open Movie Captioning | Senator Jackson | In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m. |
| SB0263 (HB0102) Support | Education - Dependent Children of Active Service Members - Advance Enrollment Procedures | Senator Brooks | In the Senate - Returned Passed |
| SB0268 (HB0310) Letter of Information | Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing - Individuals With Developmental or Intellectual Disabilities | Senator Henson | In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 11:00 a.m. |
| SB0274 (HB0573) Support | Fair Housing and Housing Discrimination - Regulations and Discriminatory Effect | Senator Sydnor | In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (33-11) |
| SB0311 (HB0490) Support with Amendments | Education - The Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Revisions | President | In the House - Passed Enrolled |
| SB0350 (HB0026) Letter of Information | Public Schools - Open Enrollment - Policies and Funding | Senator Washington, A. | In the Senate - Withdrawn by Sponsor |
| SB0402 (HB0396) Support as Amended | Residential Child Care Programs - Education of Children and Training of Child and Youth Care Practitioners | Senator Brooks | In the Senate - Passed Enrolled |
| SB0502 (HB0879) Support | Language Acquisition Tracking Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children - Establishment | Senator King | In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. |
| SB0507 (HB0311) Support | Public Schools - Individuals With Disabilities - Accessibility and Emergency Planning | Senator Zucker | In the Senate - Returned Passed |
| SB0567 (HB0462) Oppose | Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity | Senator Ready | In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. |

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| SB0583 (HB1593) Support with Amendments | Developmental Disabilities Administration - Self-Directed Services Manual - Public Comment | Senator Jennings | In the Senate - Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m. |
| SB0648 (HB0856) Support | Local School Systems - Educator Screening - Educator Identification Clearinghouse (School Personnel Vetting and Hiring Transparency Act) | Senator Hettleman | In the Senate - Returned Passed |
| SB0658 (HB0768) Support | Department of Human Services - Benefits for Children in Custody - Alterations | Senator West | In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. |
| SB0664 (HB0910) Letter of Information | Child Care Scholarship Program - Priority for Child Care Providers | Senator Harris | In the Senate - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. |
| SB0711 (HB0834) Letter of Information | Family Law - Child Neglect Definition - Alteration | Senator Corderman | In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. |
| SB0721 (HB1015) Support | Developmental Disabilities Services - Expedited Eligibility Determinations for Recently Relocated Individuals (Ralph's Act) | Senator Waldstreicher | In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations |
| SB0742 (HB1445) Support | Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Developmental Disabilities Administration - Home- and Community-Based Services Eligibility Determinations (Maryland Protecting People With Disabilities Act) | Senator Guzzone | In the Senate - Passed Enrolled |
| SB0745 (HB0634) Support with Amendments | Police Training - Autism and Dementia (LEAD Act of 2026) | Senator McKay | In the Senate - Returned Passed |

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| SB0786 (HB1242) Support | Transportation of Persons With Disabilities - Transportation Network Companies - Requirements | Senator Guzzone | In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. |
| SB0908 (HB1154) Support | Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing | Senator Love | In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. |