

Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council – Priority Legislation

April 2, 2026

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Bill/Chapter (Cross/Chapter)	Title	Sponsor	Current Status	Org Committees & Hearings	Opp Committees & Hearings
HB0012 Oppose	Juvenile Sex Offender Registry - Qualifying Offenses and Access	Delegate Griffith	In the House - Hearing 1/29 at 2:00 p.m.	Judiciary 1/29/2026 - 2:00 PM	
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.	Ways and Means 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0044 (SB0029) Support	Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures	Delegate Feldmark	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections 2/04/2026 - 2:00 PM	
HB0058 Support with Amendments	Transportation - Paratransit Services - Interjurisdictional Routes	Delegate Healey	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/05/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0073 Support	Public Schools - Water Safety and Swimming Course - Established	Delegate Toles	In the House - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0102 (SB0263) Support	Education - Dependent Children of Active Service Members - Advance Enrollment Procedures	Delegate Patterson	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Education, Energy, and the Environment	Ways and Means 1/29/2026 - 1:00 PM	Education, Energy, and the Environment

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HB0123 Oppose	School Systems - Reportable Offenses - Alterations	Delegate Griffith	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means)	Ways and Means 2/05/2026 - 1:00 PM Judiciary	
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)	Ways and Means 2/11/2026 - 2:00 PM Judiciary	
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.	Health 2/10/2026 - 2:30 PM	
HB0216 (SB0140) Support	Criminal Law - Benefits Exploitation	Delegate Kaufman	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judiciary 1/27/2026 - 2:00 PM	Judicial Proceedings
HB0226 (SB0022) Support	Department of Disabilities - Housing Programs and Affiliated Foundations - Establishment	Chair, Appropriations Committee	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Appropriations 2/03/2026 - 1:00 PM	Finance
HB0310 (SB0268) Letter of Information	Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing - Individuals With Developmental or Intellectual Disabilities	Delegate Kaufman	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judiciary 3/03/2026 - 1:00 PM	Judicial Proceedings

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HB0311 (SB0507) Support	Public Schools - Individuals With Disabilities - Accessibility and Emergency Planning	Delegate Kaufman	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Education, Energy, and the Environment	Ways and Means 2/11/2026 - 2:00 PM	Education, Energy, and the Environment
HB0396 (SB0402) Support as Amended	Residential Child Care Programs - Education of Children and Training of Child and Youth Care Practitioners	Delegate Pasteur	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Ways and Means 2/11/2026 - 2:00 PM	Education, Energy, and the Environment
HB0435 (SB0259) Support	Places of Public Accommodation - Open Movie Captioning	Delegate Bhandari	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Government, Labor, and Elections 2/17/2026 - 1:00 PM	Judicial Proceedings
HB0440 Support	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Individuals With Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities - Provider Reimbursement	Delegate Kaufman	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Health	
HB0458 Support	General Provisions - Commemorative Months - Water Safety Month	Delegate Patterson	In the House - Hearing 3/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections 3/17/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0462 (SB0567) Support	Elections - In- Person Voting - Proof of Identity	Delegate Long, R.	In the House - Hearing 2/11 at 2:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections 2/11/2026 - 2:00 PM	

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HB0490 (SB0311) Support with Amendments	Education - The Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Revisions	Speaker	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment	Appropriations 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM Ways and Means	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.	Ways and Means 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0573 (SB0274) Support	Fair Housing and Housing Discrimination - Regulations, Intent, and Discriminatory Effect	Delegate Taveras	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Economic Matters 2/19/2026 - 1:00 PM	Judicial Proceedings
HB0634 (SB0745) Support with Amendments	Police Training - Autism and Dementia (LEAD Act of 2026)	Delegate Kaufman	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judiciary 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM	Judicial Proceedings
HB0641 Support with Amendments	Election Law - Curbside Voting - Pilot Program	Delegate Williams	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	
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.	Government, Labor, and Elections 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM	Education, Energy, and the Environment 4/01/2026 - 1:00 PM

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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.	Ways and Means 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0733 Support	Maryland Transit Administration - Fixed-Route Transit Services - Announcements	Delegate Guyton	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 2/19/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0768 (SB0658) Support	Department of Human Services - Benefits for Children in Custody - Alterations	Delegate Simpson	In the Senate - Hearing 4/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 3/10/2026 - 1:00 PM	Judicial Proceedings 4/02/2026 - 1:00 PM
HB0830 Oppose	Election Law - Absentee Ballots - Signature Requirements and Verification	Delegate Long, R.	In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0834 (SB0711) Letter of Information	Family Law - Child Neglect Definition - Alteration	Delegate Schindler	In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 2/19/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0849 Letter of Information	Child Care Scholarship Program - Freeze in Enrollment - Exceptions and Waitlist	Delegate Mireku-North	In the Senate - Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment)	Ways and Means 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM Appropriations	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/25/2026 1:00 PM Budget and Taxation

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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 Senate - Favorable Report by Education, Energy, and the Environment	Ways and Means 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	Education, Energy, and the Environment
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.	Ways and Means 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB0882 Support	Consumer Health Information - Termination Date and Mandatory Funding for the State's Consumer Health Information Hub - Repeal	Delegate Kaufman	In the Senate - Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Health 2/17/2026 - 2:00 PM	Finance 3/24/2026 - 1:00 PM
HB0910 (SB0664) Letter of Information	Child Care Scholarship Program - Priority for Child Care Providers	Delegate McCaskill	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Appropriations Ways and Means	
HB0930 Support	Income Tax - Decoupling From Federal Changes - Education Expenses	Delegate Forbes	In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/26/2026 - 1:00 PM	

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HB1015 (SB0721) Support	Developmental Disabilities Services - Expedited Eligibility Determinations for Recently Relocated Individuals (Ralph's Act)	Delegate Solomon	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM	Finance
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.	Ways and Means 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	
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)	Ways and Means 3/10/2026 - 1:00 PM Health	
HB1062 Support	Estates and Trusts - Jurisdiction Over Property of Minors or Disabled Persons - Authorized Transactions	Delegate Embry	In the Senate - Hearing 3/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	Judicial Proceedings 3/26/2026 - 1:00 PM

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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 - Hearing 4/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Health 3/13/2026 - 1:30 PM	Finance 4/01/2026 - 1:00 PM
HB1154 (SB0908) Support	Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing	Delegate Phillips	In the House - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Government, Labor, and Elections 2/26/2026 - 1:00 PM	
HB1242 (SB0786) Support	Transportation of Persons With Disabilities - Transportation Network Companies - Requirements	Delegate Allen	In the House - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Environment and Transportation	
HB1321 Support with Amendments	Child Care Scholarship Program - Application Process and Copays - Alterations	Delegate Palakovich Carr	In the Senate - Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment)	Ways and Means 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM Appropriations	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/25/2026 - 1:00 PM Budget and Taxation

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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.	Health 3/11/2026 - 3:10 PM	
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.	Ways and Means 3/11/2026 - 1:45 PM	
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.	Ways and Means 3/11/2026 - 1:45 PM	
HB1434 Letter of Information	Maryland Department of Health - Caregiver Resource Webpage - Establishment	Delegate McCaskill	In the Senate - Hearing 3/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Health 3/10/2026 - 1:00 PM	Finance 3/31/2026 - 1:00 PM

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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 House - Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Health 3/10/2026 - 1:00 PM	
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.	Judiciary 3/11/2026 - 2:00 PM	
HB1593 (SB0583) Support with Amendments	Community Pathways Waiver - Adoption of Regulations	Delegate Guyton	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Health 3/17/2026 - 3:00 PM	Finance
SB0022 (HB0226) Support	Department of Disabilities - Housing Programs and Affiliated Foundations - Establishment	Chair, Finance Committee	In the House - Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 1/28/2026 - 2:00 PM	Appropriations 3/25/2026 - 1:00 PM

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SB0029 (HB0044) Support	Election Law - Petitions and Ballot Questions - Contents, Plain Language Requirement, and Procedures	Senator Kagan	In the House - Hearing 4/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 1/21/2026 - 11:00 AM	Government, Labor, and Elections 4/01/2026 - 1:00 PM
SB0037 Support	Maryland Service Animal Programs - Participant Disqualification - Revisions	Senator Simonaire	In the House - Hearing 3/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 1/27/2026 - 2:30 PM	Health 3/24/2026 - 1:00 PM
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.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/04/2026 - 2:00 PM	
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.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/11/2026 - 2:00 PM	
SB0140 (HB0216) Support	Criminal Law - Benefits Exploitation	Senator West	In the House - First Reading Judiciary	Judicial Proceedings 1/20/2026 - 1:00 PM	Judiciary

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SB0199 Support	Individuals With Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund - Eligible Companions	Senator Simonaire	In the House - Hearing 4/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 1/28/2026 - 2:00 PM	Environment and Transportation 4/01/2026 - 1:00 PM
SB0259 (HB0435) Support	Places of Public Accommodation - Open Movie Captioning	Senator Jackson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 2:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/03/2026 - 2:00 PM	
SB0263 (HB0102) Support	Education - Dependent Children of Active Service Members - Advance Enrollment Procedures	Senator Brooks	In the House - Favorable Report by Ways and Means	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/27/2026 - 1:00 PM	Ways and Means 3/25/2026 - 1:30 PM
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.	Judicial Proceedings 2/04/2026 - 11:00 AM	
SB0274 (HB0573) Support	Fair Housing and Housing Discrimination - Regulations and Discriminatory Effect	Senator Sydnor	In the House - Hearing 4/02 at 2:30 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/03/2026 - 2:00 PM	Economic Matters 4/02/2026 - 2:30 PM
SB0311 (HB0490) Support with Amendments	Education - The Blueprint for Maryland's Future - Revisions	President	In the House - Hearing 4/02 at 1:00 p.m. (Appropriations)	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	Appropriations 4/02/2026 - 1:00 PM Ways and Means

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SB0350 (HB0026) Letter of Information	Public Schools - Open Enrollment - Policies and Funding	Senator Washington, A.	In the Senate - Withdrawn by Sponsor	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/27/2026 - 1:00 PM Budget and Taxation	
SB0402 (HB0396) Support as Amended	Residential Child Care Programs - Education of Children and Training of Child and Youth Care Practitioners	Senator Brooks	In the House - Hearing 4/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	Ways and Means 4/01/2026 - 1:00 PM
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.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/26/2026 - 1:00 PM	
SB0507 (HB0311) Support	Public Schools - Individuals With Disabilities - Accessibility and Emergency Planning	Senator Zucker	In the House - Hearing 4/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/18/2026 - 1:00 PM	Ways and Means 4/01/2026 - 1:00 PM
SB0567 (HB0462) Oppose	Elections - In-Person Voting - Proof of Identity	Senator Ready	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	
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.	Finance 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM	

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SB0648 (HB0856) Support	Local School Systems - Educator Screening - Educator Identification Clearinghouse (School Personnel Vetting and Hiring Transparency Act)	Senator Hettleman	In the House - Favorable Report by Ways and Means	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	Ways and Means 4/01/2026 - 1:00 PM
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.	Judicial Proceedings 2/26/2026 - 1:00 PM	
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.	Education, Energy, and the Environment 3/04/2026 - 1:00 PM	
SB0711 (HB0834) Letter of Information	Family Law - Child Neglect Definition - Alteration	Senator Corderman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/26/2026 - 1:00 PM	
SB0721 (HB1015) Support	Developmental Disabilities Administration - Services - Eligibility for Recently Relocated Individuals (Ralph's Act)	Senator Waldstreicher	In the Senate - Hearing 3/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/03/2026 - 1:00 PM	

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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 House - Hearing 3/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/03/2026 - 1:00 PM	Health 3/31/2026 - 1:00 PM
SB0745 (HB0634) Support with Amendments	Police Training - Autism and Dementia (LEAD Act of 2026)	Senator McKay	In the House - Second Reading Passed	Judicial Proceedings 2/24/2026 - 1:00 PM	Judiciary
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.	Finance 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	
SB0908 (HB1154) Support	Correctional Services - Restrictive Housing	Senator Love	In the Senate - Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/25/2026 - 1:00 PM	