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Bill	Title & Synopsis	Status	Position & Client Notes
<p>* HB 455 (SB 334) Del. Ariana Kelly</p>	<p>Health Insurance - Coverage for Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits - Treatment Criteria</p> <p>Requiring certain carriers, on or before March 1 each year, to submit a report to the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to demonstrate the carrier's compliance with the federal Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act; requiring a carrier, on or before March 1 each year, to submit a report to the Commissioner on certain data for certain benefits by certain classification; establishing the Parity Enforcement and Education Fund to provide funds to support and conduct outreach to inform certain consumers of certain rights; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (2/6)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: From the Parity at 10 Coalition, this bill would require annual reporting from insurance carriers ensuring their compliance with the federal Parity law.</p>
<p>* SB 334 (HB 455) Sen. Malcolm Augustine et al.</p>	<p>Health Insurance - Coverage for Mental Health Benefits and Substance Use Disorder Benefits - Treatment Criteria</p> <p>synopsis same as CF HB 455</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. (1/23)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment:</p>
<p>* HB 464 (SB 990) Del. Shelly Hettleman et al.</p>	<p>Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program</p> <p>Authorizing the establishment of an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program by a community-based organization to provide a place for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; providing the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, two</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (1/24)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment:</p>

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	programs in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, to operate at a single location in areas with a high incidence of drug use; etc.		
* SB 990 (HB 464) Hettleman et al.	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (2/7)	Position: Support Comment:
* HB 738 (SB 849) Del. Jazz Lewis et al. Prior Yr Info: 2018: HB 799 - Support	Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity Altering a provision of law to specify that a person who is experiencing a medical emergency, rather than a person who reasonably believes that the person is experiencing a medical emergency, after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs is immune from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a drug or alcohol-related misdemeanor if the evidence for the arrest, charge, or prosecution was obtained solely as a result of the person seeking or receiving medical assistance; etc.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (1/30)	Position: Support Comment: Expands the existing Good Samaritan law related to overdoses to include in its immunity provisions the offense of possession with intent to distribute and all misdemeanor offenses. Also prohibits someone from being picked up for an outstanding warrant for a non-violent offense.
* SB 849 (HB 738) Sen. Charles Sydnor et al. Prior Yr Info: 2018: SB 625 - Support	Criminal Procedure - Medical Emergency - Immunity synopsis same as CF HB 738	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 3/05 at 12:00 p.m. (2/6)	Position: Support Comment:
* HB 1165 (SB 484) Del. Sheree Sample-Hughes et al.	Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Coverage for Nonparticipating Providers Requiring each carrier to inform members and beneficiaries in a certain manner of the right to request a certain referral to a specialist or nonphysician specialist who is not part of the carrier's provider panel; requiring, under certain circumstances, certain insurers, nonprofit health	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (2/7)	Position: Support Comment:

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	service plans, and health maintenance organizations to cover certain mental health or substance use disorder services provided to a member by a nonparticipating provider at a certain cost; etc.		
* SB 484 (HB 1165) Sen. Katherine Klausmeier	Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Coverage for Nonparticipating Providers	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. (2/4)	Position: Support Comment: From the Parity at 10 Coalition, the bill would prohibit balance billing of patients when they are given permission by their insurance carrier to go out-of-network for care.
HB 3 (SB 233) Del. Dereck Davis	Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition Providing that licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a tobacco product with a taste or smell of fruit, mint, candy, or other non-tobacco flavors; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products: etc.	Committees: Economic Matters; Health and Government Operations Status: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters) (1/16)	Position: Support Comment: This emergency bill prohibits manufacturing, shipping, importing, or selling flavored tobacco products, including electronic devices, in the state. Written testimony provided.
SB 233 (HB 3) President et al.	Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (1/17)	Position: Support Comment:
HB 51 (SB 91) Del. J. Bartlett	Election Law - Individuals Released From Correctional Facilities - Voter Registration Requiring a correctional facility to provide an inmate	Committees: Ways and Means Status:	Position: Support Comment:

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	<p>who has completed a sentence of imprisonment for a felony conviction with a voter registration form before releasing the inmate; requiring a correctional facility to inform the inmate that the inmate will have the right to vote after the inmate's release from the correctional facility, and that the inmate must register to vote after the inmate's release in order to exercise the right to vote; etc.</p>	<p>Hearing 1/16 at 1:30 p.m. (1/7)</p>	<p>Requires a person be given a voter registration form and information prior to release from jail or prison. Written and oral testimony was provided.</p>
<p>SB 91 (HB 51) Sen. Cheryl Kagan</p>	<p>Election Law - Individuals Released From Correctional Facilities - Voter Registration</p>	<p>Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Judicial Proceedings</p> <p>Status: Hearing 1/28 at 2:00 p.m. (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) (1/15)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Oral and written testimony provided</p>
<p>HB 83 (SB 699) Del. David Moon et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2017: HB 379 - Support</p>	<p>Criminal Procedure - Automatic Expungement - Possession of Marijuana</p> <p>Requiring all court records and police records relating to certain charges of possession of marijuana to be automatically expunged on or before certain dates under certain circumstances; requiring a court with certain jurisdiction to initiate efforts to automatically expunge all court records and police records relating to a certain charge 4 years after disposition of the charge; and requiring expungement of court records and police records relating to a certain case to be completed on or before 4 years and 90 days after disposition.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m. (1/14)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Written testimony provided</p>
<p>SB 699 (HB 83) Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2017: SB 949 –</p>	<p>Criminal Procedure - Automatic Expungement - Possession of Marijuana</p> <p>synopsis same as CF HB 83</p>	<p>Committees: Judicial Proceedings</p> <p>Status: Hearing 3/05 at 12:00 p.m. (2/6)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment:</p>

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<p>Support</p> <p>HB 193 Del. Jon Cardin et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2018: HB 325 - Monitor</p>	<p>Criminal Law - Use or Possession of a Controlled Dangerous Substance - De Minimis Quantity</p> <p>Making certain violations relating to the use or possession of certain de minimis quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances a civil offense rather than a misdemeanor; applying penalties for a first or second finding of guilt involving the use or possession of less than 10 grams of marijuana to a first or second finding of guilt involving the use or possession of a de minimis quantity of certain controlled dangerous substances; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m. (1/16)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Expands the existing decriminalization statute for possession of personal use of cannabis to include "de minimis" amounts of other illegal drugs. Oral and written testimony provided.</p>
<p>HB 196 (SB 124) Del. Joseline Pena-Melnyk</p>	<p>Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Establishment of a State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program</p> <p>Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement a State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program to provide a means for individuals to reduce the amount they pay for health benefit plans in the individual health insurance market; requiring that a certain assessment be used to fund the State Reinsurance Program and the State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Board to make a certain determination; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (2/6)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Requires the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange, to establish a state subsidy program to help pay for premiums in the individual market on the Exchange.</p>
<p>SB 124 (HB 196) Sen. Brian Feldman</p>	<p>Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Establishment of a State-Based Health Insurance Subsidies Program</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. (1/13)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Written testimony provided</p>

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HB 332 (SB 441) Del. Heather Bagnall et al.	Mental Health - Emergency Facilities List - Comprehensive Crisis Response Centers, Crisis Stabilization Centers, and Crisis Treatment Centers Providing that the list of emergency facilities the Maryland Department of Health is required to publish may include comprehensive crisis response centers, crisis stabilization centers, and crisis treatment centers.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m. (1/28)	Position: Support Comment: Allows MDH to include in its annual list of services it produces for local service agencies comprehensive crisis response centers, crisis stabilization centers, and crisis treatment centers.
SB 441 (HB 332) Sen. Antonio Hayes et al.	Mental Health - Emergency Facilities List - Comprehensive Crisis Response Centers, Crisis Stabilization Centers, and Crisis Treatment Centers synopsis same as CF HB 332	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)	Position: Support Comment:
HB 374 (SB 453) Del. Ereik Barron et al.	Behavioral Health Administration - Children With Mental Disorders - List of Available Services Requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to maintain an updated list of the specific service categories in psychiatric rehabilitation, therapeutic, care coordination, and home health aide services available to a child in the State who has a mental disorder; requiring that the list include services available to any child in the State who has a mental disorder and who is enrolled in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or has health insurance coverage; etc.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. (2/3)	Position: Support with Amendment Comment: Requires MDH to maintain and distribute as requested a list of mental health treatment services to children and adolescents. NCADD-MD will request amendments to require this become a directory of services, online and searchable, and inclusive of SUD programs.
SB 453 (HB 374) Sen. Paul Pinsky et al.	Behavioral Health Administration - Children With Mental Disorders - List of Available Services synopsis same as CF HB 374	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)	Position: Support with Amendment Comment:
HB 400 Del. Joseline Pena-	Tax - General - Vaping Product Tax	Committees: Economic Matters; Ways and	Position: Support

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Melnyk et al.	Requiring vaping product tax revenue to be used for the State Reinsurance Program; providing for the distribution of vaping product tax revenues; imposing a tax on vaping products; authorizing a county to impose a tax on vaping products; establishing a presumption that a vaping product is subject to the vaping product tax; establishing that certain vaping products are contraband products; establishing the burden of proving a vaping product is not subject to the vaping product tax; etc.	Means Status: Hearing canceled (Ways and Means) (2/4)	Comment:
HB 422 Del. Samuel Rosenberg	Opioid Restitution Fund - Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Altering the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to include supporting the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for increased caseloads due to opioid overdose deaths.	Committees: Appropriations Status: Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (2/5)	Position: Comment: Adds to the allowable uses of funds support to the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for increased caseloads due to opioid overdose deaths. Concern is that this will become an ongoing source of funding for that office even as overdose deaths decline.
HB 448 (SB 402) Del. Samuel Rosenberg	Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth Authorizing certain health care practitioners to establish a practitioner-patient relationship through certain telehealth interactions under certain circumstances; requiring a health care practitioner providing telehealth services to be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in-person settings; requiring a health care practitioner to perform a clinical evaluation appropriate for the condition the patient presents before providing treatment or issuing a prescription through telehealth; etc.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/28)	Position: Support Comment: Authorizes a licensed health care practitioner to establish a practitioner-patient relationship through either <i>synchronous technology</i> (real time) or an <i>asynchronous telehealth interaction</i> (which doesn't occur in real time. Includes transmission of clinical data, medical information, images, lab results, and self-reported medical history). Practitioners providing telehealth services must follow the same practice standards, documentation standards, confidentiality standards, and controlled dangerous substance prescribing

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			laws applicable to in-person settings. Health occupations boards may adopt regulations to implement the bill's provisions, but they may not establish a separate standard of care for telehealth.
SB 402 (HB 448) Sen. Cheryl Kagan et al.	Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth	Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Status: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)	Position: Support Comment:
HB 524 (SB 255) Del. Wanika Fisher et al.	Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment Requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be screened for substance use disorder at intake using a validated screening tool; requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be referred immediately to a behavioral health care provider and a reproductive health care provider for certain purposes; requiring a certain correctional unit to ensure that a pregnant incarcerated individual continues to receive certain medication in a certain manner under certain circumstances; etc.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. (1/28)	Position: Support Comment:
SB 255 (HB 524) Sen. Chris West	Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Abuse Assessment and Treatment synopsis same as CF HB 524	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (1/21)	Position: Support Comment: This bill requires screening and treatment for incarcerated pregnant individuals with a substance use disorder. Written testimony provided.

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HB 550 Del. Nick Mosby et al.	Criminal Law - Marijuana - Possession and Possession With Intent to Distribute Increasing, from 10 grams to 1 ounce, the amount of marijuana below which possession is a civil offense, rather than a criminal offense; and providing that a person may not be charged with a certain crime of possession with intent to distribute marijuana based solely on the possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. (1/28)	Position: Support Comment: Increases the amount of cannabis a person can possess from 10 grams to 1 ounce and explicitly prohibits someone from being charged with possession with intent to distribute for possessing less than 1 ounce.
HB 568 (SB 372) Del. Nick Mosby et al.	Election Law - Correctional Facilities - Voter Registration and Voting Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide each individual who is released from a correctional facility with a voter registration application and documentation informing the individual that the individual's voting rights have been restored; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations establishing a program to inform eligible voters incarcerated in correctional facilities of upcoming elections and how to exercise the right to vote; etc.	Committees: Judiciary; Ways and Means Status: Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means) (1/28)	Position: Support Comment: Extends the eligibility to vote to people who are incarcerated.
SB 372 (HB 568) Sen. Chris West et al.	Election Law - Correctional Facilities - Voter Registration and Voting synopsis same as CF HB 568	Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) (2/5)	Position: Comment:
HB 607 (SB 305) Del. Lorig Charkoudian et al.	Public Safety - Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence Establishing the Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence in the Governor's Office of Crime Control	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.	Position: Support Comment:

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	and Prevention to provide technical support to local governments, law enforcement, public safety agencies, behavioral health agencies, and crisis service providers and to develop and implement a crisis intervention model program; requiring the Office to appoint certain coordinators to the Center; requiring the Center to take certain actions; requiring a certain annual report; etc.	(1/29)	
SB 305 (HB 607) Sen. Malcolm Augustine et al.	Public Safety - Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence synopsis same as CF HB 607	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 2/11 at 12:00 p.m. (1/29)	Position: Support Comment: Establishes a Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to provide technical support to local governments, law enforcement, public safety agencies, behavioral health agencies, and crisis service providers to develop and implement a crisis intervention model program.
HB 608 (SB 682) Del. Charlotte Crutchfield et al. Prior Yr Info: 2019: HB 715 - Support	Correctional Services - Prerelease Unit for Women - Requirement to Operate Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Commissioner of Correction to operate a prerelease unit for women.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/29)	Position: Support Comment:
SB 682 (HB 608) Sen. Mary Washington et al. Prior Yr Info: 2019: SB 419 - Support	Correctional Services - Prerelease Unit for Women - Requirement to Operate synopsis same as CF HB 608	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 2/26 at 12:00 p.m. (2/6)	Position: Support Comment:
HB 611 Del. Pat Young et al.	Baltimore County - Behavioral Health - Hub and Spoke Pilot Program	Committees: Health and Government	Position:

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	<p>Establishing the Baltimore County Hub and Spoke Pilot Program to offer and provide addiction treatment on demand through a model that offers ongoing opioid use disorder treatment integrated with general health and wellness services; requiring the Baltimore County Department of Health, in consultation with the Behavioral Health Administration in the Maryland Department of Health and certain stakeholders, to develop and implement the Program in a certain manner; requiring a report on the pilot program's results by October 1, 2023: etc.</p>	<p>Operations</p> <p>Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (1/29)</p>	<p>Comment: Waiting to see amendments from Eric Bromwell in Baltimore County government.</p>
<p>HB 654 (SB 209) Del. J. Bartlett</p>	<p>Criminal Law - Unruly Social Gatherings - Civil Penalties</p> <p>Prohibiting a person responsible for any premises from conducting, causing, permitting, or aiding an unruly social gathering; authorizing certain law enforcement officers to issue a citation for certain violations of the Act; specifying who may be issued a citation for certain violations; excluding a certain type of party or gathering from the prohibitions in the Act; providing certain circumstances constituting a certain defense; requiring that a citation include certain information; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/29)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment:</p>
<p>SB 209 (HB 654) Sen. Chris West</p>	<p>Criminal Law - Unruly Social Gatherings - Civil Penalties</p> <p>synopsis same as CF HB 654</p>	<p>Committees: Judicial Proceedings</p> <p>Status: Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m. (1/17)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Written testimony provided</p>
<p>HB 658 Del. Keith Haynes et al.</p>	<p>Local Correctional Facilities - Requirement for Prerelease Program</p> <p>Requiring the governing body of each county that receives State funding for public safety purposes to establish a certain prerelease program for individuals</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/29)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment: Gathering more information</p>

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	<p>confined in certain local correctional facilities; requiring a prerelease program to provide that a certain inmate may participate in job training, drug treatment and mental health treatment activities; authorizing a certain judge to approve the transfer of a certain inmate to a prerelease center to participate in a prerelease program under certain circumstances; etc.</p>		
<p>HB 694 Del. Robin Grammer</p>	<p>Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission - Renaming and Purpose</p> <p>Renaming the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to be the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission; altering a certain intent of the General Assembly; altering the purpose of the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission to include implementation of policies, procedures, guidelines, and regulation for any legal commercial sale of cannabis in the State; providing that the Natalie M. LaPrade Cannabis Commission is the successor of the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (1/30)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment:</p>
<p>HB 705 (SB 218) Del. Jesse Pippy et al.</p>	<p>Crimes Involving Controlled Dangerous Substances - Penalties - Methamphetamine</p> <p>Adding methamphetamine to a certain penalty provision applicable to certain crimes involving controlled dangerous substances.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/30)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment:</p>
<p>SB 218 (HB 705) Sen. Chris West</p>	<p>Crimes Involving Controlled Dangerous Substances - Penalties - Methamphetamine</p>	<p>Committees: Judicial Proceedings</p> <p>Status: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (1/17)</p>	<p>Position: Monitor</p> <p>Comment:</p>

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HB 720 (SB 704) Del. David Moon et al.	Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; repealing the prohibition against a person delivering or selling, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; repealing the prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/30)	Position: Comment: NCADD-MD supported similar legislation last year
SB 704 (HB 720) Sen. Jill Carter et al.	Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization synopsis same as CF HB 720	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 3/03 at 12:00 p.m. (2/6)	Position: Comment:
HB 732 Del. Eric Luedtke et al.	Electronic Smoking Devices, Other Tobacco Products, and Cigarettes - Taxation and Regulation Applying certain provisions of tax law regulating the sale, manufacture, distribution, possession, and use of cigarettes and other tobacco products to certain electronic smoking devices; altering the definition of "other tobacco products" to include certain consumable products and the components or parts of those products and to exclude certain other products; requiring the Governor to include at least \$21,000,000 in the annual budget for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter for certain activities; etc.	Committees: Economic Matters; Ways and Means Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means) (2/4)	Position: Support Comment:
HB 782 (SB 611) Del. Heather Bagnall	Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative) Providing that all minors, rather than only minors who are 16 years old or older, have the same capacity as an	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status:	Position: Comment: Removes the minimum age at which a minor

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	adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic; and providing that a health care provider may decide to provide certain information to a certain parent, guardian, or custodian under certain provisions of law unless the health care provider believes that the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.	First Reading Health and Government Operations (1/31)	can consent to mental health treatment and clarifies that a provider can disclose information to parents unless the provider believes the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.
SB 611 (HB 782) Sen. Malcolm Augustine	Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative) synopsis same as CF HB 782	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (2/3)	Position: Comment:
HB 801 (SB 684) Del. Charlotte Crutchfield et al.	Correctional Services - Prerelease Unit for Women - Facilities and Services (Gender-Responsive Prerelease Act) Requiring the Commissioner of the Division of Correction to provide a comprehensive rehabilitative prerelease facility for female inmates; requiring the Commissioner to provide evidence-based and gender-responsive prerelease services for certain female inmates; establishing the content for certain services provided by the Commissioner; etc.	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (2/4)	Position: Comment:
SB 684 (HB 801) Sen. Mary Washington et al.	Correctional Services - Prerelease Unit for Women - Facilities and Services (Gender-Responsive Prerelease Act) synopsis same as CF HB 801	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 2/26 at 12:00 p.m. (2/6)	Position: Comment:
HB 828 (SB 683) Del. Charlotte Crutchfield et al. Prior Yr Info: 2019: HB 710 -	Corrections - Women's Prerelease Unit - Requirements (Women's Prerelease Equity Act) Defining the term "prerelease unit for women" as it relates to prerelease services provided by the Division of Correction; requiring the Commissioner of	Committees: Judiciary Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (2/4)	Position: Comment:

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Support	Correction to determine where to place a prerelease unit for women; requiring a certain prerelease unit to be placed in a location defined by zip codes where the largest percentage of inmates are likely to be released; and authorizing a certain inmate to have certain community access.		
SB 683 (HB 828) Sen. Mary Washington et al. Prior Yr Info: 2019: SB 821 - Support	Corrections - Women's Prerelease Unit - Requirements (Women's Prerelease Equity Act)	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 2/26 at 12:00 p.m. (2/6)	Position: Comment:
HB 839 (SB 539) Del. Kriselda Valderrama et al.	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2021, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2022, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.	Committees: Economic Matters Status: Hearing 2/25 at 1:00 p.m. (2/6)	Position: Support Comment: Establishes a Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who takes employment leave: 1) to care for a child during the first year of birth or after the placement of the child through foster care, kinship care, or adoption, 2) to care for a family member with a serious health condition, 3) because the covered individual has a serious health condition that prevents him/her from performing job duties, 4) to care for the individual's next of kin who is also a service member, or 5) because the covered individual has a qualifying exigency arising out of the deployment of a service member who is also a family member. NCADD was approached about the bill in support of individuals needing to take time off while a family member is seeking treatment

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SB 539 (HB 839) Sen. Antonio Hayes et al.	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment synopsis same as CF HB 839	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (2/4)	Position: Support Comment:
HB 959 (SB 872) Del. Shane Pendergrass et al.	Health Insurance - Consumer Protections Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce certain provisions of law under certain applicable powers; requiring the Commissioner to adopt certain regulations under certain circumstances that are consistent with certain federal regulations, rules, and guidance; prohibiting certain carriers from excluding or limiting certain benefits or denying certain coverage because a certain health condition was present on a certain date; etc.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (2/6)	Position: Comment:
SB 872 (HB 959) Sen. Brian Feldman et al.	Health Insurance - Consumer Protections synopsis same as CF HB 959	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. (2/4)	Position: Comment:
HB 1071 (SB 696) Del. Jesse Pippy et al.	Public Health - Substance-Related Disorder Services (Maryland Patient Protection and Treatment Ethics Act) Requiring any marketing or advertising materials published or provided by a behavioral health program to provide certain information about treatment services provided by the behavioral health program; prohibiting a health care practitioner from knowingly and willfully making certain statements or providing certain information; prohibiting a health care	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (2/6)	Position: Comment: This bill sets rules substance use disorder service program and recovery residences regarding false advertising, financial restrictions, drug testing, referrals and more.

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	practitioner from knowingly making false or misleading statements; requiring a certain behavioral health program to include a certain statement in any advertising; etc.		
SB 696 (HB 1071) Sen. Katherine Klausmeier	Public Health - Substance-Related Disorder Services (Maryland Patient Protection and Treatment Ethics Act) synopsis same as CF HB 1071	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 3/10 at 1:00 p.m. (2/7)	Position: Comment:
HB 1121 Del. Joseline Pena-Melnyk et al.	Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System Establishing the Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System in the Maryland Department of Health to provide a statewide system through which health care providers can identify and access available inpatient and outpatient mental health and substance use services for patients in a certain manner; requiring the Department to develop and implement the Registry and Referral System in collaboration with the State-designated Health Information Exchange; etc.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (2/6)	Position: Comment:
HB 1140 (SB 624) Del. Nick Charles	Health - Mobile Response and Stabilization System for Children and Families in Maryland - Study Requiring the Maryland Department of Health and the Governor's Commission to Study Mental and Behavioral Health in Maryland jointly to take certain actions in order to develop and implement a comprehensive mobile response and stabilization system for children and families in the State; and requiring the Department and the Commission jointly to submit their findings and recommendations to certain committees in the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (2/6)	Position: Comment:

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<p>SB 624 (HB 1140) Sen. Joanne Benson et al.</p>	<p>Health - Mobile Response and Stabilization System for Children and Families in Maryland - Study</p> <p>synopsis same as CF HB 1140</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (2/5)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment: Requires the Maryland Department of Health, with the Governor's Commission to Study Mental and Behavioral Health in Maryland to develop and implement a comprehensive behavioral and mental health mobile response and stabilization system for children and families in the state.</p>
<p>HB 1166 Del. Eric Ebersole et al.</p>	<p>Public Safety - Law Enforcement Diversion Programs</p> <p>Authorizing the establishment of certain law enforcement diversion programs subject to certain restrictions; authorizing certain individuals to participate in certain programs; authorizing certain providers to provide case management including certain approaches; requiring certain planning for the implementation of certain programs; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to submit a report on the number of law enforcement encounters that resulted in a behavioral health services referral; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: First Reading Judiciary (2/7)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment:</p>
<p>HB 1336 (SB 589) Del. Ere Barron et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2016: HB 220 - Support</p>	<p>Criminal Procedure - Partial Expungement</p> <p>Authorizing a person to file a petition for a partial expungement of certain criminal records under certain circumstances; requiring a court to order that certain records may not be included on the public website maintained by the Maryland Judiciary or within records submitted to the Central Repository; repealing a provision of law establishing that, if a person is not entitled to expungement of one charge or conviction in a certain unit, the person is not entitled to expungement of any other charge or conviction in the</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: First Reading Judiciary (2/7)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment:</p>

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<p>SB 589 (HB 1336) Sen. Jill Carter et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2016: SB 328 - Support</p>	<p>unit; etc.</p> <p>Criminal Procedure - Partial Expungement</p> <p>synopsis same as CF HB 1336</p>	<p>Committees: Judicial Proceedings</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/19 at 12:00 p.m. (1/31)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment:</p>
<p>HB 1378 Del. Teresa Reilly et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2019: HB 337 - Oppose 2018: HB 649 - Oppose</p>	<p>Criminal Law - Opioids - Distribution Causing Death of Minor</p> <p>Prohibiting the distribution of a certain opioid or opioid analogue, the use of which causes the death of a minor; establishing a penalty of up to 30 years imprisonment for a violation of the Act; clarifying that certain conduct constitutes distribution under the Act; providing that certain conduct does not establish a defense under the Act; providing a certain defense under the Act; providing immunity for certain conduct under the Act; providing that a sentence imposed under the Act shall be consecutive to a certain other sentence; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: First Reading Judiciary (2/7)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment: NCADD opposed this bill last year.</p>
<p>HB 1400 Del. David Moon et al.</p>	<p>Cannabis - Legalization, Taxation, and Regulation</p> <p>Substituting the term "cannabis" for the term "marijuana" in certain provisions of law; altering a certain quantity threshold and establishing a certain age limit applicable to a certain civil offense of use or possession of cannabis; establishing an exception to the existing prohibition on obtaining or attempting to obtain a controlled dangerous substance or procuring or attempting to procure the administration of a controlled dangerous substance under certain circumstances; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary; Ways and Means</p> <p>Status: First Reading Judiciary and Ways and Means (2/7)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment:</p>
<p>HB 1443 (SB 896) Del. Heather Bagnall et al.</p>	<p>Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment</p> <p>Establishing the Commission on Student Behavioral</p>	<p>Committees: Ways and Means</p> <p>Status:</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment:</p>

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	Health and Mental Health Treatment; requiring the Commission to study, evaluate, update, and revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment and practices in general, including school-based health centers; requiring the Commission to make recommendations to improve current practices and revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020, and December 1, 2021; etc.	First Reading Ways and Means (2/7)	
SB 896 (HB 1443) Sen. Katie Hester	Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment synopsis same as CF HB 1443	Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Status: Hearing 2/26 at 1:00 p.m. (2/5)	Position: Comment: Creates the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment. The purpose is to study, evaluate, update, and revise guidelines for student behavioral health and mental health treatment and practices in general, and including school-based health centers.
HB 1447 Del. Susan Krebs et al.	Department of Information Technology - Study of a Common Information Technology Platform for Health Occupations Boards Requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a certain common information technology platform; and requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1,	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (2/7)	Position: Comment:

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<p>HB 1461 Del. Terri Hill et al.</p>	<p>2020.</p> <p>Behavioral Health Programs - Outpatient Mental Health Centers - Medical and Clinical Directors</p> <p>Requiring that regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs include a provision requiring that the medical director of a behavioral health program licensed as an outpatient mental health center be a licensed and appropriately trained physician; and altering the requirement that certain regulations include a provision authorizing a psychiatric nurse practitioner to serve as clinical director, rather than a medical director, of a certain outpatient mental health center.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (2/7)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment: The bill creates a new definition of "clinical director" in an OMHC and allows a non-physician to fill that role. It also reverses legislation passed last year allowing a nurse practitioner to be a medical director of an OMHC.</p>
<p>HB 1476 Del. Jazz Lewis</p>	<p>Independent Oversight and Review Board for Health Care of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities - Establishment</p> <p>Establishing the Independent Oversight and Review Board for Health Care of Inmates in State Correctional Facilities; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Board; requiring that the Board be granted access to copies of certain policies, procedures, and data; requiring the Board to review certain policies, procedures, practices, and data, make a certain assessment, develop certain processes and procedures, determine certain expenditures, and make recommendations regarding certain matters; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: First Reading Judiciary (2/7)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment:</p>
<p>HB 1506 Del. David Moon</p>	<p>Cannabis - Personal Use Amount - Legalization</p> <p>Substituting the word "cannabis" for the word "marijuana" in various provisions of law; providing that use or possession of a certain personal use amount of cannabis by an individual who is under a certain age is a civil offense; providing that use or</p>	<p>Committees: Judiciary</p> <p>Status: First Reading Judiciary (2/7)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment:</p>

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	possession of more than a certain personal use amount of cannabis, but less than a certain amount of cannabis, by an individual who is at least a certain age is a civil offense; etc.		
HB 1516 Del. Neil Parrott	Washington County - Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program - Prohibition on Establishment Prohibiting the establishment of an Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Program in Washington County.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (2/7)	Position: Comment: Prohibits the establishment of a syringe services program in Washington County.
HB 1518 Del. Mike McKay	Opioid-Exposed Newborns and Parents Addicted to Opioids - Mobile Application - Pilot Program (I'm Alive Today App) Requiring the Social Services Administration, in consultation with the local departments of social services, to establish a pilot program in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties to communicate with a certain opioid-addicted parent through a mobile application; requiring the local departments of social services in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties, if appropriate, to communicate with a certain opioid-addicted parent through a certain mobile application under certain circumstances; etc.	Committees: Health and Government Operations Status: First Reading Health and Government Operations (2/7)	Position: Comment:
SB 3 Sen. Cory McCray	Electronic Smoking Devices, Other Tobacco Products, and Cigarettes - Taxation and Regulation Applying certain provisions of tax law regulating the sale, manufacture, distribution, possession, and use of cigarettes and other tobacco products to certain electronic smoking devices; altering the definition of "other tobacco products" to include certain consumable products and the components or parts of those products and to exclude certain other products; requiring the Governor, in fiscal year 2022 and thereafter, to include at least \$21,000,000 in the	Committees: Budget and Taxation Status: Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m. (1/20)	Position: Support Comment: Establishes a tax on e-cigarettes beginning July 2020; increases the cigarette and other tobacco product tax; and increases the annual budget appropriation for activities related to reducing tobacco use in Maryland from \$10 million to \$21 million beginning in FY 2022. Written testimony provided.

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	annual budget for certain activities aimed at reducing tobacco use; etc.		
SB 54 Sen. Clarence Lam et al.	<p>Electronic Smoking Devices - Added Flavoring - Prohibition on Shipping, Import, or Sale</p> <p>Prohibiting a person from shipping, importing, or selling into or within the State an electronic smoking device to which an artificial or natural flavoring, other than tobacco, is added to impart a particular aroma or taste; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly.</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (1/17)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: This emergency bill prohibits shipping, importing, or selling into or within the state any electronic smoking device to which artificial or natural flavoring (other than tobacco) is added.</p>
SB 99 Chair, Finance Committee et al.	<p>Health Insurance Benefit Cards, Prescription Benefit Cards, and Other Technology - Identification of Regulatory Agency</p> <p>Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to indicate in a certain manner on a health insurance benefit card or prescription benefit card or other technology which State agency regulates the policy or contract offered by the entity; applying the Act to all policies or contracts issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2021; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Health and Government Operations</p> <p>Status: Referred Health and Government Operations (2/6)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: On the health insurance and prescription drug cards for consumers, health insurers and MCOs will have to put information about which State agency regulates that policy. Oral and written testimony was provided.</p>
SB 113 Chair, Finance Committee et al.	<p>Health Insurance - Provider Panels - Definitions of Provider and Health Care Services</p> <p>Defining the term "health care services" and altering the definition of "provider" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing provider panels of certain health insurance carriers.</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 1/15 at 1:00 p.m. (12/19)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Alters the term "provider" and adds the definition of "health care services" in the statute governing health insurance provider panels in order to clarify that the credentialing law applies to pharmacies and certain behavioral health care providers. This ensures that health insurance carriers have to meet the statutory deadlines in processing</p>

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			credentialed applications for those providers. Oral and written testimony was provided.
SB 190 (HB 150) President et al.	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2021) synopsis same as CF HB 150	Committees: Budget and Taxation Status: First Reading Budget and Taxation (1/15)	Position: Comment: Relevant details to date: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FY 2021 budget includes the expected 4% community provider rate increase (\$49 million increase), but the BRFA (SB 192) cuts it to 2%. BHA Budget Hearings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2/20 Senate 1:00 p.m. 3/2 House at 3:00 p.m.
SB 192 (HB 152) President et al.	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020 synopsis same as CF HB 152	Committees: Budget and Taxation Status: First Reading Budget and Taxation (1/15)	Position: Comment: While the FY 2021 budget includes the expected 4% community BH provider rate increase, the BRFA cuts it to 2%.
SB 410 Sen. Benjamin Kramer et al.	Electronic Smoking Devices - Flavor Prohibition Prohibiting the sale of an electronic smoking device that contains a natural or artificial flavor, other than tobacco; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days or both.	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (1/28)	Position: Support Comment:

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<p>SB 502 Sen. Stephen Hershey et al.</p>	<p>Health Insurance - Telehealth - Delivery of Mental Health Services - Coverage for Home Settings</p> <p>Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide, subject to a certain limitation, mental health services appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in the patient's home setting; altering the definition of telehealth as it applies to certain provisions of law governing coverage of telehealth by certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to include the delivery of mental health care services to a patient in a certain setting; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment: While the sponsor is not opposed to making the bill inclusive of both mental health and substance use disorders, the concern is the fiscal impact. MDH is considering whether or not to support including SUD services in the bill.</p> <p>Requires Medicaid to reimburse for mental health services that are appropriately delivered through telehealth to a patient in their home. Currently, Medicaid restricts telehealth reimbursement for any service to an individual in an approved clinic setting. For private insurance, clarifies that telehealth includes the delivery of mental health services to a patient in the patient's home setting. The law would not require reimbursement. Rather, the law requires that telehealth reimbursement, if the carriers decides to extend it, must be on par with reimbursement for in-person services.</p> <p>Will be asking if the sponsor would agree to an amendment to expand this to cover SUD services as well.</p>
<p>SB 519 Sen. Cory McCray et al.</p>	<p>Public Health - Behavioral Health Programs and Health Care Facilities - Safety Plan</p> <p>Requiring that the regulations adopted by the Behavioral Health Administration under certain provisions of law governing requirements for the</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment: MATOD and MDDCSAM are meeting with the sponsor in hopes he will approve of the</p>

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	<p>licensure of behavioral health programs include a requirement that a behavioral health program establish and implement a safety plan for the safety of the individuals served by and the community surrounding the behavioral health program before being issued a license; etc.</p>		<p>existing plans required by accrediting bodies qualify for purposes of this bill. If so, groups should support the bill.</p> <p>Provides that regulations adopted by the Behavioral Health Administration require, as a condition of licensure, behavioral health programs to establish and implement a safety plan for the safety of individuals served by and the community surrounding the program. A safety plan established for the program for another purpose may satisfy the requirement.</p>
<p>SB 520 Sen. Cory McCray et al.</p>	<p>Behavioral Health Programs - Opioid Treatment Services - Limitation on Licenses</p> <p>Prohibiting the Behavioral Health Administration from approving more than five licenses in each county for behavioral health programs that provide opioid treatment services; and authorizing the Administration to approve licenses for certain behavioral health programs in a county above a certain amount if the Administration is authorized by legislation passed by the General Assembly.</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p> <p>Comment: Limits the number of licenses a jurisdiction can obtain for opioid use disorder services.</p> <p>Requesting an advisory letter from the AG about the bill violating ADA.</p>
<p>SB 521 Sen. Cory McCray et al.</p>	<p>Behavioral Health - Opioid Treatment Services Programs - Medical Director</p> <p>Requiring each opioid treatment services program to be under the direction of at least one on-site medical director; requiring the medical director to be on-site at the opioid treatment services program at least 20 hours per week; and prohibiting opioid treatment services programs from satisfying certain requirements through telehealth.</p>	<p>Committees: Finance</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)</p>	<p>Position: Oppose</p> <p>Comment: Requires an opioid treatment services program to be under the direction of at least one on-site medical director who is physically on-site at least 20 hours each week.</p>

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SB 522 Sen. Cory McCray et al.	Behavioral Health Programs - Licensing and Fees Providing the term of a license issued to a behavioral health program may not exceed 3 years; providing that a certain license expires at the end of the term of the license unless the license is renewed; requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to collect reasonable fees for the costs associated with the issuance of licenses; establishing the Behavioral Health Program Grant Program to award grants to local areas to enhance safety and improve programs and make improvements to communities where certain programs are located; etc.	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m. (1/31)	Position: Oppose Comment: Requires all behavioral health programs to pay a fee for license application and renewal. Requires BHA to distribute the funds collected to be used to make community improvements.
SB 574 Sen. Cory McCray et al.	District Court - Jobs Court Pilot Program Establishing the Jobs Court Pilot Program in the District Court to reduce recidivism by offering defendants an opportunity to participate in full-time job training and job placement programs as a condition of probation or as an alternative to incarceration; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to take certain actions to accomplish the purpose of the program; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2025; etc.	Committees: Budget and Taxation; Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 2/18 at 12:00 p.m. (Judicial Proceedings) (1/31)	Position: Comment: Some advocates have expressed concern that these kinds of programs have the unintended consequence of driving down wages.
SB 789 Sen. Adelaide Eckardt	Public Health - Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee (Suicide Mortality Review and Prevention Act of 2020) Establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths and facilitate system changes in the State to prevent suicide deaths; requiring the Committee to meet at least quarterly each year, report at least annually to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain matters, perform	Committees: Finance Status: Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. (2/7)	Position: Comment:

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	certain annual studies, and disseminate certain findings and recommendations to policymakers, health care providers, health care facilities, and the public; etc.		
SB 811 Sen. Jeff Waldstreicher	Criminal Procedure - Automatic Expungement Providing that a person who, on or after October 1, 2020, has been charged with the commission of a certain crime, has been charged with a certain civil offense or infraction, or is the subject of a certain warrant, is entitled to automatic expungement of certain records under certain circumstances; specifying that certain dispositions are eligible for automatic expungement at certain times; prohibiting a person entitled to automatic expungement from being required to pay any fee or costs in connection with the expungement; etc.	Committees: Judicial Proceedings Status: Hearing 3/05 at 12:00 p.m. (2/6)	Position: Comment:
SB 876 Sen. Brian Feldman	Electronic Smoking Devices - Regulation and Taxation Limiting the in-person sales or distributions of vaping liquid by electronic smoking devices retailers and vape shop vendors to age-restricted areas; requiring electronic smoking devices retail licensees and vape shop vendors selling vaping liquid to post a certain sign in a certain manner; requiring a certain licensee who sells electronic smoking devices through a website to use a certain third-party age verification service for a certain purpose; etc.	Committees: Budget and Taxation; Finance Status: Hearing 3/12 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance) (2/7)	Position: Support Comment:

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<p>HB 169 Del. Edith Patterson et al.</p> <p>Prior Yr Info: 2019: HB 963 - Monitor 2018: HB 1014 -</p>	<p>Expansion of Commercial Gaming - Referendum - Sports Wagering</p> <p>Providing that the General Assembly may authorize, by law, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain sports wagering licenses; providing that a license may be issued only to the holder of a video lottery operation license or certain horse racing licenses; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that State revenues generated by the proposed sports wagering be used for public education; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Ways and Means</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. (1/21)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment:</p>
<p>HB 225 Del. Eric Ebersole et al.</p>	<p>Gaming - Sports Wagering - Implementation</p> <p>Authorizing certain license holders to accept wagers on certain sporting events from certain individuals and by certain methods; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to regulate sports wagering and the conduct of sports wagering; authorizing certain sports wagering licensees to enter into certain agreements for the operation of online sports wagering; providing the term of a sports wagering license is 15 years, subject to an annual fee of \$250,000, payable to the Commission at a certain time; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Ways and Means</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. (1/21)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment:</p>
<p>HB 605 (SB 325) Del. Ron Watson</p>	<p>Constitutional Amendment - Gaming - Expansion</p> <p>Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to repeal a certain prohibition on the authority of the General Assembly to authorize additional forms or the expansion of commercial gaming; repealing the authority of the General Assembly to authorize, through the use of a certain referendum, additional forms or the expansion of</p>	<p>Committees: Ways and Means</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (1/28)</p>	<p>Position:</p> <p>Comment:</p>

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	commercial gaming; conforming certain provisions of the Maryland Constitution to changes made by a certain referendum; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State.		
SB 325 (HB 605) Sen. Nancy King et al.	Constitutional Amendment - Gaming - Expansion synopsis same as CF HB 605	Committees: Budget and Taxation Status: Hearing 2/05 at 2:00 p.m. (1/28)	Position: Comment:
SB 4 Sen. Craig Zucker	Gaming - Sports Betting - Implementation Authorizing sports wagering license holders to accept wagers on sporting events from individuals located at the licensee's video lottery facility or online by an individual physically located in the State; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to regulate sports wagering in the State; requiring an applicant for a certain sports wagering license or the renewal of the license to pay a fee of \$2,500,000 for the license or \$250,000 for renewal; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.	Committees: Budget and Taxation Status: Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m. (1/20)	Position: Comment:
SB 58 Sen. Chris West Prior Yr Info: 2019: SB 470 - Monitor 2018: HB 1014 -	Expansion of Commercial Gaming - Referendum - Sports Wagering Providing that the General Assembly may authorize, by law, the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain sports wagering licenses; providing that a license may be issued only to the holder of a video lottery operation license or a license for thoroughbred racing or harness racing; declaring the intent of the General Assembly that State revenues generated by the proposed sports wagering be used for dedicated purposes including public education; submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State; etc.	Committees: Budget and Taxation Status: Hearing 1/29 at 1:00 p.m. (1/20)	Position: Comment:

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SB 322 Sen. Bryan Simonaire	<p>Public Schools - Health Education - Gambling Dangers and Addiction</p> <p>Requiring the State Department of Education, on or before July 1, 2020, to develop a certain program of education on the dangers of gambling and gambling addiction to be provided in public schools; requiring the program to be coordinated with other State agencies responsible for gambling addiction education; requiring a county board of education to require each public middle and high school in the county to include certain instruction in grades 6 through 12, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year and annually thereafter; etc.</p>	<p>Committees: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs</p> <p>Status: Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. (1/23)</p>	<p>Position: Support</p> <p>Comment: Written testimony was provided.</p>