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MedChi Boards and Commissions Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 172 (SB 232)	Health Occupations - Licensed Athletic Trainers - Dry Needling Approval	Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to approve licensed athletic trainers to perform dry needling, a certain type of intramuscular manual therapy involving the insertion of one or more solid needles or a mechanical device into the muscle and related tissues to effect change in the muscle and related tissues, as a specialized task.	Kerr	In the House - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/15 1:00 PM		No Position
HB 196	Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting	Requiring health occupations boards to issue an expedited temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; requiring each health occupations board to include a check-off box prominently on each license, certification, or registration application form to indicate whether the individual is a service member, veteran, or military spouse; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to publish prominently certain information on its website; etc.	Crosby	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/16 1:00 PM		No Position
HB 241 (SB 161)	State Board of Physicians - Dispensing Permits	Transferring oversight of the inspection of the offices of dispensing physicians from the Office of Controlled Substances Administration to the State Board of Physicians; altering the circumstances under which a physician may dispense drugs, devices, or topical medications; requiring the Board to report to the Office any violation related to controlled dangerous substances; providing for the transfer of certain functions, powers, duties, property, records, fixtures, credits, assets, liability, obligations, rights, and privileges; etc.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/15 1:00 PM		Support

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HB 278 (SB 213)	Health Occupations - Clinical Nurse Specialists - Prescribing	Defining "clinical nurse specialist" and "practice as a clinical nurse specialist" for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; designating a clinical nurse specialist as an "authorized prescriber" under the Maryland Pharmacy Act; and authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/22 1:00 PM		No Position
HB 285 (SB 13)	Family Law - Custody Evaluators - Qualifications and Training	Requiring that an individual meet certain educational and experiential requirements in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that, beginning October 1, 2024, an individual complete 20 hours of initial training in certain areas in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that an individual receive 5 hours of ongoing education and training every 2 years in order to continue to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; etc.	Atterbeary	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Thu 2/9 1:00 PM		No Position
HB 351	Health Occupations - Licensed Direct-Entry Midwives - Previous Cesarean Section	Allowing a licensed direct-entry midwife to assume or take responsibility for a client who had a previous cesarean section and regulating the circumstances under which the responsibility may be assumed or taken; altering the required contents of a certain informed consent agreement; and requiring the State Board of Nursing, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to develop a transport protocol for clients who had a previous cesarean section.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/22 1:00 PM		Oppose

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HB 454 (SB 187)	Health Occupations - Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations - Immigrants	Prohibiting a health occupations board from denying a license, certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual meets all educational, training, or professional requirements for licensure, certification, or registration; and requiring each health occupations board to require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number of the applicant and record the number on the application.	Lopez	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Support
SB 13 (HB 285)	Family Law - Custody Evaluators - Qualifications and Training	Requiring that an individual meet certain educational and experiential requirements in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that, beginning October 1, 2024, an individual complete 20 hours of initial training in certain areas in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that an individual receive 5 hours of ongoing education and training every 2 years in order to continue to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; etc.	Carozza	In the Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 1/31 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 64	HIV Prevention Drugs - Prescribing and Dispensing by Pharmacists and Insurance Requirements	Authorizing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense postexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention to patients under certain circumstances; prohibiting managed care organizations, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention or step therapy or cost-sharing for preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention or postexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/31 1:00 PM		Oppose

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SB 78	Health Occupations - Service Members, Veterans, and Military Spouses - Temporary Licensure, Certification, Registration, and Permitting	Requiring health occupations boards to issue an expedited temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; requiring each health occupations board to include a check-off box prominently on each license, certification, or registration application form; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to publish prominently certain information on its website; etc.	Jackson	In the Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/31 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 161 (HB 241)	State Board of Physicians - Dispensing Permits	Transferring oversight of the inspection of the offices of dispensing physicians from the Office of Controlled Substances Administration to the State Board of Physicians; altering the circumstances under which a physician may dispense drugs, devices, or topical medications; requiring the Board to report to the Office any violation related to controlled dangerous substances; providing for the transfer of certain functions, powers, duties, property, records, fixtures, credits, assets, liability, obligations, rights, and privileges; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/7 1:00 PM		Support
SB 187 (HB 454)	Health Occupations - Licenses, Certificates, and Registrations - Immigrants	Prohibiting a health occupations board from denying a license, certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual meets all educational, training, or professional requirements for licensure, certification, or registration; and requiring each health occupations board to require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number of the applicant and record the number on the application.	Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/7 1:00 PM		Support

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SB 232 (HB 172)	Health Occupations - Licensed Athletic Trainers - Dry Needling Approval	Authorizing the State Board of Physicians to approve licensed athletic trainers to perform dry needling, a certain type of intramuscular manual therapy involving the insertion of one or more solid needles or a mechanical device into the muscle and related tissues to effect change in the muscle and related tissues, as a specialized task.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/7 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 258	Hospital Credentialing - Reappointment Process for Physician Staff - Modification	Requiring that the credential reappointment process for physician staff included in certain minimum standards for hospitals licensed in the State be conducted in accordance with standards of the accreditation body that accredits a hospital, rather than every 2 years.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/16 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 107 (SB 59)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Small Employers - Special Enrollment Period and Marketing	Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to open a special enrollment period for individuals who become employed by a small employer that does not offer employer-sponsored health benefit plans and the individuals' dependents; altering the amount of funds required to be appropriated to the Maryland Health Benefit Fund in certain fiscal years; and requiring certain funds to be allocated for marketing and outreach to small employers and nonprofit employers and their employees to facilitate enrollment in health insurance coverage.	R. Lewis	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/16 1:00 PM		Support
HB 155 (SB 212)	Genetic Testing - Prohibitions on Disability, Life, and Long-Term Care Insurance and Educational Materials (Genetic Testing Protection Act of 2023)	Prohibiting carriers that offer life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance policies or contracts from taking certain action regarding coverage based on whether an applicant or policy or contract holder has requested or undergone genetic testing or the results of the genetic testing; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to review and update certain materials relating to the benefits of genetic testing and the impact of testing on access to certain insurance policies and contracts by April 1, 2024.	Kipke	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/16 1:00 PM		Support
HB 305 (SB 308)	Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Revisions	Altering and establishing requirements and prohibitions related to health insurance utilization review, including provisions regarding benchmarks for standardizing and automating the preauthorization process, the online preauthorization system for payors, preauthorizations for prescription drugs, and private review agents; altering timelines related to internal grievance procedures and adverse decision procedures; increasing the penalties for violating certain provisions of law regarding private review agents; etc.	Kerr	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/16 1:00 PM		Support

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HB 329	Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care	Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care to develop a plan for the State, by July 1, 2026, to establish a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; requiring a member of the Commission to be subject to ethics laws and disclose certain other information related to ethics; and prohibiting a member of the Commission from being held personally liable for actions taken as a member under certain circumstances.	Ruth	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		
HB 357	Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Definitions of Carrier, ERISA, and Purchaser	Repealing the definitions of "carrier" and "ERISA" and altering the definition of "purchaser" for the purpose of applying certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to certain persons that provide prescription drug coverage or benefits in the State through plans or programs subject to ERISA; and repealing a certain provision that restricts applicability of certain provisions of law to pharmacy benefits managers that provide pharmacy benefits management services on behalf of a carrier.	Kipke	In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/2 1:00 PM		Support
HB 363	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and Maryland Department of Health - Health Care Coverage for Undocumented Immigrants - Report	Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of Health to develop a report comparing options for offering affordable health care coverage to State residents who are ineligible for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children's Health Program, or qualified health plans due to the individuals' immigration status; and requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to report its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by October 31, 2023.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/16 1:00 PM		Support

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HB 376 (SB 184)	Health Insurance - Diagnostic and Supplemental Examinations for Breast Cancer - Cost-Sharing	Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement for the examination; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2024.	Sample-Hughes	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/16 1:00 PM		Support
SB 59 (HB 107)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - Small Employers - Special Enrollment Period and Marketing	Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to open a special enrollment period for individuals who become employed by a small employer that does not offer employer-sponsored health benefit plans and the individuals' dependents; altering the amount of funds required to be appropriated to the Maryland Health Benefit Fund in certain fiscal years; and requiring certain funds to be allocated for marketing, outreach, and programs to small employers and nonprofit employers and their employees for a certain purpose.	Hester	In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/1 2:30 PM		Support
SB 75	Insurance and Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Treatment of Alopecia Areata - Coverage Requirements	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, to provide coverage for hair prostheses to Program recipients whose hair loss results from alopecia areata and prescription drugs and medical devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of alopecia areata; and requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a hair prosthesis for hair loss resulting from alopecia areata.	Carter	In the Senate - Hearing canceled	Finance		Support

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SB 108	Health Insurance - Annual Behavioral Health Wellness Visits - Coverage and Reimbursement	Requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage and certain reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/1 2:30 PM		No Position
SB 184 (HB 376)	Health Insurance - Diagnostic and Supplemental Examinations for Breast Cancer - Cost-Sharing	Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement for the examination.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/8 1:00 PM		Support
SB 212 (HB 155)	Genetic Testing - Prohibitions on Disability, Life, and Long-Term Care Insurance and Educational Materials (Genetic Testing Protection Act of 2023)	Prohibiting carriers that offer life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance policies or contracts from taking certain action regarding coverage based on whether an applicant or policy or contract holder has requested or undergone genetic testing or the results of the genetic testing; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to review and update certain materials relating to genetic testing on or before April 1, 2024.	Klausmeier	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/8 1:00 PM		Support

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SB 308 (HB 305)	Health Insurance - Utilization Review - Revisions	Altering and establishing requirements and prohibitions related to health insurance utilization review, including provisions regarding benchmarks for standardizing and automating the preauthorization process, the online preauthorization system for payors, preauthorizations for prescription drugs, and private review agents; altering timelines related to internal grievance procedures and adverse decision procedures; increasing the penalties for violating certain provisions of law regarding private review agents; etc.	Klausmeier	In the Senate - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/15 1:00 PM		Support

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HB 9 (SB 19)	Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses	Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses, cost-benefit analyses, and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing any major service change or any reduction or cancellation of a certain capital expansion project in the construction program; etc.	Ruth	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Thu 2/2 1:00 PM		Support
HB 12 (SB 151)	Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development Enhancement Act	Establishing the Transit-Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund to promote the equitable and inclusive development of transit-oriented developments; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use the Fund to provide financial assistance to local jurisdictions; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation sufficient to ensure a fund balance of at \$10,000,000 at the start of the fiscal year; etc.	J. Lewis	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)	Environment and Transportation; Ways and Means Thu 2/2 1:00 PM		No Position
HB 44 (SB 190)	Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment	Requiring that a pregnant incarcerated individual be screened for substance use disorder at intake, regardless of the jurisdiction or the length of the individual's sentence, be referred to health care providers, and be provided with certain medications and treatment; requiring a correctional unit to arrange for health insurance coverage and follow-up health care before release of a pregnant incarcerated individual; and requiring that a pregnant incarcerated individual be provided with medical records on release.	Lopez	In the House - First Reading Judiciary	Judiciary		Support

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HB 48 (SB 101)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Collaborative Care Model Services - Implementation and Reimbursement Expansion	Repealing the Collaborative Care Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 2/07 at 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/7 3:00 PM		Support
HB 69	Education - Student Behavior - Parent and Guardian Notice and Required Counseling (Parent and Guardian Accountability Act)	Establishing that it is unlawful for a parent or guardian of a student in a public school to fail to seek and participate in counseling with the parent's or guardian's child after receiving notice of violent and disruptive behavior; and requiring a public school principal to provide written notice to the parent or guardian of a student who engages in two or more incidents of violent and disruptive behavior in a public school during the school year.	R. Long	In the House - Hearing 2/01 at 2:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 2/1 2:00 PM		No Position
HB 82 (SB 201)	Maryland Medical Assistance and Children's Health Insurance Programs - School-Based Behavioral Health Services - Reimbursement	Requiring, on or before December 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a State plan amendment authorizing certain reimbursement of behavioral health services when provided in a school setting by certain health care providers under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program.	Charkoudian	In the House - Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/14 1:00 PM		Support

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HB 87 (SB 52)	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs - Waiver - Diapers and Menstrual Hygiene Products	Requiring the Department of Human Services to apply for a waiver to allow benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Women, Infants, and Children to be used to purchase diapers or menstrual hygiene products, if the U.S. Department of Agriculture makes the waiver available.	Stewart	In the House - Hearing 1/24 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations Tue 1/24 1:00 PM		Support
HB 111 (SB 26)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Social Services Programs - Eligibility and Enrollment	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an Express Lane Eligibility Program by January 1, 2025, to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program; requiring the Department of Human Services to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program; requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to enroll certain individuals in certain energy assistance programs; etc.	Charkoudian	In the House - Hearing 2/07 at 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/7 3:00 PM		Support
HB 119 (SB 199)	Primary and Secondary Education - Comprehensive Health Education Framework - Established	Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board of education to create an age-appropriate curriculum that is consistent with the comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board to establish a method by which a parent or guardian may opt out of certain topics, subject to certain requirements; etc.	Atterbeary	In the House - Hearing 2/01 at 2:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 2/1 2:00 PM		Support

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HB 121 (SB 8)	Mental Health - Treatment Plans for Individuals in Facilities - Requirements	Requiring a treatment plan for an individual with a mental disorder admitted to a certain health care facility to include a certain discharge goal and an estimate of the probable length of the inpatient stay the individual requires before transfer to a certain setting; requiring certain facility staff to review and reassess a plan of treatment within certain time periods; requiring a certain health care facility to take certain actions if the facility is unable to address certain needs under a plan of treatment; etc.	Charkoudian	In the House - Hearing 2/07 at 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/7 3:00 PM		Oppose
HB 173	Drug Paraphernalia for Administration - Decriminalization	Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use, delivering or selling under certain circumstances, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell under certain circumstances drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.	Moon	In the House - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 2/7 1:00 PM		Support
HB 214 (SB 281)	Commission on Public Health - Establishment	Establishing the Commission on Public Health to make recommendations to improve the delivery of foundational public health services in the State; requiring the Commission, by October 1, 2024, to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Maryland Department of Health and local health departments to provide foundational public health services; and requiring the assessment to consider the State's response to COVID-19 and overdose deaths, and to racial and ethnic disparities in maternal mortality and birth outcomes in the State.	Kelly	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/26 3:00 PM		Support with Amendment

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HB 265	Public Schools - Standardized Behavioral Health Questionnaire for Students - Development and Implementation	Requiring the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to develop, in consultation with certain stakeholders, guidelines for developing a standardized behavioral health questionnaire to identify students with behavioral health services needs; requiring each behavioral health services coordinator to develop and implement a standardized behavioral health questionnaire based on the guidelines developed by the Consortium; and requiring that the questionnaire be given to the parent or guardian of each student at certain times.	Guyton	In the House - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 2/8 1:00 PM		No Position
HB 271 (SB 3)	9-8-8 Trust Fund - Funding	Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to the 9-8-8 Trust Fund for the purpose of designating and maintaining 9-8-8 as the universal telephone number for a national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline and for developing and implementing a statewide initiative for the coordination and delivery of behavioral health crisis response services in the State.	Kelly	In the House - Hearing 2/07 at 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/7 3:00 PM		Support
HB 274	Task Force on Reducing Emergency Department Wait Times	Establishing the Task Force on Reducing Emergency Department Wait Times to study best practices for reducing emergency department wait times; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by January 1, 2024.	Bhandari	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		TBD

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HB 283	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Gender-Affirming Treatment (Trans Health Equity Act)	Requiring, beginning on January 1, 2023, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide gender-affirming treatment in a nondiscriminatory manner; requiring that the gender-affirming treatment be assessed according to nondiscriminatory criteria that are consistent with current clinical standards; prohibiting the issuance of an adverse benefit determination related to gender-affirming treatment unless a certain experienced health care provider has reviewed and confirmed the appropriateness of the determination; etc.	Kaiser	In the House - Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/14 1:00 PM		Support
HB 287	Public Health - Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus - Repeal	Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.	Fair	In the House - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 2/7 1:00 PM		Support
HB 302 (SB 188)	Public Health - Rare Disease Advisory Council	Establishing the Rare Disease Advisory Council to study and make recommendations on matters relating to individuals with rare diseases in the State; requiring the Council to convene public hearings, make inquiries, and solicit comments from the public on the needs of rare disease patients, caregivers, and health care providers; requiring the Council to report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 each year beginning in 2024 and provide recommendations on ways to address the needs of persons with rare diseases in the State; etc.	Shetty	In the House - Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/14 1:00 PM		Support

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HB 319 (SB 158)	Pesticide Registration - PFAS Testing - Requirements	Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2024, the Secretary of Agriculture from registering a pesticide for use against mosquitoes in the State unless the distributor of the pesticide submits to the Department test results indicating the pesticide has passed the PFAS test and an affidavit attesting to the legitimacy of the PFAS test results; and prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2026, the Secretary from registering a pesticide for use in the State unless PFAS test results and a certain affidavit are submitted by the distributor.	Stein	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Support
HB 418 (SB 283)	Mental Health - Workforce Development - Fund Established	Establishing the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with educating, training, certifying, recruiting, placing, and retaining behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals; providing that money expended from the Fund is supplemental and not intended to supplant funding that would otherwise be appropriated; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to conduct a comprehensive behavioral health workforce needs assessment on or before December 1, 2023.	Bagnall	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Support
SB 3 (HB 271)	9-8-8 Trust Fund - Funding	Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of \$12,000,000 to the 9-8-8 Trust Fund.	Augustine	In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (46-0)	Budget and Taxation Thu 1/19 1:30 PM		Support

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SB 8 (HB 121)	Mental Health - Treatment Plans for Individuals in Facilities - Requirements	Requiring a treatment plan for an individual with a mental disorder admitted to a certain health care facility to include a certain discharge goal and an estimate of the probable length of the inpatient stay the individual requires before transfer to a certain setting; requiring certain facility staff to review and reassess a plan of treatment within certain time periods; requiring a certain health care facility to take certain actions if the facility is unable to address certain needs under a plan of treatment; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/31 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 19 (HB 9)	Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses	Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals; requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses, cost-benefit analyses, and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing any major service change or any reduction or cancellation of a certain capital expansion project in the construction program; etc.	Carter	In the Senate - Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/1 2:30 PM		Support
SB 26 (HB 111)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program, Maryland Children's Health Program, and Social Services Programs - Eligibility and Enrollment	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an Express Lane Eligibility Program by January 1, 2025, to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program; requiring the Department of Human Services to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program; requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to enroll certain individuals in certain energy assistance programs; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/2 1:00 PM		Support

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SB 52 (HB 87)	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Programs - Waiver - Diapers and Menstrual Hygiene Products	Requiring the Department of Human Services to apply for a waiver to allow benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to be used to purchase diapers or menstrual hygiene products, if the U.S. Department of Agriculture makes the waiver available.	Elfreth	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/2 1:00 PM		Support
SB 101 (HB 48)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Collaborative Care Model Services - Implementation and Reimbursement Expansion	Repealing the Collaborative Care Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/31 1:00 PM		Support
SB 107	Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment	Requiring that a pregnant incarcerated individual be screened for substance use disorder at intake regardless of the jurisdiction or the length of the individual's sentence, be referred to health care providers, and be provided with certain medications and treatment; requiring a correctional unit to arrange for health insurance coverage and follow-up health care before release of a pregnant incarcerated individual; and requiring that a pregnant incarcerated individual be provided with medical records on release.	Lee	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judicial Proceedings		Support

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SB 151 (HB 12)	Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development Enhancement Act	Establishing the Transit-Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund to promote the equitable and inclusive development of transit-oriented developments; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use the Fund to provide financial assistance to local jurisdictions; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation sufficient to ensure a fund balance of at \$10,000,000 at the start of the fiscal year; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 1/25 at 2:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Wed 1/25 2:00 PM		No Position
SB 154	Public Health - Mental Health Advance Directives - Awareness and Statewide Database	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop and implement a public awareness campaign to encourage the use of mental health advance directives in the State; requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to study the feasibility and cost of establishing a centralized statewide database of mental health advance directives; and requiring the Behavioral Health Administration to report to the certain committees of the General Assembly on the findings of the study by December 1, 2023.	Beidle	In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/7 1:00 PM		Support
SB 158 (HB 319)	Pesticide Registration - PFAS Testing - Requirements	Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2024, the Secretary of Agriculture from registering a pesticide for use against mosquitoes in the State unless the distributor of the pesticide submits to the Department test results indicating the pesticide has passed the PFAS test and an affidavit attesting to the legitimacy of the PFAS test results; and prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2026, the Secretary from registering a pesticide for use in the State unless PFAS test results and a certain affidavit are submitted by the distributor.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 2:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Thu 2/2 2:00 PM		Support

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SB 188 (HB 302)	Public Health - Rare Disease Advisory Council	Establishing the Rare Disease Advisory Council to study and make recommendations on matters relating to individuals with rare diseases in the State; requiring the Council to convene public hearings, make inquiries, and solicit comments from the public on the needs of rare disease patients, caregivers, and health care providers; requiring the Council to report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 each year beginning in 2024 and provide recommendations on ways to address the needs of persons with rare diseases in the State; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/7 1:00 PM		Support
SB 190 (HB 44)	Correctional Services - Pregnant Incarcerated Individuals - Substance Use Disorder Assessment and Treatment	Requiring that a pregnant incarcerated individual be screened for substance use disorder at intake regardless of the jurisdiction or the length of the individual's sentence, be referred to health care providers, and be provided with certain medications and treatment; requiring a correctional unit to arrange for health insurance coverage and follow-up health care before release of a pregnant incarcerated individual; and requiring that a pregnant incarcerated individual be provided with medical records on release.	West	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/8 1:00 PM		Support
SB 199 (HB 119)	Primary and Secondary Education - Comprehensive Health Education Framework - Established	Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board of education to create an age-appropriate curriculum that is consistent with the comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board to establish a method by which a parent or guardian may opt out of certain topics, subject to certain requirements; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 2/8 1:00 PM		Support

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SB 201 (HB 82)	Maryland Medical Assistance and Children's Health Insurance Programs - School-Based Behavioral Health Services - Reimbursement	Requiring, on or before December 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a State plan amendment authorizing certain reimbursement of behavioral health services when provided in a school setting by certain health care providers under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program.	Hester	In the Senate - Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/7 1:00 PM		Support
SB 259	Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition	Providing that certain 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 flavored tobacco product with a taste or smell of fruit, mint, candy, or other nontobacco 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.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/16 1:00 PM		Support
SB 263	Maryland Higher Education Commission - Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee - Establishment	Establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and requiring the Committee to submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain legislative committees of the Maryland General Assembly beginning on December 1, 2023.	Jackson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Energy, and the Environment Wed 2/8 1:00 PM		Support

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SB 281 (HB 214)	Commission on Public Health - Establishment	Establishing the Commission on Public Health to make recommendations to improve the delivery of foundational public health services in the State; requiring the Commission, by October 1, 2024, to conduct an assessment of the capability of the Maryland Department of Health and local health departments to provide foundational public health services; and requiring the assessment to consider the State's response to COVID-19 and overdose deaths, and to racial and ethnic disparities in maternal mortality and birth outcomes in the State.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/15 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
SB 283 (HB 418)	Mental Health - Workforce Development - Fund Established	Establishing the Behavioral Health Workforce Investment Fund to provide reimbursement for costs associated with educating, training, certifying, recruiting, placing, and retaining behavioral health professionals and paraprofessionals; providing that money expended from the Fund is supplemental and not intended to supplant funding that would otherwise be appropriated; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to conduct a comprehensive behavioral health workforce needs assessment on or before December 1, 2023.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Wed 2/8 1:00 PM		Support

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HB 25	Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment	Establishing the Healthy Maryland Program as a public corporation and a unit of State government to provide comprehensive universal single-payer health care services for residents of the State by January 1, 2025; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to Healthy Maryland, including provisions regarding eligibility, participation by and payments to health care providers, benefits, payroll premiums, funding, and collective negotiations with health care providers; etc.	Acevero	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 59	Health and Wellness Standards - Correctional Facilities	Requiring the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, with the advice of the Secretary of Health, to update certain minimum mandatory standards for inmate food services to reflect certain practices and guidelines; establishing the Correctional Facilities Health and Wellness Pilot Program to establish minimum mandatory standards for inmate food services in facilities participating in the Program; and requiring the Secretary of Health to adopt health and wellness standards for certain facilities.	Hill	In the House - Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Tue 2/14 1:00 PM		FYI
HB 279 (SB 202)	Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Upper Payment Limits	Reestablishing the requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, draft a plan of action for implementing a process to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products; reestablishing the authority of the Board to set upper payments limits, under certain circumstances, for prescription drug products that are purchased or paid for by or through certain State or local government entities, plans, or programs; etc.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 3:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/2 3:00 PM		FYI

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HB 321	Cigarette Restitution Fund - Payments for Sale and Marketing of Electronic Smoking Devices - Use	Requiring the Cigarette Restitution Fund to include a separate account consisting of payments received by the State as a result of litigation by participating manufacturers related to the sale and marketing of electronic smoking devices; and providing that distributions from the separate account may be used only to supplement General Fund appropriations designated for certain programs with the purpose of reducing the use of tobacco products by individuals under 21 years of age.	Rosenberg	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 322 (SB 255)	Public Health - Home- and Community-Based Services for Children and Youth	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for certain behavioral health collaborative care, case management, and wraparound services; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2024, the Behavioral Health Administration to fund 100 slots in the mental health case management program for children or youth at risk of out-of-home placement who are not eligible for program services; requiring the Governor to include funding in the annual budget bill for certain behavioral health services; etc.	Bagnall	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations and Appropriations	Appropriations; Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 374	Health Insurance - Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Audits of Pharmacies and Pharmacists	Expanding the applicability of the provisions regarding audits of a pharmacy or pharmacist to all pharmacy benefits managers; establishing requirements and prohibitions regarding audits by pharmacy benefits managers, including provisions related to audit limits, the acceptance of certain documents as validation or proof, the charging and payment of fees, access to financial documentation, and audit documentation; etc.	Kipke	In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/2 1:00 PM		FYI

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HB 375	Education - Coaches - Mental Health First Aid Training	Requiring the State Department of Education to develop guidelines for public schools and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop guidelines for public institutions of higher education to train coaches in providing mental health first aid to students who participate in athletic programs in public schools and public institutions of higher education; requiring public schools and public institutions that offer athletic programs to provide mental health first aid training to coaches; etc.	Attar	In the House - First Reading Appropriations and Ways and Means	Appropriations; Ways and Means		FYI
HB 382	Pharmacy Benefits Administration - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Pharmacy Benefits Managers	Altering the reimbursement levels for drug products that the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to establish and that pharmacy benefits managers that contract with a pharmacy on behalf of a managed care organization are required to reimburse the pharmacy; and altering the definition of "purchaser" for purposes of certain provisions of law regulating pharmacy benefits managers to include certain insurers, nonprofit health services plans, and health maintenance organizations.	Kipke	In the House - Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 3/2 1:00 PM		FYI
HB 420 (SB 234)	Health Services Cost Review Commission - Hospital Rates - All-Payer Model Contract	Requiring that the Health Services Cost Review Commission exercise its authority to consider certain standards when determining the reasonableness of certain rates in a manner that is consistent with the all-payer model contract.	M. Morgan	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI

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SB 202 (HB 279)	Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Upper Payment Limits	Reestablishing the requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, draft a plan of action for implementing a process to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products; reestablishing the authority of the Board to set upper payments limits, under certain circumstances, for prescription drug products that are purchased or paid for by or through certain State or local government entities, plans, or programs; etc.	Feldman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/8 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 234 (HB 420)	Health Services Cost Review Commission - Hospital Rates - All-Payer Model Contract	Requiring that the Health Services Cost Review Commission exercise its authority to consider certain standards when determining the reasonableness of certain rates in a manner that is consistent with the all-payer model contract.	Klausmeier	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/2 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 255 (HB 322)	Public Health - Home- and Community-Based Services for Children and Youth	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for certain behavioral health collaborative care, case management, and wraparound services; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2024, the Behavioral Health Administration to fund 100 slots in the mental health case management program for children or youth at risk of out-of-home placement who are not eligible for program services; requiring the Governor to include funding in the annual budget bill for certain behavioral health services; etc.	Hester	In the Senate - Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/14 1:00 PM		FYI