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# MedChi Boards and Commissions Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 25 (SB 311)	Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Health Care Providers - Definition and Immunity (Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act)	Altering the definition of "health care provider" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing catastrophic health emergencies to include an employee, an agent, or a contractor of a health care facility who provides or assists in the provision of health care services; specifying the acts and omissions for which and altering the circumstances under which a health care provider has civil and criminal immunity related to a catastrophic health emergency; applying the Act retroactively; etc.	Cullison	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 1:30 p.m. (Judiciary) and Hearing canceled (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary		Support
HB 95 (SB 476)	Health Occupations - Nurses - Delegation of Tasks	Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations.	Krebs	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 123 (SB 3)	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of this Act; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 135 (SB 84)	Pharmacists - Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications	Authorizing a pharmacist who meets certain requirements to administer maintenance injectable medications to a patient under certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacist from administering an initial dose of a maintenance injectable medication under a certain provision of the Act except under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, by September 1, 2022, and in consultation with the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Nursing, to adopt certain regulations; etc.	K. Young	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/20 1:30 PM		Support
HB 182 (SB 169)	Health Occupations - Podiatric Physicians	Altering the term "podiatrist" to be "podiatric physician".	Kerr	In the House - Hearing 1/21 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/21 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 191 (SB 56)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement - Sunset Termination	Repealing the termination provisions for certain provisions of law relating to the eligibility of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners who provide Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in a home or community-based setting through telemedicine to receive reimbursement for the health care services from the Program.	Kelly	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 203 (SB 519)	Estates and Trusts - Wills and Advance Medical Directives - Notaries Public	Providing that a will may be made self-proved in a certain manner; establishing certain requirements for a self-proving will; requiring a certain self-proving will to be acknowledged by the testator before a notary public; requiring a certain self-proving affidavit to be attached or annexed to a self-proving will; altering the requirements of an advance medical directive; requiring a declarant to acknowledge a certain advance medical directive before a notary public; etc.	C. Jackson	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 219	Naturopathic Doctors - Formulary Council Membership, Formulary Content, and Scope of Practice	Authorizing a certain formulary developed by the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council and adopted by the State Board of Physicians to include certain prescription drugs and devices; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to dispense, order, or administer certain natural medicines in a certain manner; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to prescribe, dispense, and administer certain prescription drugs and medical foods in a certain manner; etc.	Krebs	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 224 (SB 262)	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, 2021.	Krebs	In the House - Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 1/14 1:30 PM		No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 288 (SB 183)	Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact	Entering into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; requiring certain audiologists and speech-language pathologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise the privilege to practice; requiring member states to recognize the right of an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist to practice via telehealth under certain circumstances; etc.	Charles	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		Oppose
HB 299 (SB 34)	State Board of Physicians - Genetic Counselors - Licensing	Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license genetic counselors; providing that provisions of the Act do not limit the right of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; establishing the Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee within the Board; requiring individuals, on or after October 1, 2023, to be licensed by the Board as genetic counselors before practicing genetic counseling in the State except under certain circumstances; etc.	Carr	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		Support
HB 429 (SB 537)	Pharmacists - Required Notification and Authorized Substitution - Lower-Cost Drug or Device Product	Requiring a pharmacist, or the pharmacist's designee who is under certain supervision, to inform a certain consumer of the availability of a therapeutically equivalent brand name drug that is the lowest cost alternative to the originally prescribed drug or device and the cost difference between the therapeutically equivalent drug or device and the prescribed drug; altering the cost difference of which a pharmacist is required to inform a retail consumer; requiring a certain determination to be made based on a certain drug benefit; etc.	Shetty	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 2:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/3 2:30 PM		Oppose

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 508 (SB 210)	COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity	Providing civil immunity from liability for a COVID-19 claim to a person who acts in compliance with certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders, unless the person acted with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing; providing that certain deviations from certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders does not deny a person civil immunity provided for under the Act; limiting the effect of the civil immunity provided for under the Act; etc.	Attar	In the House - First Reading Judiciary	Judiciary		Support
HB 581 (SB 486)	Labor and Employment - Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act)	Requiring an essential employer to give a written statement regarding certain hazard pay paid to certain essential workers for each pay period; requiring an essential employer to take certain actions related to occupational safety and health during an emergency; authorizing an essential worker to refuse to fulfill a work responsibilities under certain circumstances; prohibiting an essential employer from retaliating or taking other adverse action against an essential worker or other worker for certain actions; etc.	D.E. Davis	In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 11:00 a.m. (Economic Matters)	Appropriations; Economic Matters Fri 2/5 11:00 AM		TBD
SB 3 (HB 123)	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of the Act; etc.	Griffith	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 34 (HB 299)	State Board of Physicians - Genetic Counselors - Licensing	Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license genetic counselors; providing that provisions of the Act do not limit the right of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; establishing the Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee within the Board; requiring individuals, on or after October 1, 2023, to be licensed by the Board as genetic counselors before practicing genetic counseling in the State except under certain circumstances; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Support
SB 56 (HB 191)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Telemedicine Reimbursement - Sunset Termination	Repealing the termination provisions for certain provisions of law relating to the eligibility of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners who provide Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in a home or community-based setting through telemedicine to receive reimbursement for the health care services from the Program.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM		Support
SB 67	Emergency Medical Services - Paramedics - Vaccination Administration	Authorizing a paramedic to administer a vaccination included on the Recommended Adult Immunization Schedule from the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention if the services are under the direction of a certain entity or a certain physician and authorized by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems, part of a certain program or outreach effort, and provided in accordance with a certain written agreement that includes certain provisions.	Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee	In the Senate - Favorable with Amendments Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		No Position

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SB 84 (HB 135)	Pharmacists - Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications	Authorizing a pharmacist who meets certain requirements to administer maintenance injectable medications to a patient under certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacist from administering an initial dose of a maintenance injectable medication under a certain provision of the Act except under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, by September 1, 2022, and in consultation with the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Nursing, to adopt certain regulations; etc.	Young	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Support
SB 92	Income Tax - Credits for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages - Eligibility and Sunset Repeal	Reducing, from 160 to 100 hours, the number of training hours that a licensed physician is required to perform in a preceptor program rotation in order to qualify for a certain credit against the State income tax; repealing the termination date for certain credits against the State income tax for certain individuals who serve as preceptors in certain preceptorship programs and work in areas of the State with health care workforce shortages; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Hearing 1/21 at 11:00 a.m.	Budget and Taxation Thu 1/21 11:00 AM		Support
SB 102	Income Tax - Credits for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages	Authorizing a credit against the State income tax for certain health care practitioners who serve as certain preceptors for a certain preceptorship program approved by the Maryland Department of Health for physician assistant students; requiring the Department, on application of a health care practitioner, to issue a tax credit certificate under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to approve applications on a first-come, first-served basis and notify applicants of approval or denial within 45 days after receipt; etc.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		No Position



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SB 169 (HB 182)	Health Occupations - Podiatric Physicians	Altering the term "podiatrist" to be "podiatric physician"; etc.	Patterson	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 183 (HB 288)	Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact	Entering into the Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Interstate Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; requiring certain audiologists and speech-language pathologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise the privilege to practice; requiring member states to recognize the right of an audiologist or a speech-language pathologist to practice via telehealth under certain circumstances; etc.	Young	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 210 (HB 508)	COVID-19 Claim - Civil Immunity	Providing civil immunity from liability for a COVID-19 claim to a person who acts in compliance with certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders, unless the person acted with gross negligence or intentional wrongdoing; providing that certain deviations from certain statutes, rules, regulations, executive orders, and agency orders does not deny a person civil immunity provided for under the Act; limiting the effect of the civil immunity provided for under the Act; etc.	West	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Support
SB 247	State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners - Sunset Extension	Continuing the State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.	Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 262 (HB 224)	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, 2021.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Favorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		No Position
SB 311 (HB 25)	Catastrophic Health Emergencies - Health Care Providers - Definition and Immunity (Maryland Health Care Heroes Protection Act)	Altering the definition of "health care provider" for purposes of certain provisions of law governing catastrophic health emergencies to include an employee, an agent, or a contractor of a health care facility who provides or assists in the provision of health care services; specifying the acts and omissions for which and altering the circumstances under which a health care provider has civil and criminal immunity related to a catastrophic health emergency; applying the Act retroactively; etc.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/2 1:00 PM		Support
SB 476 (HB 95)	Health Occupations - Nurses - Delegation of Tasks	Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations.	Eckardt	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs		No Position

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SB 486 (HB 581)	Labor and Employment - Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Workers' Protection Act)	Requiring an essential employer to give a written statement regarding certain hazard pay paid to certain essential workers at certain intervals; requiring an essential employer to take certain actions related to occupational safety and health during an emergency; authorizing an essential worker to refuse to fulfill a certain responsibility under certain circumstances; prohibiting an essential employer from retaliating or taking other adverse action against an essential worker or other worker for certain actions; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		TBD
SB 519 (HB 203)	Estates and Trusts - Wills and Advance Medical Directives - Notaries Public	Providing that a will may be made self-proved in a certain manner; establishing certain requirements for a self-proving will; requiring a certain self-proving will to be acknowledged by the testator before a notary public; requiring a certain self-proving affidavit to be attached or annexed to a self-proving will; altering the requirements of an advance medical directive; requiring a declarant to acknowledge a certain advance medical directive before a notary public; etc.	Klausmeier	In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings	Judicial Proceedings		Oppose
SB 537 (HB 429)	Pharmacists - Required Notification and Authorized Substitution - Lower-Cost Drug or Device Product		Hershey	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs		Oppose

# MedChi Health Insurance Report

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HB 107 (SB 499)	Prohibition on Vending Machine Sales of Drugs and Medicines - Repeal	Repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, and disposal of certain drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means of a vending machine or similar device.	R. Lewis	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 124	Occupational Safety and Health Standards to Protect Employees - Aerosol Transmissible Diseases and COVID-19	Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt regulations, by October 1, 2021, establishing an occupational safety and health standard protecting employees from exposure to aerosol transmissible diseases; requiring the Secretary of Labor, the Commissioner, and the Maryland Department of Health to develop an Emergency Temporary Occupational Safety and Health Standard to Protect Employees From COVID-19 by March 1, 2021, and to make the information available on the Department of Labor's website; etc.	Valderrama	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Thu 1/28 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 148 (SB 112)	Commercial Law - Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions	Requiring a business that maintains personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain certain security procedures and practices; altering the circumstances under which the owner or licensee of certain computerized data is required to notify certain individuals of a certain breach; altering the time periods within which certain notifications regarding the breach of a security system are required to be given; requiring, rather than authorizing, a certain notification be given; etc.	Carey	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Wed 1/27 1:30 PM		No Position

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HB 162	Prescription Drug Affordability Board - Upper Payment Limits and Reports	Altering a certain requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, in conjunction with a certain council, draft a certain plan for setting upper payment limits for prescription drug products; altering the date by which the Board is required to submit the plan to a certain committee of the General Assembly; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products and altering the date by which the limits are to be set to on or after February 1, 2022; etc.	Ivey	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM		No Position
HB 167 (SB 290)	Health Insurance - Out-of-Pocket Maximums and Cost-Sharing Requirements - Calculation	Requiring, to the extent authorized under federal law, certain entities to include payments made by certain persons when calculating certain contributions to an out-of-pocket maximum or a cost-sharing requirement for an insured, a subscriber, or a member; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022.	P. Young	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/20 1:30 PM		Support
HB 170 (SB 513)	Cancer Drugs - Physician Dispensing and Coverage	Providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a physician who has a valid dispensing permit and complies with certain provisions of law from personally dispensing to a patient by mail order a starter dosage or a cancer drug or device or an initial or refill prescription of a cancer drug; requiring certain entities to allow certain insureds, enrollees, and beneficiaries to obtain a cancer drug from a dispensing physician; etc.	K. Young	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/20 1:30 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 470 (SB 522)	Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care	Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop a plan for the State to establish, on or before January 1, 2024, a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; authorizing the Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Department of Health to apply for certain waivers; etc.	Ruth	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		No Position
HB 551 (SB 393)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to include certain health care providers and programs when specifying by regulation the types of health care providers eligible to receive certain reimbursement; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for certain services delivered through telehealth; etc.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/10 1:30 PM		Support
SB 112 (HB 148)	Commercial Law - Personal Information Protection Act - Revisions	Requiring a business that maintains personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain certain security procedures and practices; altering the circumstances under which the owner or licensee of certain computerized data is required to notify certain individuals of a certain breach; altering the time periods within which certain notifications regarding the breach of a security system are required to be given; requiring, rather than authorizing, a certain notification to be given; etc.	Lee	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/10 1:00 PM		No Position

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SB 226	Maryland Insurance Administration - Delivery of Notices and Other Communications by Electronic Means	Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to send certain notices and communications by electronic means under certain circumstances; authorizing, under certain circumstances, a person to send to the Commissioner certain notices and communications by electronic means approved by the Commissioner; and providing, subject to certain provisions of law, that certain notices and communications are to be presumed to have been received in the ordinary course.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/14 at 11:00 a.m.	Finance Thu 1/14 11:00 AM		No Position
SB 272	Insurance - Claim Payment - Clarification	Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to require an insurer that holds a certificate of authority to fulfill the holder's contractual obligations or pay a certain claim instead of or in addition to suspending or revoking the certificate; and authorizing the Commissioner, on a finding of a violation of certain provisions of law, to require an insurer, a nonprofit health service plan, or a health maintenance organization to make a payment that has been improperly denied.	Chair, Finance Committee	In the Senate - Hearing 1/19 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/19 1:00 PM		Support
SB 290 (HB 167)	Health Insurance - Out-of-Pocket Maximums and Cost-Sharing Requirements - Calculation	Requiring, to the extent authorized under federal law, certain entities to include payments made by certain persons when calculating the overall contribution to an out-of-pocket maximum or a cost-sharing requirement for an insured, a subscriber, or a member; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022.	Benson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/10 1:00 PM		Support

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SB 393 (HB 551)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage and Reimbursement of Telehealth Services	Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to include certain health care providers and programs when specifying by regulation the types of health care providers eligible to receive certain reimbursement; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage for certain services delivered through telehealth; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM		Support
SB 499 (HB 107)	Prohibition on Vending Machine Sales of Drugs and Medicines - Repeal	Repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, and disposal of certain drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means of a vending machine or similar device.	Lam	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		No Position
SB 513 (HB 170)	Cancer Drugs - Physician Dispensing and Coverage	Providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a physician who has a valid dispensing permit and complies with certain provisions of law from personally dispensing to a patient by mail order a starter dosage or a cancer drug or device or an initial or refill prescription of a cancer drug; requiring certain entities to allow certain insureds, enrollees, and beneficiaries to obtain a cancer drug from a dispensing physician; etc.	Feldman	In the Senate - First Reading Finance and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Finance		Support



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SB 522 (HB 470)	Public Health - Commission on Universal Health Care	Establishing the Commission on Universal Health Care; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to develop a plan for the State to establish, on or before January 1, 2024, a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system; authorizing the Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Department of Health to apply for certain waivers; etc.	Pinsky	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		No Position

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HB 28 (SB 5)	Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities	Requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish, to a certain extent, health data that includes race and ethnicity information collected by the Office and to provide updates at least every 6 months; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include an appropriation of at least \$1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program to identify and approve certain implicit bias training programs; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/26 1:30 PM		Support
HB 29	Health - Standards for Involuntary Admissions and Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Substance Use Disorder	Altering certain circumstances to allow a petition for an emergency evaluation to be made for certain individuals who have a substance use disorder; altering a certain exception to allow for the involuntary admission of certain individuals who have a substance use disorder to certain facilities or a Veterans' Administration hospital; etc.	Ivey	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 3:45 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/2 3:45 PM		Oppose
HB 32	Cannabis - Legalization and Regulation (Inclusion, Restoration, and Rehabilitation Act of 2021)	Altering a certain quantity threshold and establishing a certain age limit applicable to a certain civil offense of use or possession of cannabis; establishing a civil offense for use or possession of a certain amount of cannabis for a person of at least a certain age; establishing a civil offense for cultivating cannabis plants in a certain manner; providing for the licensing of cannabis establishments; establishing certain duties of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission regarding the licensing of cannabis establishments; etc.	J. Lewis	In the House - Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m. (Judiciary)	Health and Government Operations; Judiciary Tue 2/16 1:30 PM		No Position

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 34 (SB 278)	State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Telehealth	Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner at an approved school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; etc.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations; Ways and Means Wed 1/27 1:30 PM		Support
HB 49	Landlord and Tenant - Repossession for Failure to Pay Rent - Lead Risk Reduction Compliance	Requiring an action for repossession for failure to pay rent to contain certain statements on whether the property is registered or licensed under local law and is an affected property under certain lead-based paint abatement laws; authorizing a court to adjourn a certain trial to enable either party to obtain documents or certain other proof under certain circumstances; repealing a certain prohibition against raising as an issue of fact a landlord's compliance with certain lead-based paint abatement laws; etc.	Rosenberg	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Tue 1/26 1:30 PM		Support
HB 52 (SB 454)	Real Property - Alterations in Actions for Repossession and Establishment of Eviction Diversion Program	Establishing the Eviction Diversion Program in the District Court to reduce the incidence of judgments for repossession of residential property and to promote continuity of housing; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a Program in a District Court sitting in a county that processed 10,000 or more claims for repossession of residential property in fiscal year 2019; requiring that a landlord provide a certain written statement to a tenant within 5 days of receiving a certain request from the tenant; etc.	Wells	In the House - First Reading Judiciary and Environment and Transportation	Environment and Transportation; Judiciary		

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HB 78 (SB 52)	Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)	Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health considerations into broad-based decision making; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/26 1:30 PM		Support
HB 108 (SB 286)	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - Modifications	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require that proposals requesting Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program funding contain certain response standards that minimize law enforcement interaction for individuals in crisis; altering the proposals the Department is required to prioritize in awarding grants under the Program; requiring a local behavioral health authority, for each service or program that receives funding under the Program, to make certain information available to the public; etc.	Charkoudian	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 3:45 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/2 3:45 PM		Support
HB 129 (SB 70)	Environment - Mold Inspections - Standards, Reporting, and Penalties	Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before June 1, 2023, establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation in certain rental dwelling units; requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain a certain registry and to develop and make available certain resource materials; requiring a certain annual indoor air quality report; etc.	Henson	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.	Environment and Transportation Wed 1/20 1:30 PM		Support

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 132 (SB 41)	Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)	Altering the minimum age, from 16 years to 12 years, at which a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and certain 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 the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.	Bagnall	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		No Position
HB 134 (SB 177)	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 or to attempt to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product; 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 if the statement is made by certain persons; etc.	J. Lewis	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m. (Economic Matters)	Economic Matters; Health and Government Operations Wed 2/10 1:30 PM		Support
HB 205 (SB 427)	Public Schools - Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement	Requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the restrooms at the school; requiring a public middle or high school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least two restrooms on or before October 1, 2021, and certain restrooms on or before August 1, 2025; and requiring a public elementary school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least one restroom by October 1, 2021.	Reznik	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 1/27 1:30 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 209 (SB 168)	Public Health - Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee	Establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee, also referred to as the State Team, to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths and facilitate system changes in the State to prevent suicides; requiring the Committee to meet at least quarterly each year, report at least annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, perform certain annual studies, and disseminate certain findings and recommendations to policymakers, health care providers, health care facilities, and the public; etc.	Belcastro	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/26 1:30 PM		Support with Amendment
HB 271	Public Safety - Law Enforcement Diversion Programs	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 Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to submit a report on the number of law enforcement encounters resulting in a behavioral health services referral; etc.	Ebersole	In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Fri 2/12 1:30 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 289 (SB 105)	Peace Orders - Workplace Violence	Making certain provisions of law relating to the filing, issuance, and modification of certain peace orders and to the shielding of certain court records of certain peace order proceedings apply to certain peace orders filed by certain employers on the basis of certain acts committed against certain employees at the employees' workplace; requiring an employer to notify an employee before the employer files a certain petition; providing immunity from civil liability to a certain employer under certain circumstances; etc.	Atterbearly	In the House - Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Thu 1/14 1:30 PM		Support
HB 309 (SB 565)	Public Health - Data - Race and Ethnicity Information	Altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a report card that includes racial and ethnic composition data on individuals who hold a license or certificate issued by a health occupations board, rather than only physicians; requiring the Office, as permitted by certain privacy laws, to respond to requests for health data that includes race and ethnicity information within 30 days of receipt of the request; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/26 1:30 PM		Support
HB 324 (SB 143)	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 creating a presumption that a person in possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana is not in violation of a certain provision of law with regard to marijuana in the absence of any other evidence of a certain violation.	Moon	In the House - Hearing 1/18 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Mon 1/18 1:30 PM		No Position

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 372 (SB 420)	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; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.	Moon	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Tue 1/19 1:30 PM		Support
HB 396 (SB 279)	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	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 that the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, with two in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, that operate at a single location in an area with a high incidence of drug use; etc.	Pena-Melnyk	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Support
HB 463 (SB 172)	Maryland Health Equity Resource Act	Requiring the Secretary of Health to designate certain areas as Health Equity Resource Communities in a certain manner; specifying that the purpose of establishing Health Equity Resource Communities is to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes, improve access to primary care, promote primary and secondary prevention services and reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions; authorizing certain credits against the State income tax for certain health care providers and organizations; etc.	Barron	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 3:45 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Health and Government Operations; Ways and Means Tue 2/2 3:45 PM		Support



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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 534	Public Health - Healthy Maryland Program - Establishment	Establishing the Healthy Maryland Program as a public corporation and a unit of State government; stating that the General Assembly finds that millions of dollars have been diverted or wasted as part of a multipayer health care system; stating that it is the intent of the General Assembly that Healthy Maryland be established to provide comprehensive universal health coverage for every Maryland resident and be funded by certain revenue; establishing the Healthy Maryland Board and the Healthy Maryland Public Advisory Committee; etc.	Acevero	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		No Position
HB 537 (SB 398)	Mental Health Law - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Procedures	Authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation of an individual to give the petition to a peace officer; repealing the requirement that a peace officer explain certain information to a certain petitioner; requiring a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation to take an emergency evaluatee to the nearest emergency facility under certain circumstances; etc.	Ruth	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		Oppose
HB 577	Health and Welfare of H-2 Visa and Migrant Workers - COVID-19 Pandemic - Regulations (Healthy Farmworkers Act)	Requiring the Secretary of Labor to adopt certain regulations, on or before October 1, 2021, relating to housing, accommodations, safety, health, rights, and welfare of H-2A and H-2B visa and migrant workers during the COVID-19 pandemic.	Stewart	In the House - Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Tue 2/2 1:30 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 598 (SB 469)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Applied Behavior Analysis Services - Reimbursement	Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from conditioning reimbursement of applied behavior analysis services provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients on the presence or availability of the parent or caregiver of the Program recipient in the setting where the applied behavior analysis services are provided to the Program recipient.	Kelly	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/9 1:30 PM		Support
HB 605 (SB 164)	Veterans - Behavioral Health Services - Mental Health First Aid	Requiring that the behavioral health services for which the Maryland Department of Health provides service coordination for veterans under certain provisions of law include mental health first aid; requiring that mental health first aid consist of training for veterans and the immediate family members of veterans on how to identify and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders; requiring entities teaching a mental health first aid course to report certain information to the Department; etc.	Kipke	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 2/9 1:30 PM		Support
HB 636 (SB 546)	School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act)	Altering the definition of "elevated level of lead" for purposes of certain provisions of law requiring the periodic testing for the presence of lead in drinking water outlets in occupied public and nonpublic school buildings; and requiring by August 1, 2022, a school to take certain remedial measures on a drinking water outlet tested on or before June 1, 2021, if the test indicated a concentration of lead that was more than 5 parts per billion but less than 20 parts per billion.	Solomon	In the House - First Reading Environment and Transportation and Appropriations	Appropriations; Environment and Transportation		

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 5 (HB 28)	Public Health - Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities	Requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish, to a certain extent, health data that includes race and ethnicity information collected by the Office and update the data at least once every 6 months; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include an appropriation of at least \$1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program, to identify and approve certain implicit bias training programs; etc.	Griffith	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Tue 2/2 1:00 PM		Support
SB 41 (HB 132)	Health - Mental and Emotional Disorders - Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)	Altering the minimum age, from 16 years to 12 years, at which a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and certain 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.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/2 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 52 (HB 78)	Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity (The Shirley Nathan-Pulliam Health Equity Act of 2021)	Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health consideration into broad-based decision making; etc.	Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/2 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 70 (HB 129)	Environment - Mold Inspections - Standards, Reporting, and Penalties	Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before June 1, 2023, establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation; requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain a certain registry and to develop and make available on its website and in print certain resource materials; requiring a certain indoor air quality report; etc.	Patterson	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 11:00 a.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 1/28 11:00 AM		Support
SB 94	Public Health - Local Health District Boards	Establishing local health district boards in each local health planning agency; prohibiting certain funding for local health district boards from being included in certain local health services funding; requiring a local health planning agency to provide supplemental services approved by a local health district board; providing that local health district boards are independent units that operate within the local health planning agencies; providing for the purpose and duties of a local health district board; etc.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM		Support
SB 105 (HB 289)	Peace Orders - Workplace Violence	Making certain provisions of law relating to the filing, issuance, and modification of certain peace orders and to the shielding of certain court records of certain peace order proceedings apply to certain peace orders filed by certain employers on the basis of certain acts committed against certain employees under certain circumstances; requiring an employer to notify an employee before the employer files a certain petition; providing immunity from civil liability to a certain employer under certain circumstances; etc.	Sydnor	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 11:00 a.m.	Judicial Proceedings Thu 1/28 11:00 AM		Support

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 143 (HB 324)	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 creating a presumption that a person in possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana is not in violation of a certain provision of law with regard to marijuana in the absence of any other evidence of a certain violation.	Waldstreicher	In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 11:00 a.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 1/20 11:00 AM		No Position
SB 163	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Doulas	Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, and as permitted by federal law, to provide certified doula services including childbirth education and support services and emotional and physical support provided during pregnancy, labor, birth, and postpartum; authorizing the Secretary of Health to contract with certified doulas for the provision of care under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; etc.	Ellis	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 164 (HB 605)	Veterans - Behavioral Health Services - Mental Health First Aid	Requiring that the behavioral health services for which the Maryland Department of Health provides service coordination for veterans under certain provisions of law include mental health first aid; requiring that mental health first aid consist of training for veterans and the immediate family members of veterans on how to identify and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders; requiring entities teaching a mental health first aid course to report certain information to the Department; etc.	Simonaire	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Support

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 168 (HB 209)	Public Health - Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee	Establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee, also referred to as the State team, to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths and facilitate system changes in the State to prevent suicides; requiring the State team to meet at least quarterly each year, report at least annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, perform certain annual studies, and disseminate certain findings and recommendations to policymakers, health care providers, health care facilities, and the public; etc.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
SB 172 (HB 463)	Maryland Health Equity Resource Act	Requiring the Secretary of Health to designate certain areas as Health Equity Resource Communities in a certain manner; specifying that the purpose of establishing Health Equity Resource Communities is to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes, improve access to primary care, promote primary and secondary prevention services, and reduce health care costs and hospital admissions and readmissions; authorizing certain credits against the State income tax for certain health care providers and organizations; etc.	Hayes	In the Senate - Hearing 1/27 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Wed 1/27 1:00 PM		Support
SB 177 (HB 134)	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, or to attempt to, manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product; 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 if the statement is made by certain persons; etc.	Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Thu 1/28 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 273	Electronic Smoking Device Regulation Act of 2021	Repealing the electronic smoking device retail license; altering the Clean Indoor Air Act to include a prohibition on electronic smoking devices and exhaled electronic smoking device vapor; altering the definition of "electronic smoking devices manufacturer" to limit the manner in which a manufacturer may sell electronic smoking devices to consumers; altering the definition of "vape shop vendor" to require that the vendor exclusively sell electronic smoking devices and related accessories to consumers in a certain manner; etc.	Kramer	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/28 1:00 PM		Support with Amendment
SB 278 (HB 34)	State Department of Education and Maryland Department of Health - Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards - Telehealth	Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner at an approved school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school-based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; etc.	Kagan	In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 3:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Wed 1/20 3:00 PM		Support
SB 279 (HB 396)	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	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 that the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, with two in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, that operate at a single location in an area with a high incidence of drug use; etc.	Hettleman	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		Support

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 286 (HB 108)	Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - Modifications	Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require that proposals requesting Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program funding contain certain response standards that minimize law enforcement interaction for individuals in crisis; altering the proposals the Department is required to prioritize in awarding grants under the Program; requiring a local behavioral health authority, for each service or program that receives funding under the Program, to make certain information available to the public; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m. (Finance)	Budget and Taxation; Finance Tue 2/9 1:00 PM		Support
SB 322	Health - Health and Wellness Standards - Correctional Facilities and Health Care Facilities	Requiring the Secretary of Health to adopt certain health and wellness standards for certain health care facilities; providing that certain standards may exceed the standards set by federal law; establishing the Correctional Facilities Health and Wellness Pilot Program to establish minimum mandatory standards for inmate food services for participating correctional facilities; requiring each participating facility to comply with certain health and wellness standards, offer plant-based meals, and provide certain information to inmates; etc.	Benson	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/11 1:00 PM		No Position
SB 378	Baltimore City - Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Laws Authorization	Authorizing Baltimore City to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, subject to certain exceptions.	Hayes	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/11 1:00 PM		Support



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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 398 (HB 537)	Mental Health Law - Petitions for Emergency Evaluation - Procedures	Authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation of an individual to give the petition to a peace officer; repealing the requirement that a peace officer explain certain information to a certain petitioner; requiring a certain petitioner for emergency evaluation to take an emergency evaluatee to the nearest emergency facility under certain circumstances; etc.	Carter	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/9 1:00 PM		Oppose
SB 410	Cigarettes, Other Tobacco Products, and Electronic Smoking Devices - Local Law Authorization	Authorizing a county or municipality to enact and enforce local laws regulating the sale and distribution of cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices, subject to certain exceptions.	Kramer	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 2/11 1:00 PM		Support
SB 420 (HB 372)	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; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.	Carter	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Thu 2/11 1:00 PM		Support

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 427 (HB 205)	Public Schools - Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products - Requirement	Requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the restrooms at the school; requiring a public middle or high school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least two restrooms on or before October 1, 2021, and certain restrooms on or before August 1, 2025; and requiring a public elementary school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least one restroom by October 1, 2021.	Elfreth	In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 11:00 a.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Thu 2/11 11:00 AM		Support
SB 454 (HB 52)	Real Property - Alterations in Actions for Repossession and Establishment of Eviction Diversion Program	Establishing the Eviction Diversion Program in the District Court to reduce the incidence of judgments for repossession of residential property and to promote continuity of housing; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a Program in a District Court sitting in a county that processed 10,000 or more claims for repossession of residential property in fiscal year 2019; requiring that a landlord provide a certain written statement to a tenant within 5 days of receiving a certain request from the tenant; etc.	Sydnor	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings Tue 2/9 1:00 PM		
SB 469 (HB 598)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Applied Behavior Analysis Services - Reimbursement	Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from conditioning reimbursement of applied behavior analysis services provided to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients on the presence or availability of the parent or caregiver of the Program recipient in the setting where the applied behavior analysis services are provided to the Program recipient.	Washington	In the Senate - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/10 1:00 PM		Support

# MedChi Public Health Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 546 (HB 636)	School Buildings - Drinking Water Outlets - Elevated Level of Lead (Safe School Drinking Water Act)		McCray	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs		
SB 565 (HB 309)	Public Health - Data - Race and Ethnicity Information		Griffith	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs		Support

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 14	Pharmacists - Prescription Drug and Device Labels - Expiration Dates	Altering the expiration date that is required to be included, except under certain circumstances, on labels on drugs and devices dispensed in the manufacturer's original packaging by a pharmacist to the expiration date set by the manufacturer or a shorter period determined by the pharmacist.	Kerr	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/27 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 55	Immunities - Associations, Organizations, and Charities - Liability of Agents and Volunteers	Providing that certain provisions of law specifying that a certain agent or volunteer of a certain association or organization is not personally liable for damages under certain circumstances do not apply to certain suits brought against a certain agent or volunteer alleging certain sexually assaultive behavior or certain conduct of a sexual nature; applying the Act prospectively; etc.	Crosby	In the House - Hearing 1/15 at 1:30 p.m.	Judiciary Fri 1/15 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 56 (SB 473)	Labor and Employment - Leave With Pay - Bereavement Leave	Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; defining the term "bereavement leave" as leave an employee is allowed to use on the death of a member of the employee's immediate family; and defining the term "child" for purposes of certain bereavement leave to include an adopted, biological, or foster child, a stepchild, or a legal ward.	Boyce	In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 p.m.	Economic Matters Thu 1/28 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 161 (SB 379)	Health Occupations - Registration of Audiology Assistants	Requiring, on or after October 1, 2022, an individual to be registered by the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists before assisting in the practice of audiology in the State, except as otherwise provided under certain provisions of law; establishing qualifications to obtain an audiology assistant registration; authorizing a licensed audiologist to provide general supervision for up to two audiology assistants at any time; etc.	Kelly	In the House - Hearing 2/04 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Thu 2/4 1:30 PM		FYI

# MedChi FYI Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 212	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.	Cardin	In the House - Hearing 1/27 at 2:30 p.m.	Judiciary Wed 1/27 2:30 PM		FYI
HB 233 (SB 82)	State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Maryland Music Therapists Act	Establishing the Music Therapist Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring the Board to adopt regulations and a code of ethics for the practice of music therapy; requiring the Board to set reasonable fees for services provided by the Board to music therapists; requiring the Board to pay the fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the fees to the Board; requiring the fees to be used to cover certain costs; etc.	Sample-Hughes	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 1/20 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 244 (SB 161)	Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education	Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding barriers to providing mental health services on campus, the use of telemedicine, video conferencing and hotlines, and implementation of counseling services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report on or before December 1, 2021, and a final report on or before December 1, 2022, to certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.	Valentino-Smith	In the House - Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.	Appropriations Wed 1/20 1:30 PM		FYI

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HB 368 (SB 100)	Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland	Establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland to study access to dental services for all State residents, identify areas lacking in dental services for a significant number of people, identify barriers to receiving services, analyze the impact of barriers, assess options to eliminate barriers, and make recommendations on methods to increase access to dental services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by May 1, 2022, and a final report by December 1, 2022, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		FYI
HB 375 (SB 211)	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)	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, 2022, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2023, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.	Valderrama	In the House - First Reading Economic Matters	Economic Matters		FYI
HB 377	Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment	Establishing the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment; requiring the Commission to study certain matters regarding student behavioral health and mental health treatment and make recommendations on actions necessary to improve current student behavioral health practices and programs; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021, and December 1, 2022; etc.	Bagnall	In the House - Hearing 2/03 at 1:30 p.m.	Ways and Means Wed 2/3 1:30 PM		FYI

# MedChi FYI Report

Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 390	University of Maryland - Harford Memorial Hospital Closure - Economic Impact Study	Requiring the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research to conduct a study on the economic impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace and the transfer of its services to another location; requiring the Institute to conduct the study in a certain manner; requiring the Institute to develop a revitalization plan for Havre de Grace in a certain manner; requiring the Institute to report certain findings and information to certain committees on or before December 1, 2021; etc.	Johnson	In the House - Hearing 1/19 at 2:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Tue 1/19 2:00 PM		FYI
HB 453	Health - Medical Cannabis Reauthorization Act	Repealing the limit on the number of licenses the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission may issue for medical cannabis growers and medical cannabis processors; repealing the requirement that the Commission rescind certain preapprovals under certain circumstances; repealing the requirement that the number of certain licenses the Commission may issue be decreased by a certain number under certain circumstances; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Commission to conduct certain studies; etc.	D. Barnes	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 540 (SB 139)	Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact	Entering into the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing certain duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain compact privilege; requiring certain occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; etc.	Morgan	In the House - Hearing 2/24 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/24 1:30 PM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
HB 552 (SB 389)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement	Altering the medical services provided by an emergency service transporter for which the Maryland Department of Health is required to reimburse the emergency service transporter under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department to increase the amount of certain reimbursement for emergency service transporters by \$25 each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2022, until the rate is at least \$300.	Hornberger	In the House - Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m. (Health and Government Operations)	Appropriations; Health and Government Operations Tue 2/9 1:30 PM		FYI
HB 565 (SB 514)	Health Facilities - Hospitals - Medical Debt Protection	Requiring a hospital to submit annually a certain report to the Health Services Cost Review Commission at a certain time; requiring the Commission to post the information in the report on its website; altering the required contents of a hospital's policy on the collection of debts owed by patients; requiring a hospital to provide a refund of certain amounts collected from a patient or the guarantor of a patient who was found eligible for reduced-cost care on the date of service; etc.	Charkoudian	In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations		FYI
HB 603	Health Insurance - Pharmacy Benefits Managers - Explanation of Benefits Statements	Requiring pharmacy benefits managers to provide to beneficiaries for whom the pharmacy benefits manager processed or paid a claim for prescription drugs during the immediately preceding 3-month period an explanation of benefits statement on a form approved by the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and on a quarterly basis; requiring that the explanation of benefits statements contain certain information regarding certain claims for prescription drugs; and applying the Act.	Kipke	In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:30 p.m.	Health and Government Operations Wed 2/10 1:30 PM		FYI



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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 64	Unemployment Insurance - Earned Rating Record - Waiver of Benefit Charges Due to COVID-19	Requiring the Secretary of Labor to waive the charging of unemployment insurance benefits paid to a claimant during the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic against the earned rating record of an employing unit; specifying the circumstances under which the required waiver of benefit charges is no longer in effect; and terminating the Act 1 year from the date on which the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic ends.	Salling	In the Senate - Hearing 2/09 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/9 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 78	Public Safety - Law Enforcement and Emergency Medical Services Providers - Administration of Ketamine	Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from administering ketamine to an individual or directing an emergency medical services provider to administer ketamine; and authorizing an emergency medical services provider to administer ketamine to a certain individual only if the emergency medical services provider obtains medical direction prior to administering ketamine, subject to a certain exception.	Waldstreicher	In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 11:00 a.m.	Judicial Proceedings Wed 2/3 11:00 AM		FYI
SB 82 (HB 233)	State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Maryland Music Therapists Act	Establishing the Music Therapist Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring the Board to adopt regulations and a code of ethics for the practice of music therapy; requiring the Board to set reasonable fees for services provided by the Board to music therapists; requiring the Board to pay the fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the fees to the Board; requiring the fees to be used to cover certain costs; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		FYI

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SB 100 (HB 368)	Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland	Establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland to study access to dental services for all State residents, identify areas lacking in dental services for a significant number of people, identify barriers to receiving services, analyze the impact of barriers, assess options to eliminate barriers, and make recommendations on methods to increase access to dental services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by May 1, 2022, and a final report by December 1, 2022, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.	Kelley	In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Wed 2/3 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 139 (HB 540)	Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact	Entering into the Interstate Occupational Therapy Licensure Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing certain duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain compact privilege; requiring certain occupational therapists or occupational therapy assistants to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; etc.	Carozza	In the Senate - Hearing 1/26 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Tue 1/26 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 161 (HB 244)	Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education	Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding barriers to providing mental health services on campus, the use of telemedicine, video conferencing, and hotlines, and implementation of counseling services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report on or before December 1, 2021, and a final report on or before December 1, 2022, to certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.	Eckardt	In the Senate - Hearing 1/20 at 11:00 a.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Wed 1/20 11:00 AM		FYI

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Bill	Title	Synopsis	Sponsor	Status	Origin	Opposite	Notes
SB 211 (HB 375)	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment (Time to Care Act of 2021)	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, 2022, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2023, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.	Hayes	In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Thu 1/28 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 379 (HB 161)	Health Occupations - Registration of Audiology Assistants	Requiring, on or after October 1, 2022, an individual to be registered by the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech-Language Pathologists before assisting in the practice of audiology in the State, except as otherwise provided under certain provisions of law; establishing qualifications to obtain an audiology assistant registration; authorizing a licensed audiologist to provide general supervision for up to two audiology assistants at any time; etc.	Lam	In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs		FYI
SB 389 (HB 552)	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Emergency Service Transporters - Reimbursement	Altering the medical services provided by an emergency service transporter for which the Maryland Department of Health is required to reimburse the emergency service transporter under certain circumstances; and requiring the Department to increase the amount of certain reimbursement for emergency service transporters by \$25 each fiscal year, beginning in fiscal year 2022, until the rate is at least \$300.	Gallion	In the Senate - Hearing 2/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/2 1:00 PM		FYI

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SB 423	Public Health - Federal and State Funding for Abortions - Prohibition and Exceptions	Prohibiting the use of federal and State funds to pay for an abortion procedure or health benefits coverage of abortion procedures; and providing that the prohibition does not apply if the woman's pregnancy is the result of an act of rape or incest or the woman has a life-endangering physical condition caused by or arising from the pregnancy itself that would, as certified by a physician, place the woman in danger of death unless an abortion is performed.	Salling	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		FYI
SB 425	Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences	Establishing the Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to update, improve, and develop certain screening tools, submit certain screening tools to the Maryland Department of Health, study certain actions and best practices, develop a certain template, and make and develop certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by October 1, 2022; etc.	Augustine	In the Senate - Hearing 2/16 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance Tue 2/16 1:00 PM		FYI
SB 473 (HB 56)	Labor and Employment - Leave With Pay - Bereavement Leave	Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; defining the term "bereavement leave" as leave an employee is allowed to use on the death of a member of the employee's immediate family; and defining the term "child" for purposes of certain bereavement leave to include an adopted, biological, or foster child, a stepchild, or a legal ward.	Washington	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		FYI

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SB 514 (HB 565)	Health Facilities - Hospitals - Medical Debt Protection	Requiring a hospital to submit annually a certain report to the Health Services Cost Review Commission at a certain time; requiring the Commission to post certain information on its website; altering the required contents of a hospital's policy on the collection of debts owed by patients; requiring a hospital to provide a refund of certain amounts collected from a patient or the guarantor of a patient who was found eligible for reduced-cost care on the date of service; etc.	Feldman	In the Senate - First Reading Finance	Finance		FYI