



**MedChi Council on Legislation - Meeting Agenda
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 6:30 PM on Zoom**

I. Call to Order

II. Legislative Items

- a. Discussion of the 2025 Legislative Session (Steve Wise)
- b. 2025 MedChi Physician of the Day – First Aid Room (Gene Ransom)
- c. 2025 AMA National Advocacy Conference (Susan D’Antoni)

III. Boards and Commissions (B&C)

Bill: [HB 113](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Ziegler

Title: Civil Actions - Noneconomic Damages - Personal Injury and Wrongful Death

Status: In the House - First Reading Judiciary

Position: Oppose

Bill: [SB 25](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 152](#)

Sponsor: Senator Carozza

Title: Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: No Position

Bill: [SB 72](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Health Occupations Boards - English Proficiency Requirements and Licensure by Endorsement for Nursing

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: No Position

Health Insurance (HI)

Bill: [HB 11](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Sample-Hughes

Title: Health Insurance - Access to Nonparticipating Providers - Referrals, Additional Assistance, and Coverage

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 60](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Augustine

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage for Calcium Score Testing

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 94](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Self-Measured Blood Pressure Monitoring

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 111](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Step Therapy, Fail-First Protocols, and Prior Authorization - Prescription to Treat Serious Mental Illness

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

IV. Public Health (PH)

Bill: [HB 39](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Fair

Title: Public Health - Prohibition on Transfer of Human Immunodeficiency Virus – Repeal

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 1:00 p.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 57](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo

Title: County Boards of Education - Student Cellular Phone Use Policy - Establishment

Status: In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

Position: Support

Bill: [HB 94](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 224](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Title: Opioid-Associated Disease Prevention and Outreach Programs - Appeals and Membership of Standing Advisory Committee

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: No Position

Bill: [HB 95](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Allen

Title: Health Care Providers - Assisted Reproductive Treatment - Informed Consent and Fraud

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Hold

Bill: [HB 108](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Metzgar

Title: Public Health - Abortion (Heartbeat Bill)

Status: In the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations

Position: Oppose

Bill: [HB 128](#)

Cross-File Bill: [SB 149](#)

Sponsor: Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo

Title: Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2025

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters)

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 1](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Waldstreicher

Title: Legally Protected Health Care - Reproductive, Fertility Preservation, and Contraceptive Treatment and Services (IVF and Contraception Shield Act of 2025)

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Hold

Bill: [SB 29](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Waldstreicher

Title: Education - Phone-Free Schools Pilot Program - Establishment

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 36](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Kagan

Title: Public Safety - 9-1-1 Trust Fund - 9-8-8 Suicide Prevention Hotline

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/15 at 10:30 a.m.

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 83](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Hettleman

Title: Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support

Bill: [SB 129](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Ellis

Title: Public Health - Maryland Commission on Health Equity - Advisory Committee and Hospital Reporting

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Position: Support with Amendment

Bill: [SB 130](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Benson

Title: County Boards of Education - Student Cellular Device Use Policy - Established

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment

Position: Support

V. FYI

Bill: [HB 297](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Delegate Kerr

Title: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program - Sunset Repeal

Status: In the House - Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 5](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lam

Title: Maryland Health Benefit Exchange - State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program - Sunset Repeal

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Bill: [SB 140](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Jackson

Title: Overdose Awareness Day

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Education, Energy, and the Environment

Bill: [SB 156](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator Lewis Young

Title: Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services - Program Establishment and Insurance Coverage

Status: In the Senate - First Reading Finance

Bill: [SB 163](#)

Cross-File Bill: N/A

Sponsor: Senator M. Washington

Title: Health - General Article - References to Mental Health

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/15 at 10:30 a.m.

Bill: [SB 211](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 116](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Health Insurance - Federal Conformity - Definitions of Health Benefit Plan

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/16 at 3:00 p.m.

Bill: [SB 222](#)

Cross-File Bill: [HB 46](#)

Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Title: Public Health - Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council - Membership

Status: In the Senate - Hearing 1/16 at 3:00 p.m.