



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE
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The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) is a tremendous resource for the people of Maryland. Our role as a public university is most apparent every January as the Maryland General Assembly convenes its legislative session. UMB's status manifests itself in two ways: on the one hand, through the legislative process, UMB receives a considerable amount of state funding. On the other hand, UMB's faculty experts, administrative leaders – and even our students – provide information and conduct advocacy on key bills, influencing law and public policy.

This report captures both aspects of our public role. It begins with an overview of actions by the legislature on UMB's operating and capital budgets. The second half outlines key bills and shares excerpts of testimony provided by UMB's faculty and staff, to show how their advocacy framed some of the most important issues the General Assembly considered.

I. State Funding

The Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Bill, HB 100 (enacted) provides \$46.6 billion in appropriations for fiscal 2020 – an increase of \$1.8 billion (4.0 percent) above fiscal 2019. General fund spending accounts for 41.6 percent of the total budget. Federal funds support 28.2 percent of all spending. Special funds constitute 19.9 percent of the budget with higher education revenue providing the remaining 10.2 percent. State agency operations constitute the largest area of spending, accounting for 41.0 percent of the total budget. Entitlements represent 27.3 percent of the budget, and 19.8 percent is provided as aid to local governments. Remaining appropriations fund pay-as-you-go (PAYGO) capital spending, debt service on state general obligation (GO) bonds, and an appropriation to the Rainy Day Fund.

General fund appropriations increase by nearly \$1.5 billion, or 8.4 percent, over the fiscal 2019 working appropriation. The \$498.8 million increase in the appropriation to the Rainy Day Fund accounts for nearly one-third of the total general fund budget growth and brings the Rainy Day Fund balance to 6.0 percent of general fund revenues. Although spending on general fund PAYGO projects account for less than 1.2 percent of the total general fund budget, the availability of additional cash resources in fiscal 2020 and the recommendation of the Spending Affordability Committee (SAC) that cash resources be directed to one-time expenses provided for a \$172.3 million increase over the amount of general fund PAYGO projects funded in fiscal 2019. This increase included an additional \$127 million for school construction and \$25.0 million used for projects that would have otherwise been funded with taxable debt at a higher cost to the state.

This year, the budget includes a 3 percent general salary increase for state employees effective July 1, 2019, at a cost of \$122.6 million in general funds.



a. Overall Higher Ed Budget

State support for higher education in the fiscal 2020 budget totals \$2.2 billion, an increase of \$140.6 million, or 6.8 percent, over fiscal 2019 allowing in-state undergraduate tuition rates to increase a modest 2.0 percent. Public four-year institutions receive the bulk of the new state funds, totaling \$109.5 million, which includes new general funds and the Higher Education Investment Fund. State funding for community colleges increases by about \$9.3 million, or 2.9 percent, and independent institutions receive \$59.0 million through the Joseph A. Sellinger formula, an increase of \$2.8 million, or 4.9 percent. This growth is due to a scheduled increase in the statutory percentage used in the Sellinger formula for fiscal 2020.

b. USM Operating Budget

The governor proposed, and the General Assembly approved, state support for the USM totaling \$1.49 billion, coming from the General Fund and the Higher Education Investment Fund. This is an increase of \$103 million, or 7.4 percent, over the FY 2019 revised budget.

The USM budget increase includes a 3 percent COLA for state employees effective July 1, 2019 increasing the USM budget by \$56 million. The \$20 million Workforce Development Initiative remains intact as well as new building operating funds, SB 1052 funds, Maryland Center for Computing Education funds, and other important priorities. The state funding level also enables USM to hold the resident undergraduate tuition rate to a modest 2 percent increase.

As part of the budget process, the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) made a number of reduction recommendations including a \$10 million across-the-board reduction, an \$11 million reduction to the Workforce Development Initiative, and a \$1 million reduction to the USM-Southern Maryland Higher Education Center budget. Ultimately, the legislature rejected most of the reduction recommendations, but did approve the \$10 million across-the-board cut and a reduction to the USM office.

The conference committee also adopted language fencing off funding, if approved by the governor, for Salisbury University's Entrepreneurship & Economic Development Center in the amount of \$307,000, Frostburg State University Nurse Practitioner Program in the amount of \$262,000, and \$1 million to the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore to assist with the reaccreditation of its Physician Assistant (PA) Program in a coordinated effort with UMB.



c. Committee Narrative and Budget Amendments

At times, the budget committees wish to express legislative intent or request the University System to perform certain studies or reports on particular issues during the interim. This is usually written as “committee narrative” in the chairmen’s report of the budget committees’ action. Committee narrative does not have the effect of law. However, both budget committees must agree on the wording.

USM and the affected institutions will respond to committee narrative on the following issues (note: original language from the committee narrative is used in this section):

University System of Maryland – Report on Mental Health Services

“The demand for [student] mental health services has been increasing, putting a strain on resources as institutions look for ways to meet the demands of its students. These issues also affect the ability of students to stay in college and graduate. The budget committees are interested in how higher education institutions are managing the increased demand in mental health services on their campuses and request the University System of Maryland (USM), Morgan State University (MSU), and St. Mary’s College of Maryland (SMCM) to submit a joint report on how they are meeting the demand, including how students request and receive services, type of services provided, challenges that the campus faces in meeting the demand for mental health services, cost of services provided and if best practices implemented at other universities and telemedicine are being considered. The report should be submitted by Oct. 1, 2019.”

Interagency Agreements

“Following their actions from previous sessions the General Assembly adopted the following language on interagency agreements: That on or before Aug. 1, 2019, each state agency and each public institution of higher education shall report to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) any agreements in place for any part of fiscal 2019 between state agencies and any public institution of higher education involving HB 100 and any potential expenditures in excess of \$100,000 over the term of the agreement. DBM shall provide direction and guidance to all state agencies and public institutions of higher education as to the procedures and specific elements of data to be reported with respect to these interagency agreements, to include at a minimum: (1) a common code for each interagency agreement that specifically identifies each agreement and the fiscal year in which the agreement began; (2) the starting date for each agreement; (3) the ending date for each agreement; (4) a total potential expenditure, or not-to-exceed dollar amount, for the services to be rendered over the term of the agreement by any public institution of higher education to any state agency; (5) a description of the nature of the goods and services to be provided; (6) the total number of personnel, both full- and part-time, associated with the agreement; (7) contact information for the agency and the public institution



of higher education for the person(s) having direct oversight or knowledge of the agreement; (8) total indirect cost recovery or facilities and administrative (F&A) expenditures authorized for the agreement; (9) the indirect cost recovery or F&A rate for the agreement and brief description of how the rate was determined; (10) actual expenditures for the most recently closed fiscal year; (11) actual base expenditures that the indirect cost recovery or F&A rate may be applied against during the most recently closed fiscal year; (12) actual expenditures for indirect cost recovery or F&A for the most recently closed fiscal year; and (13) total authorized expenditures for any sub-award(s) or subcontract(s) being used as part of the agreement and a brief description of the type of award or contract. DBM shall submit a consolidated report to the budget committees and the Department of Legislative Services by Dec. 1, 2019, that contains information on all agreements between state agencies and any public institution of higher education involving potential expenditures in excess of \$100,000 that were in effect at any time during fiscal 2019. Further provided that no new higher education interagency agreement with state agencies with a projected value in excess of \$500,000 may be entered into during fiscal 2020 without prior approval of the Secretary of Budget and Management.”

Budget Amendments

**Maryland Higher Education Commission
R62I00.09 Governor’s Promise Plus Program**

The following language was added to the general fund appropriation:

Further provided that \$1,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of the Governor’s Promise Plus Program may not be expended for that purpose but instead may only be transferred by budget amendment to R30B25.00 University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) to be used to further develop the process to attain the accreditation for its physician assistant (PA) program. This funding will be directed by a steering committee and be used to oversee the creation of the administrative, curricular, and faculty development infrastructure necessary to achieve and maintain accreditation of the PA program at UMES. The steering committee will be composed of the UMES president; the University of Maryland, Baltimore provost; and the senior vice chancellor of Academic Affairs, University System of Maryland Office. Funds not expended for this restricted purpose may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the general fund.

Explanation: This language transfers \$1.0 million from the Governor’s Promise Plus Program to UMES to further develop the process to attain the accreditation for its PA program.

**Department of Commerce
Division of Business and Industry Sector Development**

T00F00.23 Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund

Amend the following language on the general fund appropriation provided that \$1,250,000 of this appropriation may not be used for the Maryland Economic Development Assistance Authority and Fund and shall only be transferred by budget amendment to appropriations for the following grants in the specified amounts:



...; (3) \$200,000 to program R30B21.00 University of Maryland, Baltimore campus to be used to supplement the grant for the UMB-WellMobile.

Committee Narrative

Social Services Administration Department of Human Services

Development of a New Foster Care Rate Structure: *The fiscal 2020 allowance of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Social Services Administration includes funding to support an agreement for the development of a new foster care rate structure. DHS is working with the University of Maryland School of Social Work Institute for Innovation and Implementation and the Hilltop Institute at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County on this project. DHS anticipates that the report will be completed in December 2019 with a plan to begin using this structure for fiscal 2021. The committees are interested in understanding this new rate structure and how it will impact foster care rates and federal financial participation. The committees request that the department submit a copy of the report describing the new rate structure.*

Outcome Data for Recipients of the Transitional Benefit: *The committees are interested in understanding the impact of the provision of a transitional benefit on returns to Temporary Cash Assistance, employment, and earnings. The committees request that the Department of Human Services and the University of Maryland School of Social Work track and report outcomes for these recipients as the information becomes available through the annual Life After Welfare update.*

d. UMB Operating Budget

The FY 2020 legislative allowance for UMB includes \$232.9 million in general funds and \$10.8 million in Higher Education Investment Funds. Base funding includes \$4 million for the Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures per 2016's University of Maryland Strategic Partnership legislation. The allowance also includes tuition and fee income of about \$152 million – an increase of \$6.2 million over last year. These funds will help support increases to facilities renewal, debt service, student aid, and other needs.

e. UMB Operating Funding Items

- **\$13.6 million for the University of Maryland Cancer Research Program** - Funding of this program through the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) has allowed UMB and the University of Maryland Medical Center (UMMC) to protect, preserve, and grow the



University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC) as a leader in cancer prevention and treatment in the nation. In 2000, the General Assembly created the CRF program using funding from the 1998 Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry. The goal of the program is to implement strategies to reduce the burden of tobacco-related disease in Maryland, emphasizing tobacco use prevention and cessation, in addition to cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment.

- o \$10,400,000 for the UM Cancer Research Grant
 - o \$ 2,000,000 for the UM Cancer Research Grant provided for in Governor's Supplemental Budget
 - o \$1,212,000 for UMB/Baltimore City Public Health Grant
- **\$285,000 Grant for the Governor's Wellmobile Program** - The FY20 budget continues \$285,000 funding for this grant, run by the University of Maryland School of Nursing, in the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) budget. An additional \$200,000 was fenced off by budget conferees during budget deliberations between the Senate and House and will need to be approved by the governor ... "*\$200,000 to program R30B21.00 University of Maryland, Baltimore Campus to be used to supplement the grant for the UMB-Wellmobile.*"
- **\$4.8 Million - Maryland Innovation Initiative** – Provides funding through MD Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) to promote and accelerate the rate of commercializing research conducted in five Maryland research universities (Hopkins, Morgan, UMCP, UMB, and UMBC) on commercialization proposals, strategies, and funding sources, including with federal laboratories located in Maryland; and facilitate technology transfer from university labs to startup companies. UMB received \$1,034,996 in FY18 and \$466,946 in FY19.
- **\$8.5 Million for the E-Innovation Initiative** – Provides matching funds to nonprofit institutions of higher education for the creation of research endowments. Funds must be spent to advance basic and applied research in scientific and technical fields of study. In FY19, UMB received \$3 million from this program.
- **\$8.2 Million for Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund** - Provides funding through TEDCO to support stem cell research and development grants for Maryland's research universities and private sector research corporations. UMB was awarded over \$2.4 million in grants from this fund in FY18 and \$899,930 in FY19.
- **\$2.5 Million for Immunotherapy Research** – Provides \$2.5 million for immunotherapy research at the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) per legislation passed in 2018 to establish the Academic Health Center Immunotherapy Research Fund to provide "matching grants to statewide academic health centers." UMSOM has begun developing a team of leading scientists in this developing field focusing on the growing



area of immune therapeutics for cancer treatment and organ transplantation, and autoimmune diseases.

- **\$500,000 for Tuberos Sclerosis Complex Center of Maryland** – Provides \$500,000 to help establish the Tuberos Sclerosis Complex Center at UMB.

f. Other Operating Funding Items of Interest to UMB

- **\$78 Million for University of Maryland Medical System** – \$15 million to continue operating support for the new University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center in Prince George’s County. The Capital budget includes \$56 million to construct the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center in Prince George’s County completing the \$208 million state commitment to the project.

g. UMB Capital Funding

- **\$13,159,000 for Central Electric Substation and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades** – \$13,159,000 in GO Bonds for the remainder of planning funds for construction and equipment of the UMB Central Electric Substation and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades project. The total project cost is \$74.920 million. The need to upgrade the electrical infrastructure serving the UMB campus and to provide redundancy to ensure continuity of service was identified several years ago.
- **\$4,249,000 for Capital Facilities Renewal Projects** - For campus-wide improvements such as façade stabilization and roof improvements, as well as mechanical and electrical infrastructure upgrades.

h. Other Capital Funding Items of Interest to UMB

- **\$3.941 Million for University of Maryland Sports Performance and Academic Research Building** - To complete construction of a new University of Maryland Center for Sports Medicine, Health and Human Performance on the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) campus within the Cole Field House. The project will enable the growth of clinical and research programs in sports medicine and occupational health in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore.
- **\$3 Million for University of Maryland Medical System Comprehensive Cancer Treatment and Organ Transplant Center** - To construct new facilities and renovate existing space to support the increasing number of clinical programs at the Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center and other high acuity ambulatory and inpatient programs.



The new building includes an expanded 10 floors; parking garage; and specialty outpatient centers for heart and vascular medicine, organ transplant, neurology, and neurosurgery. This project also will expand and renovate the North Hospital at 22 Greene St. as well as provide necessary support space for clinical, training, and staff needs. The estimated cost of this project is \$275 million with a total state share of \$125 million.

- **\$4 Million for R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center Renovation - Phase III** – This project replaces the current trauma resuscitation unit (TRU) with a trauma and critical care resuscitation center, relocates the Acute Care Transfusion Service, constructs an observation unit, expands the outpatient pavilion, and modernizes the hyperbaric chamber. The state's commitment totals \$20 million and the remaining \$20 million will be funded by the University of Maryland Medical Center.
- **\$1 Million Bond Initiative for France-Merrick Performing Arts Center** - \$1 million matching state funds to the Hippodrome Foundation (HFI) for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center. These funds will assist in finalizing the M&T Bank project allowing the HFI to present lower priced/diverse entertainment to a larger cross-section of the community to enjoy the arts as well as triple the volume of education programs HFI can provide.
- **\$1 Million Bond Initiative for Paul's Place Culinary Arts Kitchen** – \$1 million matching state funds to Paul's Place for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a culinary arts kitchen facility to develop a new culinary arts training program. The restaurant and catering business will prepare young adults for careers in the growing food service industry and address one of the root causes of community poverty in Southwest Baltimore.
- **\$500,000 for Lexington Market** – \$500,000 grant to the board of directors of Lexington Market, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of Lexington Market.

I. Key Bills of 2019

This section of the *2019 Legislative Session Impact Report* focuses on bills of particular interest to UMB and its faculty experts. For a look at all of the major bills affecting higher education in general, we recommend the excellent [*USM 2019 Legislative Session Report*](#) prepared by our colleagues at the Office of Government Relations of the University System of Maryland.

a. *Economic Development & Administration*

**Higher Education – Collective Bargaining – Graduate Assistants – (*Graduate Assistant Collective Bargaining Fairness Act*) ([HB 270/SB 491](#))**

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Held in Committee

House Bill 270 would have authorized graduate assistants at USM institutions to collectively bargain. Since 2009, UMB has worked to improve the status of its graduate assistants including the establishment of a “Meet and Confer” process that gives these students the opportunity to engage a labor representative to represent them in discussions with campus administrators. UMB follows the USM adopted Policy on Graduate Assistantships, which addresses due process protection and grievance rights; participation in the shared governance process; and stipends comparable to those at peer institutions.

Public Institutions of Higher Education - Residency Requirement - Determination of In-State Tuition Status ([HB 318](#))

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Withdrawn by Sponsor

This bill would have repealed the one-year residency requirement for public four-year institutions to grant a student in-state tuition. Instead, the bill required all public institutions of higher education to determine that a student meets the residency requirement for in-state tuition, except as provided in Chapter 191 of 2011 (known as the Dream Act), if the student provides evidence that the student (1) graduated from a public or nonpublic high school in the state or received the equivalent of a high school diploma; (2) resides at an address in the state; and (3) possesses a Social Security number.

Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Expansion Act of 2019 ([HB 440](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill limits the number of new P-TECH Planning Grants that may be awarded in a certain fiscal year. No more than three new P-TECH grants may be awarded to establish a new P-TECH school until the 2016-2017 cohort of P-TECH students completes the six-year pathway sequence.

“As corporate partners who have invested in this model, we firmly believe that P-TECH is pioneering a new vision for college and career readiness and has the potential to equip the next generation of Marylanders with the skills to secure entry-level positions, with the promise of long-term career development and ultimately achieving financial independence. The cumulative benefit will also support the economic viability of local communities and in turn benefit the region.”

Written Testimony in Support

By Office of Government Affairs on behalf of UMB

**University System of Maryland Board of Regents Transparency and Oversight ([HB 533/SB 719](#))**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill alters the membership of the USM Board of Regents to include the secretary of commerce (ex officio), one member each appointed by the president of the Senate and the speaker of the House, respectively, and one additional student member. The bill also requires the board to make certain meetings available to the public by live and archived video streaming. Additionally, the bill requires the board to review financial disclosure statements from the chancellor and presidents and alert the General Assembly and governor of certain salary adjustments. The board also will be required to approve search committees for university presidents and hold regular training on the duties and responsibilities of the board.

Maryland Trauma Fund-State Primary Adult Resource Center – Reimbursement of On-Call and Standby Costs ([HB 607/SB 901](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill expands the purpose of the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund (MTPSF) to include subsidizing the documented costs incurred by the state Primary Adult Resource Center (PARC) to maintain trauma surgeons, orthopaedic surgeons, neurosurgeons, and anesthesiologists on-call and on standby as required by the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems (MIEMSS).

“This bill seeks parity in funding from the Trauma Fund for standby and on-call trauma surgeons, orthopaedic surgeons, neurosurgeons, and anesthesiologists. The Primary Adult Resource Center (PARC), the premier trauma center in Maryland, if not the United States, is not eligible under current law for these payments. The proposed legislation will provide support for the cost of physician services without negatively impacting the Total Cost of Care. As the physician-in-chief, I have the distinct responsibility to ensure access to the citizens of Maryland to the best possible care in a profession where each moment is vital to a successful outcome.”

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By: Thomas M. Scalea, MD, physician-in-chief, R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center

Higher Education - Legal Representation Fund for Title IX Proceedings - Established ([HB 633/SB 396](#))

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed



This bill establishes the Legal Representation Fund for Title IX proceedings to provide funds for reasonable costs and attorney's fees for current and former students provided with counsel in accordance with an institution's sexual assault policy as required by Chapters 394 and 395 of 2018. Under Chapters 394 and 395, the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) must reimburse students for these costs; however, no funds are mandated for this purpose. Beginning in fiscal 2021, the governor must include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$250,000 to the fund.

State Government - Protection of Information - Revisions (Maryland Data Privacy Act)
[\(HB 716\)](#)

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Failed in Conference Committee

This departmental bill would have expanded and enhanced the regulatory framework that governs the collection, processing, sharing, disposal, and protection of personal information by the state (Executive Branch) and local governments. The bill excluded the Office of the Attorney General from the enhanced cybersecurity requirements. As passed out of the Senate, USM and local governments were amended out of the bill.

Collective Bargaining - Chancellor of the University System of Maryland – Negotiations
[\(HB 767/SB 696\)](#)

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have required the chancellor of the USM to act on behalf of USM and its constituent institutions, rather than the institutions' presidents under current law, for the purposes of collective bargaining. The bill also would have revoked the authority of the 12 USM institution presidents to designate a representative to negotiate on behalf of their institution. The legislation would have weakened a president's authority as chief executive officer to manage the institution's workforce. This bill also would have required institutions to engage in consolidated bargaining on behalf of up to three separate bargaining units at the institution – exempt employees, nonexempt employees, and sworn police officers. These bargaining units have diverse interests and, in many cases, are subject to different personnel policies and legal rights and obligations.

University System of Maryland - Regular Employees - Grievance Procedures and Disciplinary Actions
[\(HB 822/SB 711\)](#)

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed

This bill establishes that a constituent institution of the University System of Maryland



(USM) may remove, suspend, or demote a regular full-time or part-time employee represented by an exclusive representative under Title 3 of the State Personnel and Pensions Article who is not on probation only (1) for cause; (2) on written charges; and (3) in accordance with University of Maryland Regular Employee Grievance Procedures. USM and the exclusive representative must negotiate what constitutes cause. The bill also clarifies that USM may not remove, suspend, or demote a regular full-time or part-time employee for any reason prohibited by state antidiscrimination law.

Income Tax - Angel Investor Tax Credit Program ([HB 886](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have created a tax credit against the state income tax for investors who make qualified investments in Maryland innovation businesses. The credit is equal to 50 percent of the qualified investment if the qualified innovation business is located in Baltimore City or Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, or Prince George's counties or 67 percent of the qualified investment if the business is located elsewhere.

“UMB firmly believes that it must continue to intensify the entrepreneurial activity of the faculty and researchers that are working on our campus and within our BioPark. At this point in the companies' development, Angel Investors are the most likely source of this investment. A program like the Angel Investor Tax Credit can provide the additional investment needed for entrepreneurs to stay in Maryland, commercialize their own research, and start businesses here.”

Written Testimony in Support

By Office of Government Affairs on behalf of UMB

Higher Education - Collective Bargaining - Tenured Faculty, Adjunct Faculty, and Graduate Student Employees ([HB 1143](#))

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have provided collective bargaining rights to certain tenured or tenure-track faculty, adjunct faculty, and graduate student employees at certain public institutions of higher education; altering certain exceptions to the applicability of provisions of law governing collective bargaining for state employees and establishing separate collective bargaining units for certain tenured or tenure-track faculty, adjunct faculty, and graduate student employees.

University of Maryland Medical System Corporation - Board of Directors, Ethics, and Audits

([HB 1428/SB 619](#))

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed



This emergency bill alters the composition of, and the appointment process for, members of the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation (UMMSC), including reconstituting the board and prohibiting a member from being a state or local elected official.

Economic Development - Maryland Technology Infrastructure Program ([SB 175/HB 235](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This administration bill would have established the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Program, Authority, and Fund (MTIF) in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) and allocated \$16.0 million annually beginning in FY 2020. Due to budget constraints, the budget committees held the measure as the \$16 million was needed to fund other initiatives.

Maryland Stadium Authority's Pimlico Race Course Study Workgroup ([SB 800/HB 1190](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have established the Workgroup to Study the Implementation of Phase 2 of the Maryland Stadium Authority's Pimlico Race Course Study to be staffed by the Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA). The workgroup would report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the General Assembly by Dec. 1, 2019. The mayor and City Council of Baltimore would report to the General Assembly on the total amount of funding available from tax increment financing for infrastructure improvements related to construction of the Pimlico Race Course facility by Dec. 1, 2019.

"As home to the Preakness Stakes, Pimlico elevates the stature of both the city and the state... The economic impact of Preakness Week is critical to the City of Baltimore in terms of hotel stays and restaurant visits." There is now an opportunity to develop Pimlico as an anchor institution for the Greater Park Heights area. The city and state have already invested over \$100 million in Park Heights to improve education, recreation, housing, and other services for residents."

Written Letter of Support

By: President Jay A. Perman, MD, University of Maryland, Baltimore

Baltimore City - Community Oversight and Accountability Commission of Baltimore City ([SB 843](#))

UMB Position: Monitor

Status: Held in Committee



Senate Bill 843 would have repealed provisions of current local law relating to the Civilian Review Board of Baltimore City. This proposed legislation attempted to grant to a Baltimore City panel oversight and accountability responsibilities for state-employed police officers working in Baltimore City. This is a problematic extension of city authority to USM and state employees. Under the proposed legislation, the Civilian Review Board reviews, processes, and investigates complaints regarding law enforcement units that are under the authority of the Baltimore City Police Department commissioner, reviews law enforcement policies, and makes recommendations to the city's police commissioner.

State Prescription Drug Benefits - Retiree Benefits - Revisions ([SB 946](#)/[HB 1120](#))

UMB Position: Monitor

Status: Passed

- This bill creates two new programs to limit out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for current and future state retirees who were hired prior to July 1, 2011 (the date the benefit sustainability reform legislation took effect).
- For current Medicare eligible retirees, spouses, and dependents, they will be able to enroll in a new Maryland State Retiree Prescription Drug Coverage Program that will limit out-of-pocket annual prescription drug costs. Enrollees will receive reimbursement from the program for any out-of-pocket prescription drug costs that exceed the limits for the state employee prescription drug plan - currently a limit of \$1,500 per individual and \$2,000 per family.
- For Medicare eligible individuals and their spouses and dependents who retire after 1/1/19, they will be able to enroll in a new Maryland State Retiree Catastrophic Prescription Drug Program that will also limit out-of-pocket annual prescription drug costs. These future retirees will receive reimbursement for any out-of-pocket prescription drug costs once they qualify for Medicare Part D catastrophic coverage - for costs exceeding approximately \$2,500.
- For non-Medicare eligible retirees, spouses, and dependents, they remain on the current state plan with no program changes.
- Also, as amended, in the first year that retirees enroll in Medicare Part D, the Department of Budget and Management is required to contract with an outside entity to provide one-on-one consulting to Medicare eligible retirees in person or on the phone to assist retirees in selecting a Medicare Part D plan based on their specific medications and needs.



b. Academic and Research Policy

Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Processing and Dispensing Medical Cannabis ([HB 17](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This emergency omnibus bill includes a provision that will allow for an institution of higher education, a related medical facility, or an affiliated biomedical research firm to register with the Medical Cannabis Commission to purchase medical cannabis for the purposes of conducting a bona fide research project relating to the medical uses, properties, or composition of cannabis. The commission may adopt implementing regulations. The bill establishes state law legal protections for academic research representatives.

“This legislation would put Maryland on strong footing if or when the DEA chooses to modify the Controlled Substances Act or regulations governing new grow sites, and provides opportunities for research on medical cannabis grown in Maryland.”

Written Letter of Support

By: Dean Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

“As the number of states legalizing medical cannabis continues to grow, so does the need for an educated workforce to respond to patient inquiries regarding the therapeutic effects of medical cannabis. In a 2015 survey of health care providers (physicians, nurse practitioners, and pharmacists), a large knowledge gap was found related to medical cannabis dosing, the development of therapeutic treatment plans, knowledge on the similarities and differences between cannabis products, education related to safety, risks and precautions for medical cannabis use, and the laws and regulations surrounding medical cannabis.”

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By: Bruce Jarrell, MD, executive vice president and provost, University of Maryland, Baltimore

“Maryland should take the lead on medical cannabis research and authorize institutions of higher education and related medical facilities to conduct scientific research on the plant and its therapeutic uses. The therapeutic uses of medical cannabis should be supported by indelible science-based evidence. Without academic research, patients are only allowed to have faith in the validity of anecdotal evidence.”

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By: John Travers, student, Public Health Law Clinic at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

**Higher Education – Academic Forgiveness Policy – Established ([HB 205](#))**

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Unfavorable Report by Committee

This bill would have required each institution of higher education that receives state funds to develop and implement an academic forgiveness policy by Aug. 1, 2019. The academic forgiveness policy must disregard an applicant's unsatisfactory or failing grades earned at a prior institution seven or more years before the applicant submits an application, if the applicant chooses to participate in the policy.

Interagency Agreements – Historically Black Colleges and Universities – Reporting Requirements ([HB 658/SB 755](#))

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed

Last year's fiscal 2019 Budget Bill (Chapter 570 of 2018) established a goal that state agencies award 5 percent of total interagency agreement expenditures to historically black institutions unless a waiver is granted following demonstration of good-faith efforts to comply. HB 658/SB 755 proposed putting into law this existing 5 percent goal. Both bills were amended to strip out the 5 percent goal and now require the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) to report annually on specified information about interagency agreements with historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs.)

Task Force to Study Admission Practices at Public Senior Higher Education Institutions ([HB 1047](#))

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Withdrawn by Sponsor

This bill would have established the Task Force to Study Admission Practices at Public Senior Higher Education Institutions; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the task force; requiring the task force to study and make recommendations regarding certain admission practices of Maryland public senior higher education institutions that relate to admission of in-state versus out-of-state students and requiring the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the General Assembly on or before Dec. 31, 2019.

**Public Health - Prohibition on Testing Cosmetics on Animals ([SB 540](#))**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have prohibited a person beginning Oct. 1, 2020, from conducting or contracting for “cosmetic animal testing” in the development of a cosmetic and from selling, offering for sale, or transporting within the state, any cosmetic if the final product or any individual component of the final product was developed or manufactured using “cosmetic animal testing.”

University of Maryland Joint Steering Council – Renaming, Duties, and Funding ([SB 897](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill renames the University of Maryland Joint Steering Council to be the MPowering Joint Steering Council. The governor must include in the annual state budget for the council a general fund appropriation in the following amounts: \$2 million in fiscal 2021; \$4 million in fiscal 2022; \$6 million in fiscal 2023; and \$8 million in fiscal 2024; \$10 million in fiscal year 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter.

“This legislation will allow for additional resources to provide sustaining funds to continue collaborations, and to catalyze new initiatives. The additional funding will accelerate the growth of new large scale research and education initiatives that will continue to drive scientific discovery and research funding to the state, create opportunities to better serve students, and address pressing society challenges in the state. For example, UMB and UMCP’s world-class expertise in medicine, computer science, and engineering, as well as a host of other disciplines, positions the universities to collaboratively lead research and develop applications for artificial intelligence (AI) for medical practice. MPower funds would support major research initiatives that will contribute to major scientific discovery and improvements in patient care, and that are expected to secure sizable extramural funding. We anticipate investments in these joint efforts to lead to projects in multifactorial biomarker diagnostics; predictive medical algorithms that leverage continuous streaming medical datasets, and the optimization of AI applications in radiology, pathology, and other specialties.”

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By: President Jay A. Perman, MD, University of Maryland, Baltimore



c. Regulation of the Professions

Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland ([HB 309/SB 431](#))

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have established the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland including the dean of the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, 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.

Pharmacists - Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use - Prescribing and Dispensing ([HB 1217/SB 497](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Unfavorable Report by Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

This bill would have expanded the scope of practice for a licensed pharmacist who meets specified requirements, to include prescribing and dispensing medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as an aid for the cessation of tobacco products (tobacco cessation aids).

“Effective prevention of cigarette smoking and help for those wishing to quit can yield enormous health benefits for populations and individuals. Promoting and supporting smoking cessation programs should be an important health policy priority for all health care professionals in all clinical settings.”

Written Testimony in Support

By: Dean Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

“Pharmacist authority to prescribe and dispense medications approved by the FDA as an aid for the cessation of the use of tobacco products is a well-studied practice that is gaining momentum across the country. Pharmacists are properly trained to prescribe these medications and have been safely doing so for almost 15 years. Pharmacists are accessible, knowledgeable, and trusted community health care providers who have all of the tools necessary to assist smokers in quitting.”

Written Testimony in Support

By: Public Health Law Clinic at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law



Public Health – Death Certificates - Completion and Cause of Death Report ([HB 1400/SB 1012](#))

UMB Position: Support
Final Status: Passed

This bill authorizes a physician designated by the State Anatomy Board to complete a death certificate under specified circumstances. Generally, a death certificate must be completed by either the medical examiner, if the medical examiner takes charge of the body, or the physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner who last attended the deceased. Under this bill, if the attending physician, physician assistant, or nurse practitioner is unavailable and the board has failed after a good faith effort to make contact with such individuals within 72 hours of taking charge of the body, the death certificate can be completed by a physician designated by the board.

“The proposed change in the statute authorizes the State Anatomy Board to designate a board physician to sign the death certificate when the last physician to see the patient is unreachable or unresponsive and the decedent has been in the board’s custody for 72 hours. The bill is narrowly focused providing this authority only in the situation when the physician of record is unable or unwilling to perform the duty in a timely manner.”

Written and Oral Testimony in Support
Adam Puche, PhD
Chair, Maryland State Anatomy Board
Professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine

d. Bills of Interest to University Experts

Child Abuse and Neglect – Sex Trafficking – Services and Investigations (Child Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Act of 2019) ([HB 827/SB 688](#))

UMB Position: Support
Final Status: Passed

This bill establishes that a minor engaging in prostitution or occupying a building, structure, or conveyance for prostitution is immune from criminal prosecution or from being proceeded against as a delinquent child. It also requires the executive director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) to select up to six “regional navigators” to coordinate and provide services to children who are victims of sex trafficking. GOCCP must provide grant funding for services provided by regional navigators; the governor may appropriate up to \$3.0 million for grant funding.

“HB 827 will ensure that minor victims of sex trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation are treated as victims of sexual abuse rather than as offenders. Under federal and Maryland law, youth involved in any type of commercial sex are defined as victims of sex trafficking.



Despite this status, current Maryland law allows minor children to be charged with prostitution. HB 827 provides children with immunity from several prostitution-related charges. This protection is critical in establishing trust with victims and reducing the possibility of trauma that may result from processing through the juvenile justice system. Prostitution arrests reinforce messages from traffickers that victims are somehow complicit in their own exploitation. Creating arrest records for youth also yields many untoward consequences for future education and employment opportunities.

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By: Amelia Rubenstein, MSW, LCSW-C, adjunct professor, University of Maryland School of Social Work

“Child sex trafficking victims in Maryland are OUR children. Through Safe Harbor legislation we can ensure that every victimized child receives the services they need, that every victimized child is treated as a victim and not a criminal, and that every victimized child is not pushed further into the shadows of human trafficking. The approach suggested in this legislation is already working in states such as Minnesota and Tennessee. This is a first step to eradicating the scourge of child sex trafficking in our state.”

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By: Amanda Rodriguez, chief counsel for policy and legal advocacy, SAFE Center for Human Trafficking Survivors at the University of Maryland

Criminal Law-Drug Paraphernalia-Prevention of HIV and Viral Hepatitis ([HB 828/SB 836](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have specified that the criminal prohibition on drug paraphernalia does not apply to (1) the use or possession of drug paraphernalia that has been provided or obtained as a means of preventing the spread of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or viral hepatitis and (2) the delivery or sale, or manufacture or possession with intent to deliver or sell, drug paraphernalia intended to serve as a means of preventing the spread of HIV or viral hepatitis.

“Drug paraphernalia decriminalization will create an environment in which drug addiction is viewed as a medical issue that requires counseling and rehabilitation instead of criminal activity. This could help decrease harms associated with drug use by getting more people into treatment, rather than putting them in jail for drug paraphernalia possession. Some might fear that this change could increase illegal drug use or crime. However, multiple studies have concluded that access to sterile syringes does not increase drug use. One of the most important public health benefits of decriminalization is the decreased risk of spreading infectious diseases like HIV and viral hepatitis.”

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By: Kasia Foster, student, Public Health Law Clinic at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law



Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors ([HB 911/SB 930](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill establishes a Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors; requiring the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness to provide staff for the workgroup; requiring the workgroup to compile existing information on the needs of unaccompanied homeless minors, identify resources available to meet those needs, and identify barriers to accessing safe shelter.

Oral Testimony in Support

By: Deborah Woolford, student, University of Maryland School of Social Work

Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center - Data Matching ([HB 1206](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill establishes a framework for two data transfer protocols related to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS) Center research as follows: (1) the geocoding of public school students' home addresses to the census tract and block level by each local school system, as specified; and (2) the matching of specified student information to tax information by the comptroller. The comptroller must comply with specified data privacy and security standards, including the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). For each of fiscal 2021 and 2022, the governor must appropriate \$100,000 to the center to develop the geocoding protocol.

“The University of Maryland School of Social Work is a key partner in the Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS) Center, serving as its research branch and agency headquarters. We have more than 30 years of experience taking administrative records and creating useful information for legislators and other policymakers. We have helped to develop the capacity of the MLDS for the last six years. My colleagues and I strongly support HB 1206 because it will markedly improve the MLDS and the policy-informing information that we can obtain from it.”

Written Testimony in Support

By: Dean Richard P. Barth, PhD, MSW, University of Maryland School of Social Work

Tanning Devices – Use by Minors ([SB 299/HB 124](#))

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed

This bill prohibits an owner, employee, or operator of a tanning facility from allowing a minor younger than age 18 to use a tanning device. The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) must develop and make available to each tanning facility a notice that contains specified information.



An owner, employee, or operator must post the notice in a conspicuous place in the facility. The restrictions on tanning facilities do not apply to the use of any “phototherapy device” by a health care practitioner acting within the scope of their license, or by order of a health care practitioner acting within the scope of their license. Violators are subject to existing civil penalties.

“The use of tanning devices is popular among youth, with 7.2 percent of Maryland high school students reporting indoor tanning in 2016. In Maryland, age-adjusted rates of new melanoma cases among men 15-39 years old have increased from 6.1 cases per 100,000 in 1996 to 6.5 cases per 100,000 in 2015. A more dramatic increase is noted among women as age-adjusted rates of new melanoma cases among women, 15-39 years old have increased from 6.3 cases per 100,000 in 1996 to 8.4 cases per 100,000 in 2015. The council does not believe that the use of tanning devices among minors contributes positively to the public’s health, and prohibiting use among minors would reduce rates of cancer for Marylanders.”

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By Kevin J. Cullen, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine

“Bringing Maryland’s law in line with the strong evidence base against youth tanning is an appropriate and effective response to a public health threat. This is evidenced by the fact that 19 states and the District of Columbia have already banned the use of tanning devices by minors.”

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By: Julie Gearty, student, Public Health Law Clinic at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

Public Safety - Access to Firearms - Storage Requirements ([SB 441/](#)[HB 468](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have modified an existing prohibition related to a child’s access to firearms. Specifically, under the bill, a person may not store or leave a loaded *or unloaded* firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised child *could* gain access to the firearm *unless the firearm is locked (1) by an “external safety lock” or an integrated mechanical safety device” or (2) in a “safe storage depository.”* In addition, the bill alters the definition of “child” to mean an individual younger than age 18.

“By requiring the safe storage of firearms in homes with children, this bill will address all forms of gun violence and injury that children too often suffer: homicide, suicide, unintentional injury, and death. In 2018, 4.6 million children and youth were living with at least one loaded and unlocked firearm in their homes. It is therefore encouraging that this bill takes a foundational step in promoting dialogue between pediatricians and children’s families concerning gun safety and the dangers of improper gun storage.”

Written Letter of Support

By: President Jay A. Perman, MD, University of Maryland, Baltimore



Health Care Facilities - Comprehensive and Extended Care Facilities - Discharges and Transfers ([SB 669/](#)[HB 592](#))

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have prohibited the Maryland Department of Health from denying an individual access to a home- and community-based services waiver due to a lack of funding for waiver services if the individual is living at home or in the community at a certain time, received certain services, will be or has been terminated from the Maryland Medical Assistance Program due to certain entitlement or enrollment, meets certain eligibility criteria, and certain services received by the individual would qualify for federal matching funds.

“SB 669 has the ability to fulfill the inchoate promise of the “Nursing Home Resident’s Bill of Rights,” and provide the necessary framework to uphold the dignity and humanity of our most vulnerable community members.”

Written Letter of Support

By: Anne Hurley, Esq., managing director, Clinical Law Program, University of Maryland Carey School of Law

Business Regulation - Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices – Revisions ([SB 895/](#)[HB 1169](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill (1) alters the definition of “tobacco product” to include electronic smoking devices (ESDs), renames electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) to be ESDs, and makes related changes; (2) raises the minimum age, from 18 to 21, for an individual to purchase or be sold tobacco products; (3) authorizes the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to conduct unannounced inspections of specified retailers; (4) specifies signage requirements for specified retailers; (5) alters restrictions pertaining to the sale of tobacco products through vending machines; and (6) makes other revisions to provisions of law pertaining to the distribution of tobacco products to minors and possession of tobacco products by minors.

“Through its comprehensive new plan, HB 1169 will achieve its main goal to keep all tobacco products and ENDS out of the hands of youth. This goal is extremely important in 2019, where youth use of tobacco products, especially ENDS, has increased dramatically.”

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By: Jackie Fonteyne, student, Public Health Law Clinic at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law



II. Other Activities

a. Legislative Briefings

Briefing on The Maryland Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices

Before the House Ways and Means Education Subcommittee

Barbara Sugarman Grochal, MAT, MBA, CPCC, director of the Schools Conflict Resolution Education Programs at the Center for Dispute Resolution (C-DRUM) at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law, presented to the subcommittee a comprehensive summary of the School-to Prison Pipeline. The summary sought to dispel myths in order to combine a relationship-focused mindset and distinctive tools that create a school climate and culture that is inherently just, racially equitable, and conducive to learning for all students. Read more about the briefing [here](#).

Briefing on Opioid Legislation

Before the House Health and Government Operations Committee Opioid Workgroup

Update from the Carey School of Law Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy on opioid legislation before the Maryland General Assembly during the 2019 Legislative Session.

b. Advocacy Activities

CURE Scholars Take Excursion to the State Capital

Funded by the National Cancer Institute, the UMB CURE Scholars Program is a unique mentoring program aimed at reducing racial disparities in public health by introducing a pipeline toward careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) to students in West Baltimore. The program begins in sixth grade and continues through high school, college, and beyond.

The sixth-, seventh-, eighth-, and ninth-grade scholars kicked off their state capital excursion in the House of Delegates Office Building, where they displayed their unique STEM research posters in the Baltimore City Delegation boardroom. Throughout the evening, state lawmakers filtered into the room to listen as the scholars presented their research. Read more about the event [here](#).



Collaboration Comes to Life at MPower Day

The second annual “*MPower Day*” was designed to highlight the innovation and impact that collaborative research between UMB and the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) has had on solving important problems for the people of Maryland and the nation.

In a grown-up version of show and tell, Annapolis lawmakers were able to see firsthand the results of a strategic partnership between the University of Maryland, Baltimore and UMCP as more than 20 joint initiatives were featured at MPowering the State Advocacy Day on Feb. 28 in Annapolis.

The event is an annual celebration of the University of Maryland Strategic Partnership: MPowering the State. The collaboration between UMB and UMCP began in 2012 and was formalized by law in 2016. In seven years, it has propelled innovation and impact through collaboration, generating 513 joint research proposals and \$164 million in joint funding. Read more about the day [here](#).



Testimony and briefings at the 2019 Session of the Maryland General Assembly of interest to the University of Maryland, Baltimore community.

Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
1/17	Ways and Means Education Subcommittee	Briefing on School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices	❖ Barbara Grochal, MAT, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)
1/31	Judicial Proceedings	SB 151 Criminal Law – Crimes Involving Computers – Ransomware	❖ Markus Rauschecker, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
2/6	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 223 State Department of Education – Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach	❖ Sharon Hoover, PhD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), Representing Self-Letter of Information
2/6	Ways and Means	HB 113 Criminal Law - Gaming - Civil Offense	❖ John Travers, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
2/7	Ways and Means	HB 133 Public Schools - Provision of Feminine Hygiene Products	❖ Dorothy Singletary, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
2/12	Health and Government Operations	HB 309 Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland	❖ Charles Doring, DDS, University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD)-Support ❖ Leonard Bers, DDS, University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD)-Support ❖ Janet Yellowitz, DDS, University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD)-Support
2/12	Judicial Proceedings	SB 842 Criminal Law - Gaming - Civil Offense	❖ John Travers, Student, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support



Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
2/13	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 541 Education - Personnel Matters - Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Prevention	❖ Lauren Fash, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
2/13	Health and Government Operations	HB 316 Public Health – Vaccination Reporting Requirements – ImmuNet	❖ Natalie Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, Dean, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support
2/14	Ways and Means	HB 256 State Department of Education - Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach	❖ Laura Macherelli, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
2/14	Appropriations Health and Social Services Subcommittee	HB 100 Operating Budget – MDH Prevention & Health Promotion Administration Cigarette Restitution Trust Fund	❖ Kevin Cullen, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
2/14	Ways and Means	HB 486 Education - Personnel Matters - Child Sexual Abuse and Sexual Misconduct Prevention	❖ Kevin Redden, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
2/15	Health and Government Operations and Judiciary	HB 399 End-of-Life Option Act (Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer Act)	❖ Kasia Foster, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support ❖ Ariel Neumann, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
2/19	Health and Government Operations	HB 419 Pharmacists – Administering Injectable Medications and Biological Products	❖ Natalie Eddington, UMSOP-Support ❖ Raymond Love, PharmD, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support



Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
2/19	Judicial Proceedings	SB 311 End-of-Life Option Act (Richard E. Israel and Roger "Pip" Moyer Act)	❖Kasia Foster, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support ❖Ariel Neumann, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support
2/20	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Expansion Act of 2019	❖Kevin P. Kelly, JD, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support
2/21	Judicial Proceedings	SB 718 Criminal Procedure - Government Agents - Requests for and Use of Immigration Status Information	❖Hannah Mitchell, Student, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW), Representing Self-Support
2/21	Budget and Taxation Health and Human Services Subcommittee	SB 125 Operating Budget – MDH Prevention & Health Promotion Administration Cigarette Restitution Trust Fund	❖Kevin Cullen, UMSOM-Support
2/21	Budget and Taxation Education Business and Administration Subcommittee	SB 125 Operating Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖Jay A. Perman, MD, President, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support
2/21	Judicial Proceedings	SB 441 Public Safety – Access to Firearms – Storage Requirements	❖Jay Perman, UMB-Support
2/21	Environment and Transportation	HB 241 Vehicle Laws - License and Registration Renewal - Denial	❖Donald Tobin, JD, Dean, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support
2/21	Health and Government Operations	HB 471 Health Occupations - Requirements for the Practice of Optometry - Miscellaneous Revisions	❖Mona Kaleem, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM), Representing Self - Oppose



Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
2/21	Health and Government Operations	HB 835 Health Occupations - Practice of Optometry - Therapeutically Certified Optometrists	❖ Mona Kaleem, UMSOM, Representing Self-Support with Amendments
2/21	Judiciary	HB 827 Child Abuse and Neglect – Sex Trafficking – Services and Investigations (Child Sex Trafficking Screening and Services Act of 2019)	❖ Leanne Pomeroy, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW), Representing Self-Support ❖ Amanda Rodriguez, JD, University of Maryland, Baltimore (SAFE Center), Representing Self-Support
2/25	Appropriations Education and Economic Development Subcommittee	HB 100 Operating Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ Jay Perman, UMB-Support
2/25	Judiciary	HB 468 Public Safety – Access to Firearms – Storage Requirements	❖ Jay Perman, UMB-Support
2/26	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 565 Health Occupations - Practice of Optometry - Therapeutically Certified Optometrists	❖ Mona Kaleem, UMSOM, Representing Self-Support
2/26	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 447 Health Occupations - Requirements for the Practice of Optometry - Miscellaneous Revisions	❖ Mona Kaleem, UMSOM, Representing Self-Oppose
2/26	Judicial Proceedings	SB 858 Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission - Academic Research - Medical Uses and Properties of Cannabis	❖ Natalie Eddington, UMSOP-Support ❖ Susan Lawrence, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support ❖ John Travers, UMCSOL-Support
2/26	Judicial Proceedings	SB 860 Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission	❖ Kevin Redden, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support



Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
		- Immunity - Revocation of Release	
2/26	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 497 Pharmacists - Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use - Prescribing and Dispensing	❖Natalie Eddington, UMSOP- Support ❖Blair Inniss, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support
2/26	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 577 Pharmacists - Administering Injectable Medications and Biological Products	❖Natalie Eddington, UMSOP- Support ❖Raymond Love, UMSOP-Support ❖Megan Ehret, PharmD, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support
2/26	Health and Government Operations	HB 738 Dental Hygienist – Scope of Practice – Practice Settings Under General Supervision	❖Deborah L. Cartee, RDH, MS, University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD), Dental Hygiene Program, Representing Self -Support ❖Janet Yellowitz, UMSOD, Representing Self-Oppose
2/27	Health and Government Operations	HB 124 Tanning Devices - Use by Minors	❖Julie Gearty, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self- Support
2/27	Ways and Means	HB 886 Income Tax - Angel Investor Tax Credit Program	❖Kevin P. Kelly, UMB-Support
2/27	Economic Matters	HB 1169 Business Regulation - Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices - Revisions	❖Jackie Fonteyne, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
2/27	Economic Matters	HB 1185 Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems - Prohibitions and Requirements	❖Brooke Torton, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Oppose
2/28	Finance	SB 483 Maryland Farms and Families Fund - Purpose, Use, Funding, and Grant	❖Kirby McMahon, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support



Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
		Qualifications - Alterations	
2/28	Ways and Means	HB 725 Public Schools - Student Discipline - Restorative Approaches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Barbara Grochal, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support ❖ Deborah Eisenberg, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support ❖ Adam Siegel, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support ❖ Max Cardin, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support ❖ Emily Ames-Messinger, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW), Representing Self-Support
2/28	Ways and Means	HB 1208 Board of Restorative Practices in Schools - Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Emily Ames-Messinger, UMSSW, Representing Self-Support
2/28	Ways and Means	HB 1229 Restorative Schools Fund and Grants - Establishment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Barbara Grochal, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support ❖ Deborah Eisenberg, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support ❖ Emily Ames-Messinger, UMSSW, Representing Self-Support
2/28	Ways and Means	HB 733 Primary and Secondary Education - Community Schools - Established	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Allyson Tarbox, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW), Representing Self-Support
2/28	Finance	SB 299 Tanning Devices - Use by Minors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Kevin Cullen, UMSOM, Representing Self-Support ❖ Julie Gearty, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support
2/28	Judiciary	HB 911 Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness – Unaccompanied	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Deborah Woolford, Student, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW), Representing Self-Support



Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
		Minors in Need of Shelter	
2/28	Appropriations	HB 607 Maryland Trauma Fund - State Primary Adult Resource Center - Reimbursement of On-Call and Standby Costs	❖ Thomas Scalea, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support ❖ Andrew Pollak, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
2/28	Finance	SB 895 Business Regulation - Tobacco Products and Electronic Smoking Devices - Revisions	❖ Jackie Fonteyne, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support
2/28	Finance	SB 310 Baltimore City - Unpackaged Cigarettes - Prohibition on Sale	❖ Kevin Cullen, UMSOM, Representing Self-Support ❖ Kathleen Hoke, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
3/1	Ways and Means	HB 1190 Maryland Stadium Authority's Pimlico Race Course Study Workgroup	❖ Jay Perman, UMB-Support
3/5	Judiciary	HB 828 Criminal Law - Drug Paraphernalia - Prevention of HIV and Viral Hepatitis	❖ Kasia Foster, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support
3/5	Health and Government Operations	HB 1217 Pharmacists - Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use - Prescribing and Dispensing	❖ Natalie Eddington, UMSOP-Support ❖ Blair Inniss, UMCSOL-Support
3/6	Budget and Taxation	SB 800 Maryland Stadium Authority's Pimlico Race Course Study Workgroup	❖ Jay Perman, UMB-Support
3/6	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 766 Public Schools - Student Discipline - Restorative Approaches	❖ Shantay McKinily, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW), Representing Self-Support



Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
3/7	Ways and Means	HB 1206 Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center - Data Matching	❖ Richard Barth, PhD, MSW, Dean, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support
3/8	Appropriations Education and Economic Development Subcommittee	HB 100 Operating Budget – MD Technology Infrastructure Fund	❖ Jay Perman, UMB-Oppose Cuts
3/8	Budget and Taxation	SB 897 University of Maryland Joint Steering Council – Renaming, Duties, and Funding	❖ Jay Perman, UMB-Support ❖ Sarah Murthi, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
3/11	Budget and Taxation Capital Budget Subcommittee	SB 126 Capital Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ Jay Perman, UMB-Support
3/12	Appropriations Capital Budget Subcommittee	HB 101 Capital Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ Jay Perman, UMB-Support
3/13	Health and Government Operations	HB 881 Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission – Academic Research – Medical Uses and Properties of Cannabis	❖ Bruce Jarrell, MD, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support ❖ John Travers, UMCSOL-Support
3/14	Health and Government Operations	HB 1400 Public Health – Death Certificates – Completion and Cause of Death Report	❖ Adam Puche, PhD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
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