

**Kent County Department of Social Services  
Advisory Board Meeting Minutes  
February 18, 2020**

**Present:** Kevin Karpowicz, Beverly Birkmire, Olythea Hunley Charlotte Potts, William Washington, Shelly Neal-Edwards, Tracy Williams, Pastor Caitlan Gartland

**Absent:** Bob Jacob

**Presentation:** Strategic Plan- Shelly provided information on the status of the agency's strategic plan. Reviewed all measures and where the agency is to date on its progress. Copies of the plan were provided.

**Chairperson's Report :**

- Approval of minutes from January 21, 2020. Motion to approve made by William Washington and second by Beverly Birkmire motion carried by unanimous vote.

➤ **Kent County CARES Foundation**

- Dr. Karpowicz discussed last month's vote for the 2 nominees for the Board- May and Gartland. It was unclear as to whether or not the Board had voted. Dr. K sent out the vote via email and the Board members voted both in for the vacant Board seats. There is 1 board seat opening and could have 2 more. Shelly is meeting with a potential Board Member after this meeting, Rev. Tolliver who is on the Town Council.
- Dr. Karpowicz provided copies of the post card for the Board. If any Board member would like to have some to hand out, please see Shelly. They are at KCDSS.
- Dr. Karpowicz developed a draft of a press release. Suggestions were given by the Board members. Possible have the main points bulleted, the "ask" should be at the beginning of the article. Then state "for more information see the website" at the end. Have the full article on the website.
- New website has been created and is ready to add information. Will be working on getting a link for donations and PayPal donations. Dr. Karpowicz's daughter has created the website.

➤ **Director's Report :**

- **Divisional Performance Report -January** was reviewed by attending members. Questions were asked regarding Child Support collections vs arrears. Questions were asked regarding FIA programs. All questions were addressed by Shelly.
- **Technological Events -**
  - E&E- power point was displayed. Kent County will be a pilot site with QAC. Go-Live will be 6/29/2020. Staff are being trained and "playing in the sand box" to get familiar with the new system.
  - CJAMS - Anne Arundel Co is the 2<sup>nd</sup> pilot. Kent County is scheduled to Go-Live on 7/27/2020. A power point timeline was given.
- **Summer SNAP** - KCDSS applied for this grant. Was initially awarded then retracted due to FIA Central's guidance on the application did not meet statute. A new template for an updated plan was sent out to the 12 LDSS' that initially applied to reapply. New application is due March 1, 2020. Shelly completed the updated plan with a focus on an evaluation process. Application was submitted on 2/14/2020. Awards will be sent in April 2020 for implementation to begin in June 2020.
- **DHS Legislative Updates -**
  - Shelly provided a power point on the legislative bills that DHS is tracking. Discussed HB1382- Children in Out of Home Placement- Placement in Medical facilities.
  - Provided the Upcoming Hearing Schedule. Attached.
- **Additional Topics -**
  - None.

- Motion to Adjourn: With no additional business at hand, a motion to adjourn was made by Beverly Birkmire at 5:00 pm, seconded by William Washington. Motion carried by unanimous vote.
- The next meeting will be held Monday, March 16, 2020 at 3:30pm in the Child Support Conference Room, 315 High Street, Chestertown, MD.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelly Neal-Edwards, LCSW-C

2020 Legislative Session

# Tracked LEADs and Upcoming Hearings Schedule

*Please inform the Office of Government Affairs of all staff who will attend meetings and/or hearings.*

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## HB0031

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Queen

**Bill Title:** Vehicle Laws - Special Registration Plates and Fund - Hunger Relief Initiatives

**Committee:** Environment and Transportation

**Current Status:** Hearing canceled

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available for certain vehicles a special registration plate supporting hunger relief initiatives; authorizing certain persons to apply to the Administration for the special registration plate for certain classes of vehicles; requiring the owner of a vehicle assigned a special registration plate to pay certain fees; establishing the Hunger Relief Initiatives Fund; requiring that certain fees collected under the Act be used only for funding hunger relief initiatives; etc.

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**Position:** No Position / Monitor

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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## HB1518

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate McKay

**Bill Title:** Opioid-Exposed Newborns and Parents Addicted to Opioids - Mobile Application - Pilot Program (I'm Alive Today App)

**Committee:** Health and Government Operations

**Current Status:** Hearing canceled

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Social Services Administration, in consultation with the local departments of social services, to establish a pilot program in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties to communicate with a certain opioid-addicted parent through a mobile application; requiring the local departments of social services in Allegany, Garrett, and Washington counties, if appropriate, to communicate with a certain opioid-addicted parent through a certain mobile application under certain circumstances; etc.

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**Position:**

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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## SB0581    HB0170

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Sydnor

**Bill Title:** Criminal Procedure - Family Law Services for Sustained Safety Fund

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

**Current Status:** Hearing canceled (Judicial Proceedings)

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Family Law Services for Sustained Safety Fund to increase legal services in family law cases for victims in order to help ensure safety and long-term stability after victimization; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the Fund; requiring each grantee from

the Fund to receive training on the effects of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and elder abuse; prohibiting a grantee from requesting an individual to waive certain rights in order to receive services; etc.

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**Position:** No Position

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0242 SB0206**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Atterbary

**Bill Title:** Criminal Procedure - Motion to Vacate Judgment - Human Trafficking  
(True Freedom Act of 2020)

**Committee:** Judiciary

1/28/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Current Status:** Third Reading Passed (123-8)

**Synopsis:** Altering the eligibility for the filing of a certain motion to vacate judgment if the person's participation in the offense was a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking; requiring that a certain motion be served on a certain State's Attorney; requiring that a certain motion be mailed to a victim or victim's representative at a certain address if the qualifying offense occurred within 5 years before the filing of the motion; requiring the court to take certain factors into consideration when making a certain finding; etc.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:** Written

**By:**

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**SB0206 HB0242**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Lee

**Bill Title:** Criminal Procedure - Motion to Vacate Judgment - Human Trafficking  
(True Freedom Act of 2020)

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

1/29/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Current Status:** Third Reading Passed (44-0)

**Synopsis:** Altering the eligibility for the filing of a certain motion to vacate judgment if the person's participation in the offense was a direct result of being a victim of human trafficking; requiring that a certain motion be served on a certain State's Attorney; requiring that a certain motion be mailed to a victim or victim's representative at a certain address if the qualifying offense occurred within 5 years before the filing of the motion; requiring the court to take certain factors into consideration when making a certain finding; etc.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:** Written

**By:**

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**SB0137 HB0407**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Cassilly

**Bill Title:** Harford County - State's Attorney's Office and Child Support Administration - Transfer of Personnel

**Committee:** Finance

2/6/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Current Status:** Third Reading Passed (45-0)

**Synopsis:** Transferring the functions, powers, and duties of the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State's Attorney for Harford County to the Child Support Administration of the Department of Human Services; requiring the creation of certain Position Identification Numbers for certain transferred employees; providing for the determination of salary grade and seniority for transferred employees; etc.

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**Position:** No Position / Monitor

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**SB0231 HB0246**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Lee

**Bill Title:** Sexual Solicitation of a Minor - Solicitation Through Parent, Guardian, or Custodian - Prohibition and Penalties

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

1/30/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Current Status:** Third Reading Passed (45-0)

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting a person from knowingly and with a certain intent soliciting the consent of a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor, or a person believed to be a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor, to engage in certain prohibited sexual acts with the minor; and establishing and altering certain penalties with the first offense receiving a penalty of imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or a fine of up to \$25,000 or both, and for a second or subsequent offense, imprisonment of up to 20 years, or a fine of up to \$50,000 or both.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:** Written

**By:**

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**HB0647**

**Primary Sponsor:** Chair, Judiciary Committee

**Bill Title:** Child Support - Reporting of Employment Information

**Committee:** Judiciary

2/13/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Transferring, from the Labor and Employment Article to the Family Law Article, certain provisions of law relating to the reporting of certain employment information concerning certain individuals for certain purposes relating to child support collection; transferring, from the Secretary of Labor to the Secretary of Human Services, certain duties and authority relating to the reporting of certain employment information concerning certain individuals; etc.

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**Position:** Support

Testimony: Verbal

By:

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**HB0667**

**Primary Sponsor:** Chair, Judiciary Committee

**Bill Title:** Child Support - Annual Collection Fee

**Committee:** Judiciary

2/13/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Conforming the maximum amount of a certain annual fee for the collection of child support by the Child Support Administration to the amount authorized under a certain federal law.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:** Verbal

**By:**

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**HB0670**

**Primary Sponsor:** Chair, Judiciary Committee

**Bill Title:** Family Law - Investigation of Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect - Preliminary Report to State's Attorney

**Committee:** Judiciary

2/13/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Repealing a requirement that a local department of social services or law enforcement agency provide a local State's Attorney with a report of the preliminary findings of an investigation of suspected child abuse or neglect within 10 days after receiving notice of suspected child abuse or neglect.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0672**

**Primary Sponsor:** Chair, Judiciary Committee

**Bill Title:** Children in Need of Assistance - Qualified Residential Treatment Program - Definition

**Committee:** Judiciary

2/13/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Altering the definition of a 'qualified residential treatment program' for purposes of certain provisions of law relating to the placement of children in need of assistance to require that a program, rather than discharge planning, must meet certain license and accreditation requirements.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:** Verbal

**By:**

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**HB0407 SB0137**

**Primary Sponsor:** Harford County Delegation

**Bill Title:** Harford County - State's Attorney's Office and Child Support Administration - Transfer of Personnel

**Committee:** Appropriations

2/18/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Transferring the functions, powers, and duties of the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State's Attorney for Harford County to the Child Support Administration of the Department of Human Services; requiring the creation of certain Position Identification Numbers for certain transferred employees; providing for the determination of salary grade and seniority for transferred employees; etc.

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**Position:** No Position

**Testimony:** Monitor

**By:**

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**HB0559 SB0452**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Valentino-Smith

**Bill Title:** Family Investment Program - Temporary Cash Assistance - Funding

**Committee:** Appropriations

2/18/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Governor to provide sufficient funds in the budget to ensure that the value of temporary cash assistance, combined with federal food stamps, is equal to at least 61% of the State minimum living level for fiscal year 2021, increasing to at least 71% of the State minimum living level by fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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**Position:**

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**SB0564 HB0754**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Washington

**Bill Title:** Education - High School Graduation Requirements - Students in Foster Care or Homeless Youth

**Committee:** Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

2/18/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring a county board of education to waive high school graduation requirements established by the county board that are in addition to high school graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education for a student in foster care or who is a homeless youth if while in grade 11 or 12 the youth transfers into the local school system from a different system in the State or transfers between high schools in the local school system; prohibiting a county board from waiving certain requirements; etc.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**SB0585**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Waldstreicher

**Bill Title:** Family Law - Children in Out-of-Home Placements - Mandatory  
Concurrent Planning

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

2/18/2020

12:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring, rather than authorizing, reasonable efforts to place a child for adoption or with a legal guardian to be made concurrently with reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify families under certain circumstances.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0711**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Kaiser

**Bill Title:** Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center - Inclusion of Out-of-  
Home Placement Data

**Committee:** Ways and Means

2/19/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Including placement data from State-sponsored out-of-home care organizations in the data collected, organized, managed, disaggregated, and analyzed by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; altering the purpose of the Center to include generating information about children who were provided with State-sponsored out-of-home care that can be used to improve the State's education and child welfare systems; requiring the Social Services Administration in the Department of Human Services to provide the Center with data; etc.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0754 SB0564**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Guyton

**Bill Title:** Education - High School Graduation Requirements - Students in  
Foster Care or Homeless Youth

**Committee:** Ways and Means

2/19/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring a county board of education to waive high school graduation requirements established by the county board that are in addition to high school graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education for a student in foster care or who is a homeless youth if while in grade 11 or 12 the youth transfers into the local school system from a different system in the State or transfers between high schools in the local school system; prohibiting a county board from waiving certain requirements; etc.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0887**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Lewis, R.

**Bill Title:** Child Abuse and Neglect - Disclosure of Identifying Information

**Committee:** Judiciary

2/20/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Executive Director of the Social Services Administration to provide the Secretary of Health with identifying information regarding an individual who has had the individual's parental rights terminated under a certain provision of law and who has been suspected of abuse or neglect; and requiring the Department of Human Services to report to the Governor and General Assembly on the implementation of a plan by the State to search certain databases of other states to identify persons responsible for abuse and neglect; etc.

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**Position:** Oppose

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0946 SB0847**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Dumais

**Bill Title:** Child Support - Guidelines

**Committee:** Judiciary

2/20/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Authorizing a court, in determining whether the application of the child support guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case to consider whether an obligor's monthly obligation would leave the obligor with a monthly actual income below the 2019 federal poverty level for an individual; authorizing the court to decline to establish a child support order under certain circumstances; etc.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:** Verbal Testimony

**By:**

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**HB0974**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Wilson

**Bill Title:** Civil Actions - Child Sexual Abuse - Definition and Statute of Limitations (Hidden Predator Act of 2020)

**Committee:** Judiciary

2/20/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Altering the definition of 'sexual abuse'; altering the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse by providing that a certain action may be filed at any time; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act to revive any action that was barred by the application of the period of limitations applicable before October 1, 2020, if the action is filed before October 1, 2022; and repealing a statute of repose for certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse.

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**Position:** Oppose

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB1039 SB0743**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Malone

**Bill Title:** Adoption - Access to Birth and Adoption Records and Search, Contact, and Reunion Services

**Committee:** Judiciary

2/20/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Repealing certain provisions of law specifying that certain provisions of law apply only to adoptions in which a juvenile court enters an order for adoption on or after January 1, 2000; altering, from 21 to 18, the age at which an adoptee, or biological parent if the adoptee is at least a certain age, may apply for a copy of certain birth and adoptions records; requiring the Director of Social Services to develop and make available a certain contact preference form; etc.

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**Position:** Oppose

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0986 SB0662**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Guyton

**Bill Title:** State Child Welfare System - Reporting

**Committee:** Appropriations

2/25/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Altering the contents of a certain report required by the Department of Human Services regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the State Department of Education, on or before December 1 each year, to report to the General Assembly and the Department of Human Services certain information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; etc.

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**Position:** Support with Amendments

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**SB0685 HB1224**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Washington

**Bill Title:** Electricity and Gas - Energy Suppliers - Assisted Customers

**Committee:** Finance

2/25/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting a retail electricity or natural gas supplier from knowingly enrolling a certain residential customer with or submitting an enrollment to change the customer's electricity supplier to a competitive supplier if the customer had received certain financial assistance in the preceding 12 months; requiring an electric company to confirm certain matters in its records at a certain time; requiring an electric company to reject a certain enrollment or change request under certain circumstances; etc.

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**Position:** Monitor

**Testimony:** Letter of Information

**By:**

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**SB0662 HB0986**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Zucker

**Bill Title:** State Child Welfare System - Reporting

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

2/25/2020

12:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Altering the contents of a certain report required by the Department of Human Services regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the State Department of Education, on or before December 1 each year, to report to the General Assembly and the Department of Human Services certain information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; etc.

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**Position:** Support With Amendments

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**SB0743 HB1039**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Lee

**Bill Title:** Adoption - Access to Birth and Adoption Records and Search, Contact, and Reunion Services

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

2/25/2020

12:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Repealing certain provisions of law specifying that certain provisions of law apply only to adoptions in which a juvenile court enters an order for adoption on or after January 1, 2000; altering, from 21 to 18, the age at which an adoptee, or biological parent if the adoptee is at least a certain age, may apply for a copy of certain birth and adoptions records; requiring the Director of Social Services to develop and make available a certain contact preference form; etc.

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**Position:** Opposed

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0628**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Queen

**Bill Title:** Health Occupations - Primary Care Providers - Adverse Childhood Experiences Screening

**Committee:** Health and Government Operations

2/26/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Adverse Childhood Experiences Screening Grant Program to provide grants to primary care providers who provide care for minors to implement certain screening tools to identify and treat minors with mental health disorders related to an adverse childhood experience; establishing the Adverse Childhood Experiences Screening Grant Program Fund; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a course on integrating mental and physical health care in a primary care setting on or before January 1, 2022; etc.

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**Position:** No Position

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0666**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Queen

**Bill Title:** Workgroup on Screening Related to Adverse Childhood Experiences

**Committee:** Health and Government Operations

2/26/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** 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, and study and make recommendations on the actions a primary care provider should take after screening a minor for a mental health disorder that may be caused by or related to an adverse childhood experience; etc.

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**Position:** No Position

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0501 SB0365**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Moon

**Bill Title:** Criminal Law - Child Pornography and Exhibition and Display of Obscene Items to Minors

**Committee:** Judiciary

2/27/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Establishing certain exceptions to provisions of law relating to the display and exhibition of a certain item to a minor, child pornography, and possession of a visual representation of a child under the age

of 16 years; prohibiting a minor from engaging in certain conduct involving the display or exhibition of an item to another minor, child pornography, and possession of certain visual representations; etc.

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**Position:** No Position

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0698**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Rosenberg

**Bill Title:** Food Supplement Employment and Training Program - Benefits and Funding

**Committee:** Appropriations

2/27/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Current Status:** Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring a certain food supplement program to include the Food Supplement Employment and Training Program; requiring the food supplement program to provide Food Supplement Employment and Training Program benefits to eligible individuals for whom federal funding is not available; requiring the Governor to include \$1,000,000 in the annual budget for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter for the Food Supplement Employment and Training Program; etc.

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**Position:**

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB0938 SB1024**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Carey

**Bill Title:** Home Energy Assistance - Critical Medical Needs Program - Power to the People Pilot Program

**Committee:** Economic Matters

**Current Status:** Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

2/27/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs, in coordination with the United Way of Central Maryland and the Fuel Fund of Maryland, to establish the Power to the People Pilot Program on or before July 1, 2021 to expand access to the Critical Medical Need Program; requiring the Pilot Program to provide training for certain individuals to serve as navigators under the Critical Medical Needs Program; requiring the United Way of Central Maryland to develop a certain screening intake process; etc.

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**Position:**

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB1342**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Arikan

**Bill Title:** Family Law “ Removal of Child From Home “ Meetings

**Committee: Judiciary**

2/27/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Current Status:** Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Specifying that, at any meeting of a local department of social services during which the removal of a child from the child's home is discussed, certain information is required to be redacted and is prohibited from being referenced; requiring the local department to keep minutes of certain meetings; etc.

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**Position:** Oppose

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB1382**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Lierman

**Bill Title:** Children in Out-of-Home Placement - Placement in Medical Facilities

**Committee:** Appropriations

2/27/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Current Status:** Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring a court to find that reasonable efforts were not made by a local department of social services to prevent placing a child in the custody of the department under certain circumstances and providing that the finding shall continue for a certain period of time; prohibiting a court from requiring placement of a child in need of assistance in a certain facility or requiring a certain facility to accept placement of a child in need of assistance; etc.

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**Position:** Oppose

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB1551**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Rose

**Bill Title:** Health Practitioners - Minor Patients - Child Abuse Reporting

**Committee:** Judiciary

2/27/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Current Status:** Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring a certain health practitioner to inform a patient who is a minor that the patient may report child abuse to the health practitioner.

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**Position:** No Position

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB1313 SB0787**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Valentino-Smith

**Bill Title:** Family Investment Program - Temporary Cash Assistance - Eligibility

**Committee:** Appropriations

3/3/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting reducing or terminating temporary cash assistance for certain individuals under certain circumstances; prohibiting reducing or terminating temporary cash assistance for certain individuals because of good cause as determined by the Secretary of Human Services; requiring local departments of social services to provide a conciliatory period of 30 days to certain individuals who are not in compliance with the Family Investment Program; requiring 25% of funding be withheld upon certain acts of noncompliance; etc.

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**Position:**

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB1363**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate McKay

**Bill Title:** Human Services - Two Generation Family Economic Security

Commission

**Committee:** Appropriations

3/3/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission in the Department of Human Services; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to study, evaluate, and coordinate services and programs to address multigenerational poverty; authorizing the Commission to implement certain programs and to partner with local jurisdictions, local action agencies, departments of social services, and/or local workforce develop areas to implement certain programs; etc.

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**Position:**

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**SB0833    HB1527**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Benson

**Bill Title:** Adult Protective Services - Vulnerable Adults Registry - Investigations and Records of Abuse and Neglect and Workgroup Study

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

3/4/2020

12:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Authorizing the Social Services Administration to establish and maintain a centralized confidential database for abused and neglected vulnerable adults; authorizing the Department of Human Services or a local department of social services to identify in the database an individual as responsible for abuse and neglect of a vulnerable adult in certain circumstances; establishing a Workgroup to Study Best Practices for a Vulnerable Adult Registry in Maryland; etc.

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**Position:** Support

Testimony: Verbal Testimony

By:

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**SB0847 HB0946**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Sydnor

**Bill Title:** Child Support “ Guidelines

**Committee:** Judicial Proceedings

3/4/2020

12:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Authorizing a court, in determining whether the application of the child support guidelines would be unjust or inappropriate in a particular case, to consider whether an obligor's monthly obligation would leave the obligor with a monthly actual income below the 2019 federal poverty level for an individual; authorizing the court to decline to establish a child support order under certain circumstances; etc.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:** Verbal

**By:**

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**HB1242**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Cox

**Bill Title:** Family Law - Fundamental Parental Rights

**Committee:** Judiciary

3/5/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Establishing that a parent has the fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent's child; prohibiting the State or a political subdivision from infringing on a parent's fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent's child unless the State or political subdivision can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence certain factors; and providing the Act may not be construed to authorize a parent to cause physical or emotional harm to the parent's child.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:** Verbal

**By:**

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**HB1266**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate McComas

**Bill Title:** Child Support - Modification - Credit Toward Arrearage

**Committee:** Judiciary

3/5/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring that, if the court modifies a child support award on the basis of the occurrence of a certain event, any overpayment made by a certain child support obligor be credited to the arrears owed by the obligor.

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**Position:** No Position

**Testimony:**

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By:

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**HB1282**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Mautz

**Bill Title:** Criminal Procedure - Vulnerable Adult Abuse Registry

**Committee:** Judiciary

3/5/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Establishing a vulnerable adult abuse registry; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish and maintain a registry containing the names of certain individuals who have been found by a State agency to have abused, neglected or exploited a vulnerable adult; requiring that names and information contained in the registry be available for public inspection; requiring a State agency that makes a certain finding to notify the Department in a certain manner; etc.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB1527 SB0833**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Lewis, J.

**Bill Title:** Adult Protective Services - Vulnerable Adults Registry - Investigations and Records of Abuse and Neglect and Workgroup Study

**Committee:** Judiciary

3/5/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Authorizing the Social Services Administration to establish and maintain a centralized confidential database for abused and neglected vulnerable adults; authorizing the Department of Human Services or a local department of social services to identify in the database an individual as responsible for abuse and neglect of a vulnerable adult in certain circumstances; establishing a Workgroup to Study Best Practices for a Vulnerable Adult Registry in Maryland; etc.

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**Position:**

**Testimony:** Support

**By:** Verbal

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**HB1550**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Arikan

**Bill Title:** Child Care Providers “ Notice of Allegations of Child Abuse or Neglect

(Aiden’s Law)

**Committee:** Judiciary

3/5/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Requiring the designee of the State Superintendent of Schools, on receipt of a certain notification of a certain allegation of child abuse or neglect, to ensure that a certain notice is provided;

requiring a certain family child care provider or child care center to provide a certain notice to certain parents and guardians within 24 hours after first having knowledge of a certain report or incident of suspected child abuse or neglect; prohibiting a person from providing the notice under certain circumstances; etc.

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**Position:** Oppose

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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## HB0745

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Stein

**Bill Title:** Office of the Attorney General - Senior and Vulnerable Adult Asset Recovery Unit

**Committee:** Judiciary

3/5/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Senior and Vulnerable Adult Asset Recovery Unit in the Office of the Attorney General for the purpose of protecting seniors and vulnerable adults from financial crimes under Â§ 8-801 of the Criminal Law Article; authorizing the Unit to bring civil actions for damages against certain persons; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2022, to appropriate at least \$250,000 for the Unit; requiring the Unit to use the funds to hire new staff and investigate and assist prosecution by the Unit; etc.

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**Position:**

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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## SB0918

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Carter

**Bill Title:** Human Services - Trauma-Informed Care - Commission and Training

**Committee:** Finance

3/6/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Commission on Trauma-Informed Care to coordinate a statewide initiative to prioritize the trauma-responsive and trauma-informed delivery of State services that impact children, youth, and families; requiring the Commission to submit a certain report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 30 each year; requiring certain State agencies to designate certain staff members to participate in a certain training each year; etc.

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**Position:** Support With Amendments

**Testimony:** Monitor

**By:**

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## SB0787 HB1313

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Klausmeier

**Bill Title:** Family Investment Program - Temporary Cash Assistance - Eligibility

**Committee:** Finance

3/6/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting reducing or terminating temporary cash assistance for certain individuals under certain circumstances; prohibiting reducing or terminating temporary cash assistance for certain individuals because of good cause as determined by the Secretary of Human Services; requiring local departments of social services to provide a conciliatory period of 30 days to certain individuals who are not in compliance with the Family Investment Program; requiring 25% of funding be withheld upon certain acts of noncompliance; etc.

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**Position:**  
**Testimony:**  
**By:**

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**HB1224 SB0685**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Lierman

**Bill Title:** Electricity and Gas “Energy Suppliers” Assisted Customers

**Committee:** Economic Matters

3/9/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Prohibiting a retail electricity or natural gas supplier from knowingly enrolling a certain residential customer with or submitting an enrollment to change the customer's electricity or natural gas supplier to a competitive supplier if the customer had received certain financial assistance in the preceding 12 months; requiring an electric or natural gas company to confirm certain matters in its records at a certain time; etc.

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**Position:** Monitor  
**Testimony:** Letter of Information  
**By:**

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**HB1532**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Solomon

**Bill Title:** Human Services “Food Supplement Program” Eligibility  
(Protect Against Hunger Act)

**Committee:** Appropriations

3/10/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Establishing that the criteria for determining eligibility for the food supplement program in the Department of Human Services are the criteria in effect on a certain date, notwithstanding certain changes in federal law; and requiring the State to provide certain food supplement program benefits for which federal funding is not available.

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**Position:**  
**Testimony:**  
**By:**

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**HB1558 SB0818**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Valentino-Smith

**Bill Title:** Residential Treatment Centers and Facilities - Sexual Abuse and Harassment - Reporting and Prevention

**Committee:** Judiciary

3/10/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Defining 'covered entity' for the purpose of applying certain provisions of law regarding the reporting and prevention of abuse and harassment in certain State facilities to forensic residential centers and residential treatment centers for emotionally disturbed children and adolescents; requiring certain entities to report certain complaints of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to certain entities; requiring certain entities to develop and implement certain policies and procedures; etc.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**HB1559**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Queen

**Bill Title:** Child Care Scholarship Program - Alterations (Child Care for Working Families Act)

**Committee:** Appropriations

3/10/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Altering the name of the Child Care Subsidy Program to be the Child Care Scholarship Program; requiring the State Department of Education to determine a child's eligibility to receive certain subsidized child care in accordance with certain provisions of law; requiring the Department to consider certain factors in determining eligibility; specifying certain eligibility requirements; requiring the Department to give priority to certain children under certain circumstances; establishing certain copayment requirements; etc.

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**Position:**

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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**SB0067    HB0042**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator West

**Bill Title:** Public Information Act “ Applications for Inspection “ Responses and Time Limits

**Committee:** Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

3/10/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Decreasing the time periods within which a custodian is required to grant or deny a certain application to inspect a public record and produce a public record in response to an approved application; altering the circumstances under which and the time period within which a custodian is required to indicate certain information in writing or by e-mail; decreasing, from 10 to 5 working days, the time period within which a custodian who denies the application is required to give the applicant a certain written statement; etc.

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**Position:** Letter of Concern

Testimony: Written

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**HB1517**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Young, P.

**Bill Title:** Critical Medical Needs Program Expansion Pilot Program - Social Services

**Committee:** Appropriations

3/12/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Critical Medical Needs Program Expansion Pilot Program in the Department of Human Services to provide assistance to certain critical medically vulnerable individuals and their households with the application process for certain social services in Baltimore County and the City of Baltimore through certain navigators; requiring the Department to implement and administer the Pilot Program in partnership with certain agencies and organizations; terminating the Act after October 31, 2023; etc.

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**Position:** Opposed

**Testimony:** Written

**By:**

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**SB0049**

**Primary Sponsor:** Chair, Finance Committee

**Bill Title:** Department of Human Services - Food Supplement Program - Renaming

**Committee:** Finance

1/9/2020

1:45 p.m.

**Report:** Favorable

**Opposite House Committee:** Appropriations

3/17/2020

1:00 p.m.

**Synopsis:** Renaming the food supplement program in the Department of Human Services to be the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; providing that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program is the successor of the food supplement program; etc.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:** Verbal

**By:** Netsanet Kibret

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**HB0878**

**Primary Sponsor:** Delegate Barron

**Bill Title:** Prince George's County - Human Services - Family Connects Home Visiting Pilot Program

**Committee:** Environment and Transportation

**Synopsis:** Establishing the Family Connects Home Visiting Pilot Program in Prince George's County to provide, improve, and study the effects of home visiting services for eligible households; defining 'eligible household' as one located in Prince George's County that has a newborn who was delivered at a certain hospital; requiring the Prince George's County Department of Family Services, along with the Prince George's Child Resource Center, to begin the selection of eligible households to participate in the Program on or before September 1, 2020; etc.

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**Position:** No Position

**Testimony:**

**By:**

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## **SB1006**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Carter

**Bill Title:** Child Support - Suspension of Payments and Arrears for Incarcerated Obligor - Modifications

**Committee:** Rules

**Synopsis:** Altering a condition relating to an incarcerated obligor's term of imprisonment under which the obligor's child support payment is not considered past due and arrearages will not accrue if the obligor will be incarcerated for more than 180 consecutive calendar days.

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**Position:** Support

**Testimony:** Verbal Testimony

**By:**

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## **SB1024    HB0938**

**Primary Sponsor:** Senator Benson

**Bill Title:** Home Energy Assistance - Critical Medical Needs Program - Power to the People Pilot Program

**Committee:** Rules

**Synopsis:** Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs, in coordination with the United Way of Central Maryland and the Fuel Fund of Maryland, to establish the Power to the People Pilot Program on or before July 1, 2021, to expand access to the Critical Medical Needs Program; requiring the Pilot Program to provide training for certain individuals in the Critical Medical Needs Program; requiring the United Way of Central Maryland to develop a certain screening intake process; terminating the Act after June 30, 2023; etc.

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**Position:** Oppose

**Testimony:** Verbal Testimony