



Legislative Update 2026 Session

FEBRUARY 19, 2026

Session by the Numbers



- ❑ February 27th – Day 45 of the Legislative Session
- ❑ March 9th – Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules
- ❑ March 23rd – Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date
- ❑ 584 (1,342) bills introduced in the Senate
- ❑ 899 (1,787) bills introduced in the House
- ❑ Staff tracking currently \approx 203 bills

Update on Activities



Bill Hearings To Date:

- ▶ HB0498/SB444 - Certificate of Need - Intermediate Health Care Facilities (*Support*)
- ▶ SB0494/HB 944 – Maryland Health Care Commission - Certificates of Need and Material Change Transactions (*Support*)
- ▶ HB0494 - Health Insurance - Primary Care Investment Targets - Reimbursement and Reporting (*Support*)
- ▶ SB0260/HB0322 - Maryland Health Care Commission - Membership (*No Position*)
- ▶ SB0272 - Health Insurance - Scalp Cooling Systems - Required Coverage (*Letter of Information*)

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Bill Hearings To Date:

- ▶ SB0276 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Coverage for Orthoses and Protheses (So Every Body Can Move Act) (*Letter of Information*)
- ▶ HB0367 - Health Insurance - Physical Therapy - Copayments, Coinsurance, and Deductibles (*No Position*)
- ▶ SB0385/(HB 637) - Public Health - Recommendations for Immunizations, Screenings, and Preventive Services - Pharmacist Administration and Required Health Insurance Coverage (The Vax Act) (*Support*)
- ▶ SB0411/(HB 624) - Hospitals - Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans - Establishment (Safe Staffing Act of 2026) (*No Position*)

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Bill Hearings To Date:

- ▶ SB0428/(HB0746) - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Collaborative Care Model - Cost Sharing Prohibition (*Support w/Oral Testimony*)
- ▶ HB0632 - Certificate of Need - Psychiatric Health Care Facilities and Psychiatric and Mental Health Services - Exemption (*Oppose*)
- ▶ HB0633/(SB551) - Health Insurance - Ovarian Cancer Prevention With Salpingectomy - Required Coverage and Prohibited Cost Sharing (*No Position*)

Update on Activities



March

- ▶ March 6th – Budget Hearing – Senate Budget and Taxation (Subcommittee Health and Human Services)
- ▶ March 9th - Budget Hearing – House Appropriations (Subcommittee Health and Social Services)



Next Legislative Policy Meeting

February 26th

March 5th

March 12th

March 19th

These calls are held on an as needed basis.

The End (Not Literally)

