



Legislative Update 2026 Session

MARCH 19, 2026



Session by the Numbers

- ▶ March 23rd The 69th Day — Opposite Chamber Bill Crossover Date
- ▶ 1,509 bills introduced in the Senate
- ▶ 2,209 bills introduced in the House
- ▶ Staff tracking currently \approx 242 bills

Update on Activities



Bill Hearings To Date:

MHCC Legislative Priorities

- ▶ SB494/HB 944 – Maryland Health Care Commission - Certificates of Need and Material Change Transactions (*Support*)
- ▶ HB 498 - Certificate of Need - Intermediate Health Care Facilities (*Support*)

Update on Activities



Bill Hearings To Date:

- ▶ HB 322/SB260 - Maryland Health Care Commission – Membership (*No Position*)
- ▶ HB 494 - Health Insurance - Primary Care Investment Targets - Reimbursement and Reporting (*Support*)
- ▶ SB 428 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Collaborative Care Model - Cost Sharing Prohibition (*Support*)
- ▶ SB 385/HB 637 - Public Health - Recommendations for Immunizations, Screenings, and Preventive Services - Pharmacist Administration and Required Health Insurance Coverage (The Vax Act) (*Support*)
- ▶ HB 632 - Certificate of Need - Psychiatric Health Care Facilities and Psychiatric and Mental Health Services – Exemption (*Oppose*)

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Bill Hearings To Date:

- ▶ SB0587 - Maryland Patient Safety Center Fund – Funding (*Letter of Information*)
- ▶ HB0772 - Workgroup on Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization – Establishment (*Letter of Information*)
- ▶ SB 411/HB 624 - Hospitals - Clinical Staffing Committees and Plans - Establishment (Safe Staffing Act of 2026) (No Position)
- ▶ HB1365 - Health Occupations and Insurance - Menopause - Provider Training and Coverage Requirements (*Letter of Information*)
- ▶ HB 1372 - Public Health - Office of Health Care Quality Information and Maryland Department of Health Centralization Commission (No Position)
- ▶ HB1106/SB19 - Maryland Commission on Women's Health Advancement - Establishment (*Letter of Concern*)
- ▶ HB 1563 - Emergency Room Services and Post-Acute Care - Coverage and Facility Studies (Support)

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Bill Hearings To Date:

- ▶ HB1483 - Clinical Professional Counseling - Out-of-State Providers - Use of Telehealth for Continuity of Care (*No Position*)
- ▶ HB1316 - Public Health - Universal Health Care Program - Study and Commission (*Letter of Information*)
- ▶ HB1107 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program and Health Insurance - Required Coverage for Aesthetic Services and Restorative Care for Victims of Domestic Violence (Healing Our Scars Act) (*Letter of Information*)
- ▶ SB0892/HB1118 - Public Health – Perimenopausal, Menopausal, and Postmenopausal Conditions (*No Position*)
- ▶ HB1251 - Health Facilities and Health Insurance - Palliative Care - Required Access and Coverage (Edna G. Neal Palliative Care Act) (*No Position*)
- ▶ HB1380 - Health Insurance - Prescriptions for Gender-Affirming Care and Hormone Therapy - Coverage and Dispensing Requirements (*No Position*)
- ▶ HB1435 - Health Insurance - Required Coverage - Hormone-Related Care (*No Position*)
- ▶ HB1461 - Health Insurance - Coverage for Specialty Drugs - Rheumatologic Conditions (*No Position*)

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Budget Hearings

- ▶ 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

- ▶ March 19th

These calls are held on an as needed basis.

The End (Not Literally)

