

Legislative Process Overview

*A presentation for Commissioners on the 2020
Legislative Session*

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Role: Maryland Health Care Commission

- Educate legislators on MHCC roles and responsibilities & build relationships for the future
- Suggest legislation (e.g. statutory changes related to CON modernization)
- Provide support for MHCC budget requests
- Review relevant bills and share MHCC position
- Provide information in MHCC areas of expertise in response to requests from legislators.

MHCC Dates of Interest

- **January 14:** Finance Bill Hearing- SB 106 - Health Care Facilities - Certificate of Need - Exception for State-Owned Facilities (MHCC “Departmental”)
- **January 30:** House HGO Committee Briefing on Health Insurance Mandate Report
- **February 12:** MHCC Budget Hearing - House Appropriations Subcommittee
- **February 17** -MHCC Budget Hearing - Senate Budget and Taxation Subcommittee

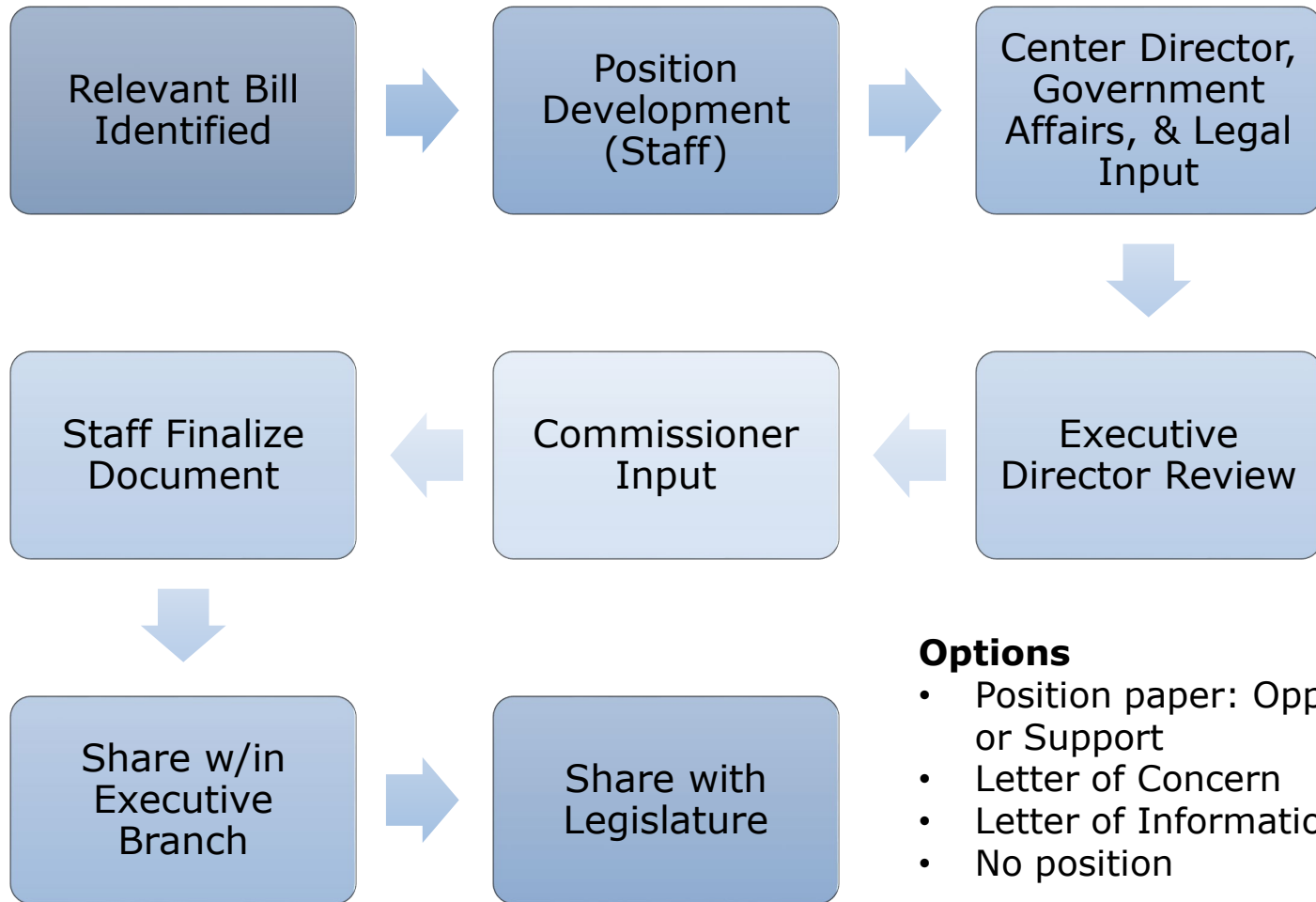
Role of Commissioners

MHCC Policy Phone Call

- weekly calendar hold beginning 1/24, call held as needed
- Review Bills related to MHCC mission, stated priorities or statutory responsibility; discuss possible MHCC position.

Provide support to MHCC staff on legislative relations, if needed

Position Development



Options

- Position paper: Oppose or Support
- Letter of Concern
- Letter of Information
- No position

Written only or written and verbal testimony

Types of Legislation and Executive Agency Roles

Administration Proposal - <i>The Governor's highest priorities</i>	Amendments should ONLY be offered by the Governor's Legislative Office. Concerns should be addressed to the appropriate person on the Governor's staff.
Departmental Legislation - <i>Department & Agency Priorities, Approved by the Governor's Office</i>	No Executive Branch representative may oppose a departmental bill before the General Assembly. Concerns should be brought to the sponsoring agency and any conflicts between agencies will be resolved by the Legislative Office of the Governor.
Privately Sponsored Legislation	MHCC coordinates with MDH on positions and the Governor's office reviews positions, to avoid conflicting positions.

2020 General Assembly: Key Changes

Senate

New Majority Leader - Bill Ferguson (D- Baltimore City)

47 Senators

- 32 D; 15 R
- 2 Senators who were not in office in January 2019.

Key Committees (Policy):

- Finance – Chair Delores Kelley
- Budget and Taxation - Chair Guy Guzzone (*New*)

House of Delegates

New House Leader - Adrienne Jones (D- Baltimore County)

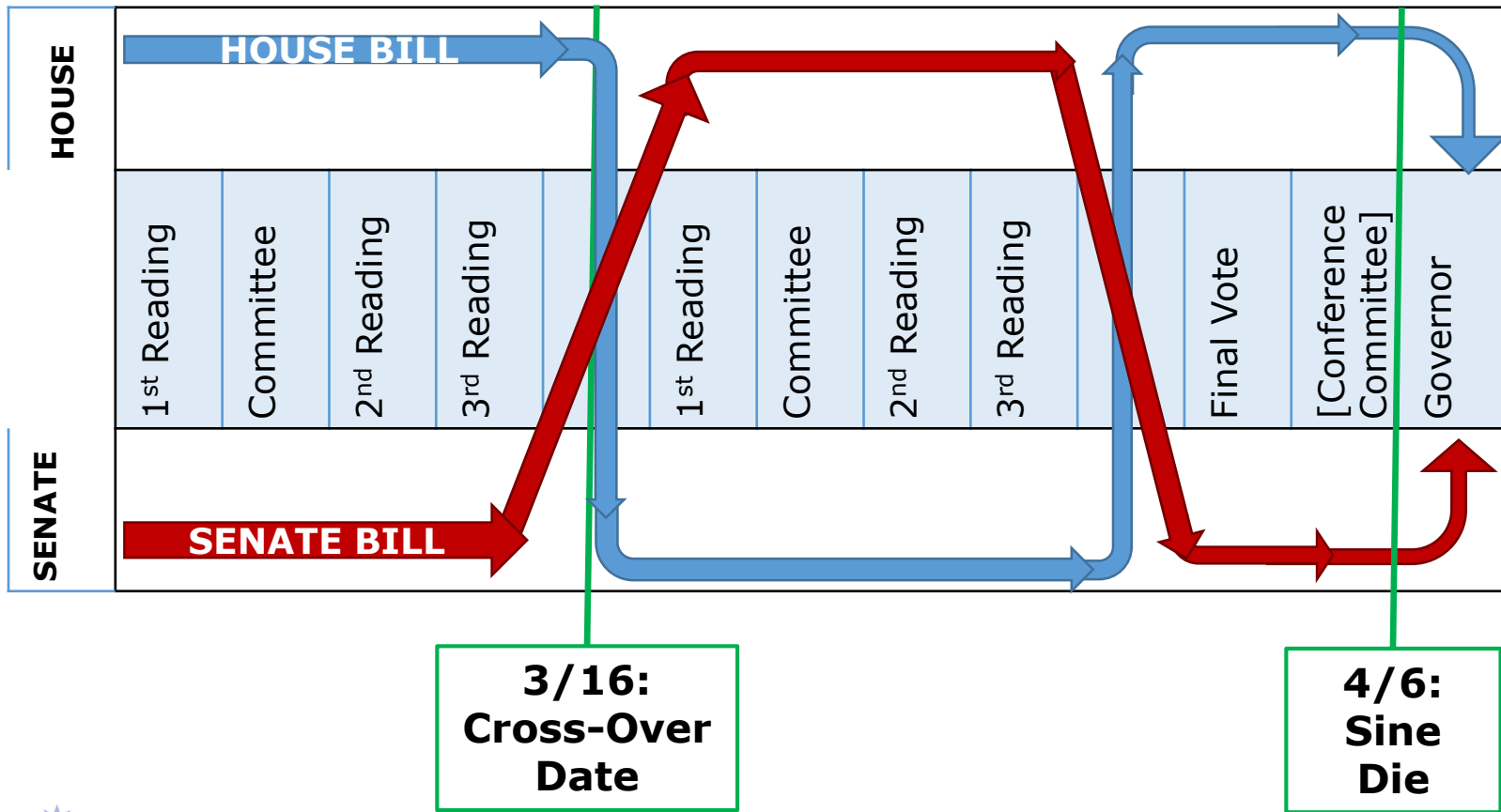
141 Delegates

- 99 D; 42 R
- 7 Delegates who were not in office in January 2019.

Key Committees(Budget):

- Health and Government Operations (HGO) – Chair Shane Pendergrass
- Appropriations – Chair Maggie McIntosh

Legislative Process



Bill Hearing Debrief

- SB 106: Health Care Facilities - Certificate of Need - Exception for State-Owned Facilities
 - MHCC Departmental Bill
 - Eliminates Certificate of Need (CON) regulation for health care facilities that are owned by the State of Maryland.
 - 1/14 Senate Finance Bill Hearing
- Other Bills (tentative)

Discussion of Bill Positions for week of 1/20

[Discussion Tentative/TBD]

Appendix

General Dates of Interest

- **January 8** - General Assembly Convenes
- **January 18** - Budget Bill Introduced by Governor
- **January 17** – Bill Request Guarantee Date- last day to request bill drafting
- **January 20** - Final day for introduction of Administration bills without Senate Rules Committee Referral
- **January TBD** - State of the State Address (noon)
- **February 3** - Final day for introduction of Senate bills without Senate Rules Committee Referral
- **February 4** – Special Primary Election
- **February 7** - Final day for introduction of House bills without House Rules & Nominations Committee Referral
- **February 16** – Green Bag appointment submitted by Governor
- **March 2** - Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of Rules
- **March 16** – Opposite Chamber Cross-over Date
- **March 30** - Budget bill to be passed by both chambers
- **April 6** - Sine Die

Relevant Governor's Office Staff

- Keiffer Mitchell serves as the Chief Legislative Officer for the Governor's Legislative Office.
- Mathew Palmer is Deputy Legislative Officer for health topics