



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE  
**LEGISLATIVE SESSION IMPACT REPORT**  
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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 considered by the General Assembly.*

## **I. Maryland State Budget Overview**

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, the enacted budget provides nearly \$48.0 billion in appropriations, an increase of \$678.6 million (1.4 percent) above FY 2020. General fund spending accounts for 40.9 percent of the total budget. Federal funds support 28.8 percent of all spending. Special funds constitute 20.2 percent of the budget, with higher education revenue providing the remaining 10.0 percent. State agency operations constitute the largest area of spending, accounting for 42.4 percent of the total budget, a slight increase over FY 2020. Entitlements represent 27.8 percent of the budget, and 20.0 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 Revenue Stabilization Account (Rainy Day Fund).

All state employees, except those represented by the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), received a 1.0 percent general salary increase, effective Jan. 1, 2020, as a result of overperforming revenues in FY 2019. In addition, the budget provides a 2 percent general salary increase effective Jan. 1, 2021, although law enforcement union members are provided with a 5 percent increase and funding for increments effective July 1, 2020.

FY 2021 includes funding to continue state prescription drug coverage for Medicare-eligible retirees, and the forecast assumes continued funding for this purpose for the full fiscal year, as a pending lawsuit has delayed transition of coverage to Medicare Part D.



### a. *Higher Education Budget Overview*

State support for higher education in the FY 2021 budget totals \$2.4 billion, an increase of \$150.9 million, or 6.8 percent, over FY 2020. Public four-year institutions receive the bulk of the new state funds totaling \$94.6 million, which includes \$29.8 million for general salary increases (effective Jan. 1, 2021) in FY 2021. Overall, funding grows 13.4 percent and 5.3 percent for Morgan State University (MSU) and the University System of Maryland (USM), respectively, after accounting for legislative reductions. The budget assumes a 2 percent increase in resident undergraduate tuition at USM and MSU; this is contingent upon approval of the governing boards.

In FY 2021, under current law, independent institutions were to receive \$91.1 million through the Joseph A. Sellinger formula, an increase of \$32.0 million, or 54.3 percent, over FY 2020. However, a provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2020, Senate Bill 192 (passed), reduces funding by \$21.4 million to \$69.6 million, resulting in an increase of \$10.6 million, or 18.0 percent over FY 2020. State funding for community colleges increases \$36.2 million, or 10.9 percent, to \$367.2 million, in FY 2021, which includes full funding for the Senator John A. Cade funding formula. Funding for Baltimore City Community College, which has a separate statutory funding formula, grows 0.2 percent, or \$96,300.

### b. *USM Operating Budget*

The governor proposed, and the General Assembly approved, state support for USM totaling \$1.581 billion, coming from the General Fund and the Higher Education Investment Fund. This is an increase of \$87 million — or 5.8 percent — over the FY 2020 legislative appropriation (this does include Cost of Living Adjustment numbers noted below\*). This includes **\$10 million** for the Workforce Development Initiative (WDI) to develop academic programs in science, engineering, cybersecurity, and other critical areas, which is the final year of the governor's multiyear commitment to strengthen the state's workforce. UMB is slated to receive \$309,500 (\$100,000 for Physician Assistant program and \$209,498 for School of Social Work Substance Use and Disorder Internship program) for its portion of WDI. Also, \$1.5 million of WDI is directed toward the USM office for the UMB Nursing Program at the Universities at Shady Grove.

The FY 2021 state funding provides allocations for:

- Resident undergraduate tuition capped at 2 percent (\$12.5 million)
- Governor's third and final year of Workforce Development Initiative funding (\$10 million)
- New facilities operating and state fringe benefit inflationary increases (\$25 million)
- USM Cost of Living Adjustment Funding: FY 2020 1 percent annualization and FY 2021 January 2 percent\* (\$37 million)
- Other institutional-specific increases



The state funding level 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 budget reduction recommendations, including a \$10 million across-the-board reduction, a \$5.7 million reduction to the Workforce Development Initiative, and a \$500,000 reduction to the USM-Southern Maryland budget. Ultimately, the legislature rejected most of the reduction recommendations, but it did approve a \$5 million across-the-board cut. Restrictions to USM funding include keeping resident undergraduate tuition increases at 2 percent and no reductions to Workforce Development Initiative funding.

\*USM funding estimated in Department of Budget and Management (DBM) personnel budget:

- Funding for the FY 2020 1 percent January 2020 COLA annualization (\$18.8 million) and a planned 2 percent January 2021 COLA (\$18.8 million).
- A \$10 million statewide health reduction that will impact USM.

### c. *UMB Operating Budget*

The FY 2021 legislative allowance for UMB includes \$240.7 million in general funds and \$12.5 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, as well as half of \$2 million in additional funding to the MPower Steering Council. The allowance also includes tuition and fee income of about \$164.4 million — an increase of \$5.1 million over last year. These funds will help support increases to facilities renewal, debt service, student aid, and other needs.

### d. *Direct UMB Initiatives of Interest*

- **\$12.4 million for Cigarette Restitution Fund research** for the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center.
- **Maintains \$4 million for the Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures (SB 1052).** The budget increases funding for the University of Maryland Center for Economic and Entrepreneurship Development (UMCEED) to \$6 million, a \$2 million increase over FY 2019 (per SB 1052).
  - Funds **\$2 million** in additional funding to the MPower Steering Council





e. *Other Operating Funding Items of Interest to UMB*

- **\$790,000 for the Loan Assistance Repayment Program (LARP):** State funding for LARP had decreased to \$390,000 for FY 2020. This amount is insufficient to assist students with such great debt. In FY 2019, 94 applicants applied for LARP funding. Only 12 received assistance. UMB had requested increasing funding for LARP so that the program can return to its initial funding level of \$750,000.
- **\$4.8 million for the Maryland Innovation Initiative:** Provides funding through the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) to promote and accelerate the rate of commercializing research conducted at five Maryland research universities (Johns Hopkins; Morgan State; University of Maryland, College Park; UMB; and University of Maryland, Baltimore County) 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 FY 2018 and \$466,946 in FY 2019.
- **\$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 FY 2019, 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 FY 2018 and \$899,930 in FY 2019.
- **Maintained \$1.1 million in funding for the Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program** to provide financial assistance to full-time and part-time students *in the fields of medicine, dentistry, law, pharmacy, nursing, social work* and veterinary medicine.
- **Maintained \$1.2 million in funding for Workforce Shortage Student Assistance Grants** to aid students studying in the following workforce shortage fields: (1) schoolteachers (Sharon Christa McAuliffe Memorial Teacher Scholarship); (2) *social workers (Ruth M. Kirk Public Social Work Scholarship)*; (3) *nurses*; (4) child care providers (Hattie N. Harrison Memorial Scholarship); (5) *developmental disabilities, mental health, child welfare, and juvenile justice* (Ida G. and L. Leonard Ruben Scholarships); (6) *physical and occupational therapists and assistants*; and (7) public servants (William Donald Schaefer Scholarship and the Parren J. Mitchell Public Service Scholarship).



- **\$17.6 million in funding for the Nurse Support Program Assistance Fund** (reflects an increase of \$400,000 from FY 2020) to fund initiatives to expand the number of bedside nurses in the state.

**f. *UMB Capital Funding***

- **\$9,940,000 for Central Electric Substation and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades:** \$9,940,000 in GO bonds for the construction and equipment of the UMB Central Electric Substation and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades project. 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. The total CIP award amount for the electrical infrastructure project has actually *increased* from \$74.92 million to \$81.225 million by DBM. This was the result of DBM adjusting systemwide escalation rates to reflect the tightening construction market and a change in the project's cash flow.
- **\$3.532 million for Capital Facilities Renewal Projects:** For campuswide improvements such as facade stabilization and roof improvements, as well as mechanical and electrical infrastructure upgrades. UMB received \$2.675 million last year.
- **School of Social Work Addition and Renovation Preauthorization:** UMB was able to secure preauthorization from the General Assembly of \$5 million, in FY 2022, for funds to begin the design of the renovations of buildings for a new School of Social Work. In addition, the General Assembly provided preauthorization of \$50 million in FY 2023 for further design, construction, and capital equip of buildings for a new School of Social Work.

**g. *Other Capital Funding Items of Interest to UMB***

- **\$500,000 for the Comprehensive Cancer and Organ Transplant Treatment Center:** This action adds language that expresses the intent of the General Assembly that the state commitment to the project total \$175 million, consistent with language included in the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan (MCCBL) of 2018 and MCCBL of 2019. This action also reduces general obligation bond funding for the project.
- NOTE: A separate action provides \$7 million of anticipated bond premiums to fully fund the project.



- **\$3 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 for the Hippodrome Foundation, Inc.:** A \$1 million grant to the board of directors of the Hippodrome Foundation, Inc., for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center, located in Baltimore City.
- **\$2 million for Lexington Market:** A \$2 million grant to the board of directors of Lexington Market, Inc., for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, and capital equipping of Lexington Market.

#### **h. Committee Narrative and Budget Amendments**

At times, the budget committees wish to express legislative intent or request USM 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:

**University System of Maryland:** *Add the following language: Provided that the unrestricted fund appropriation made for the purpose of University System of Maryland (USM) institutions shall be reduced by \$5,000,000. Further provided that USM institutions may not increase resident undergraduate tuition in fiscal 2021 above the budgeted increase of 2%.*

Explanation: This language reduces USM’s unrestricted fund (general fund) appropriation by \$5.0 million and specifies that institutions may not increase resident undergraduate tuition in FY 2021 above the budgeted 2 percent increase.

**University System of Maryland:** *Add the following language: Further provided that \$32,000,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of funding Workforce Development Initiatives at the University System of Maryland institutions may be expended only for that purpose. Funds not used 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 restricts \$32 million of the University System of Maryland's general fund appropriation provided to support Workforce Development Initiatives for that purpose.

**Bowie Nursing Program Update:** *Bowie State University (BSU) has faced difficulties in meeting the Maryland Board of Nursing (MBON) required National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-RN) pass rate for its Nursing Program. MBON placed the BSU Nursing Program on conditional approval in 2013, where it has remained through 2020. BSU has implemented strategies meant to improve this pass rate. The budget committees request a report that documents how the actions identified by BSU have improved the NCLEX-RN required MBON pass rate.*

**Status of Implementing Realignment Plan:** *The University of Baltimore (UB) recently announced a plan to realign the institution in response to the continuing challenges that it has been facing including budgetary constraints due to declining enrollment. Actions can be categorized in one of four goals: positioning UB as a leading professional and career-focused institution in the region; student success; community engagement; and financial stability. The committees request a report that includes the status of plan implementation, including a time frame for full implementation and the results from actions that have already been implemented. The report should be submitted by Dec. 15, 2020.*

**Report on the National Footprint Campaign and Market Competitiveness:** *University of Maryland Global Campus (UMGC) is undertaking a \$500 million National Footprint Campaign, which includes \$289 million for a national campaign and \$211 million for a regional campaign, to increase enrollment from outside the Baltimore-Washington area. UMGC has performance metrics in place to ensure that the advertising data is meeting internal targets. Initial results have been mixed. The committees request that UMGC submit a report by Dec. 1, 2020, on the goals of the advertising campaign and progress toward the goals. The report should include the return on investment attained on the regional and national advertising expenditures based on enrollment.*

*In addition, UMGC has stressed the need for continued flexibility within its business model to maintain its competitiveness in the online higher education space. UMGC should report back on the ongoing discussion with the University System of Maryland Board of Regents and the Chancellor regarding (1) needed enhancements to the UMGC business model that will enable UMGC to respond swiftly and prudently to changes in the online market; (2) the strategic direction of the institution; and (3) enhanced tuition flexibility in order to provide eligible, qualified Maryland resident and nonresident distance, adult, and military learners with affordable, quality education.*

### **Status of Implementing Universities at Shady Grove Financial Viability Report**

**Recommendations:** *In 2019, concerns about the financial sustainability and continuing enrollment decline at the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) prompted the budget committees to ask the University System of Maryland Office (USMO) to submit a plan to ensure the fiscal*





viability of USG. USMO convened a commission comprised of various stakeholders. The commission submitted a report on ensuring the financial viability of USG that contained 33 recommendations that focused on leadership; governance; USG's funding model; expansion of USG's mission; and the transportation needs of USG students, faculty, and staff. The committees request that USMO submit a report providing a status of implementing the recommendations by Oct. 1, 2020.

**Committee Narrative Report on the Feasibility of a Bowie State University Law School:**

*The committees request the University System of Maryland Office (USMO), in collaboration with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to convene a workgroup to determine the feasibility of a law school at Bowie State University (BSU) or locating a law school in Prince George's County. The report should include the advantages and costs of establishing a school of law at BSU, regional demand and enrollment needed to justify a law school considering other area law schools, and accreditation and regulatory requirements in establishing or locating a law school. The workgroup should include representatives from the General Assembly, BSU, and the Maryland State Bar Association. The report should be submitted by Dec. 1, 2020.*

**Instructional Faculty Workload Report:** *The committees request that the University System of Maryland (USM), Morgan State University (MSU), and St. Mary's College of Maryland (SMCM) continue to provide annual instructional workload reports for tenured/tenure-track faculty. By focusing on these faculty, the committees gain a sense of the teaching activities for the regular core faculty. However, there are other types of instructional faculty at institutions such as full- and part-time nontenured/nontenure-track faculty including adjunct faculty, instructors, and lecturers. Focusing on only tenured/tenure-track faculty provides an incomplete picture of how students are taught. Therefore, the report should also include the instructional workload when all types of faculty are considered. Additional information may be included at the institution's discretion. Furthermore, the USM report should include the percent of faculty meeting or exceeding teaching standards for tenured/tenure-track faculty for the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus.*

**High Use of Contractual Employees:** *The budget committees are concerned about the high number of contractual employees employed at Morgan State University (MSU), Baltimore City Community College (BCCC), and the University System of Maryland (USM). The committees request a report on the use of contractual employees, including the number of contractual employees by classification and length of service. In addition, the report should include the plan, including a timeline, for converting contractual employees to full-time positions.*

**Interagency Agreements:** *SECTION 26. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That on or before August 1, 2020, 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 2020 between state agencies and any public institution of higher education involving potential expenditures in excess of \$100,000 over the term of the agreement. Further provided that 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 subaward(s) or subcontract(s) being used as part of the agreement and a brief description of the type of award or contract.*

*Further provided that DBM shall submit a consolidated report to the budget committees and the Department of Legislative Services by Dec. 1, 2020, 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 2020.*

*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 2021 without prior approval of the Secretary of Budget and Management.*

Explanation: This annual language requires DBM to report on all interagency agreements between state agencies and public institutions of higher education having a total potential expenditure over the term of the agreement in excess of \$100,000. This applies only to agreements for the purchase of goods and/or services and does not apply to grants or space agreements. Further, it requires that no new higher education interagency agreement with state agencies with a projected value in excess of \$500,000 be entered into during FY 2021 without prior approval of the secretary of Budget and Management.



**Health Effects of Air Traffic Noise Study:** *It is the intent of the budget committees that the study of the health effects of air traffic noise on communities surrounding BWI Marshall Airport be conducted by the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus.*

**New Foster Care Rate Structure:** *Add the following language to the general fund appropriation: “provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of administrative expenses may not be expended until the Department of Human Services (DHS) submits a report to the budget committees on a planned new foster care rate structure including detail on how the provider rates will be calculated, whether the change will impact the availability of federal funds to support foster care payments, and the timeline for implementing the new rate structure. If DHS decides not to proceed with a new foster care rate structure, the report shall instead detail the reason why no change will be made and a planned timeline for consideration of any future changes. The report shall be submitted by Sept. 1, 2020, and the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.”*

Explanation: The FY 2020 budget of DHS Social Services Administration included funding to support a contract for the development of a new foster care rate structure. **DHS reported that it was working with the University of Maryland School of Social Work’s Institute for Innovation and Implementation and the Hilltop Institute at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County on this project.** During the 2019 session, DHS indicated that the report would be completed in December 2019 with a plan to begin using this structure for FY 2021. Committee narrative in the 2019 Joint Chairmen’s Report requested that DHS provide a copy of this report with submission of the FY 2021 budget. DHS did not submit the report as requested with the budget submission, and the FY 2021 allowance does not reflect a change in the rate structure. This language restricts funds until DHS submits the report on planned changes to the foster care rate structure and requests that if the department chooses not to proceed with any changes in the rate structure, the report instead explain why it did not move forward with these changes.

**Medicaid Data Memorandum of Understanding:** *“AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation in the Department of Human Services (DHS) and \$100,000 of the general fund appropriation in the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) made for the purpose of general administration may not be expended until DHS and MDH submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), signed by the secretaries of both agencies, that provides for the sharing of Medicaid data and inclusion of this data in the Life After Welfare report from the University of Maryland School of Social Work beginning with the 2020 report. The signed MOU shall be submitted by July 1, 2020, and the budget committees shall have 45 days to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of the MOU may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall revert to the General Fund if the MOU is not submitted to the budget committees”*



Explanation: The Life After Welfare Annual Update reports analyzed outcomes of the Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) receipt. Nearly all of those that exit the TCA program receive Medicaid, yet this information has not been included in the Life After Welfare analysis since 2017 because this data is owned by the Maryland Department of Health. This language requests that an MOU be signed by both agencies to provide for the sharing of Medicaid data and incorporation of Medicaid data into the Life After Welfare analysis.

### **Committee Narrative Report on Pathways in Technology Early College High School**

**Program:** The Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) Program enrolls students in grades 9 through 14 to complete a high school diploma and associate's degree, as well as earn work experience. However, the costs of this program are difficult to determine due to the increasing number of students entering the program in grade 9. The budget committees request that the Maryland State Department of Education provide a report on P-TECH that includes current enrollment for the 2019-2020 school year in the program, anticipated enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year in the program, and estimated costs for the program in FY 2022.

## **I. Key Bills of 2020**

This section of the *2020 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 2020 End of 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 214/SB 658)**

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill 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.

#### **Driver's Licenses and Vehicle Registrations - Distribution of Tax Payments - Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders (HB 454)**

UMB Position: Support





Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill establishes a special fund and related processes to provide supplemental grant funding for the University of Maryland and the University of Baltimore schools of law to operate tax clinics for low-income state residents. Each year, the first \$450,000 of undisputed taxes or unemployment insurance (UI) contributions collected by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) in specified circumstances must be transferred to the special fund and then distributed to the two law schools.

*“You may ask why the state government should be funding a program to represent taxpayers in actions against the state. But a fair system of tax administration really demands such representation. In tax administration, the goal is to get it right. A fair tax system collects a fair amount of tax from each taxpayer. The government does not seek to collect tax that is not due. It asks all taxpayers to pay the just and fair amount due. Therefore, providing representation to low-income taxpayers who otherwise could not afford representation simply ensures equal treatment, fair representation, and an equitable tax system.*

*Fair and just enforcement of the tax laws for low-income people requires that they have an ability to present their cases in the same manner as people who can afford lawyers. HB 454 ensures that hard-working Marylanders with tax disputes get the representation they deserve.”*

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By Dean Donald B. Tobin, JD, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

### **Income Tax – Business and Economic Development Tax Credits – Termination, Alteration, and Evaluation (HB 565)**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill terminates the following tax credit programs: (1) enterprise zone; (2) Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) Zone; (3) One Maryland; (4) Opportunity Zone Enhancement Program; (5) biotechnology investment incentive; (6) film production activity; (7) cybersecurity technology or service tax credit; and (8) small business tax relief.

### **Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants – Administration and Funding (HB 998/SB 501)**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill transfers oversight of the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program (MLARP) for physicians and physician assistants from the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to the Maryland Department of Health (MDH). The minimum funding for the MLARP for physicians and physician assistants increases by \$600,000 (to \$1 million) in FY 2022. Each year beginning on Oct. 1, 2021, MDH must report



on the program, as specified. Finally, the bill establishes a stakeholder workgroup that must review and report on specified information by Dec. 1, 2020.

*“Incentive programs play an integral role in attracting students to these health care professions and incentivizes them to practice in communities where we need them most. Approximately two-thirds of the physicians we train at the School of Medicine are leaving the state. According to AAMC Physician Workforce Profile surveys, Maryland ranks 40th in the nation in terms of the percentage of physicians retained in-state after public undergraduate medical education [24.4 percent compared to a national state median of 44.1 percent].”*

*“In 2019, the average debt for a University of Maryland medical student was \$195,000. The Loan Assistance Repayment Program is a proven effective tool that can help our up-and-coming new generation of medical professionals. Having the program’s funding enhanced to meet the growing demand of applicants and removing financial barriers for professionals interested in practicing primary care will enable them to pursue community-based careers.”*

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, Interim President, University of Maryland, Baltimore

### **State Government – Protection of Personally Identifiable Information – University System of Maryland (HB 1122)**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed

This bill expands and enhances the security protocols that govern the collection, processing, sharing, and disposal of personally identifiable information (PII) by the University System of Maryland (USM). USM institutions currently do not have a comprehensive privacy program. This bill establishes the requirement for the development and implementation of privacy programs systemwide. To help all campuses manage the costs of the upgrades required by this legislation, the bill was amended to allow an implementation date of October 2024.

### **Historically Black Colleges and Universities – Funding (HB 1260/SB 1043)**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed

This bill, contingent on final settlement of *The Coalition for Equity and Excellence in Maryland Higher Education v. Maryland Higher Education Commission* lawsuit by Dec. 1, 2020, provides an additional \$57.7 million annually for Maryland’s historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) from FY 2022 through 2031 (a total of \$577 million) to be distributed and used as specified. An HBCU Reserve Fund is created to hold unused funds at the end of each fiscal year. A new academic program evaluation unit is established in the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) with a specified mandated staffing level. In addition, the bill has several study and reporting provisions.

**Labor and Employment – Employment Contracts – Intellectual Property (HB 1466)**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill prospectively establishes that any provision in an employment contract that requires an employee assign to an employer the employee's rights in a piece of intellectual property developed outside the scope of employment on the employee's own time is null and void and against the public policy of the state. A presently existing obligation or contract right may not be impaired in any way by the bill.

**University of Maryland, Baltimore – Study on the Health Effects of Air Traffic Noise (SB 184/HB 310)**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill requires the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) to study the health effects of air traffic noise on communities near the Baltimore/Washington International Thurgood Marshall (BWI) Airport since the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen). The governor must include an appropriation of at least \$130,000 for the study in the FY 2022 budget. By Sept. 1, 2022, UMB must report the results of the study to the governor; the General Assembly; and the county executives and county councils of Baltimore, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties. The bill as amended provides \$100,000 for the study.

*“If effectuated, SB 184/HB 310 will provide needed public health data for Maryland communities directly affected by noise corridors of NextGen's flight paths around BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport. All in all, as a public health researcher wearing my health economics hat, I am strongly in favor of the merits of SB 184/HB 310 and its bone fide intention of improving the public health and well-being of Marylanders.”*

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By Zafar Zafari, MSc, PhD, assistant professor, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

**State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program – Participation (SB 339)**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill requires that, for the purpose of determining eligibility to enroll in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program (state plan) as a retiree, the calculation of a specified individual's years of service with the state must include the individual's employment at Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) together with their years of service at a higher education institution in the state. The individual must also be considered as having begun service as a state employee on or before June 30, 2011, and worked a minimum of 16 years consecutively in the state program.



### **Maryland E–Nnovation Initiative Program and Admissions and Amusement Tax Distributions – Extensions and Alterations (SB 465)**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill re-allocates \$8.5 million to E–Nnovation, extends the program for another five years to 2026, and alters the distribution of state admissions and amusement (A&A) tax revenues by maintaining the required \$1 million distribution to the Maryland State Arts Council (MSAC) beyond FY 2021.

*“Investment in new research faculty can be substantial. Start-up packages to recruit new basic research scientists run in the range of \$500,000 to \$1 million. Salary support, laboratory equipment and materials, and graduate research assistant support are all components of such packages. Through the E–Nnovation program, the University of Maryland, Baltimore has been the recipient of almost \$5 million in matching state funds over the years to assist in attracting top talent to Maryland. This investment has allowed UMB to attract top talent in the fields of neurotrauma, anesthesiology, and translational cancer research.”*

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By James L. Hughes, MBA, Senior Vice President and Chief Enterprise and Economic Development Officer, University of Maryland, Baltimore

### **Universities at Shady Grove Regional Higher Education Center (SB 558)**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed

This bill establishes the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) Regional Higher Education Center in the University System of Maryland (USM) and specifies its purpose and funding. The bill codifies current practice.

### **Economic Development – Maryland Technology Partnership Program (SB 602/HB 1239)**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill establishes the Maryland Technology Partnership Program, Authority, and Fund (MTPF) in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO). The authority’s purpose is to provide advice to and consult with TEDCO in connection with the administration of the program. MTPF must be used to cover the program’s costs. Subject to available funding and on the recommendation of the authority, TEDCO must award capital and operating financial assistance from MTPF to public or private entities in the state for specified purposes.

*“The Maryland Technology Partnership act is an ideal initiative to help UMB, Maryland businesses, and Maryland workers to capitalize on the resources at UMB and the private*





*investment in the BioPark. In particular, UMB would like to create lab innovation space in the building for UMB startups and spinoff companies from our larger BioPark tenants. Based on models in Boston, San Francisco, San Diego, and Philadelphia, the lab innovation space would accelerate the development of new therapeutics and medical devices, helping to attract venture capital and talent from around the world to Maryland. Local community members are connected to jobs in the BioPark through training programs at the BCCC Life Sciences Institute and the UMB Community Engagement Center, both of which are located in the BioPark.”*

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By James L. Hughes, MBA, Senior Vice President and Chief Enterprise and Economic Development Officer, University of Maryland, Baltimore

### **Collective Bargaining – Chancellor of the University System of Maryland – Negotiations (SB 660/HB 641)**

UMB Position: Opposed

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill requires the chancellor of the University System of Maryland (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. Upon the request of an exclusive representative that represents more than one bargaining unit of USM employees, the units must bargain a consolidated memorandum of understanding (MOU), as specified.

### **Baltimore City – Civil Claim Against Private Police – Prohibition Against Nondisclosure Provision in Settlement Agreement (SB 829)**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill prohibits, in a claim or suit asserting misconduct in the performance of duties by a law enforcement officer of a private law enforcement agency, the use or enforcement of a confidentiality or other nondisclosure provision in a settlement agreement or any general release of liability between the parties. The bill’s provisions only apply to a claim or suit arising in Baltimore City. The bill applies prospectively and may not be applied to or interpreted to have any effect on or application to any agreement or release of liability executed before the bill’s Oct. 1, 2020, effective date.

### **Public Safety – 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System (SB 838/HB 934)**

UMB Position: Support with Amendments

Final Status: Passed (Without UMB Amendments)

This bill enhances and alters the statutory framework that governs the state’s 9-1-1 system in the following ways: The Emergency Number Systems Board (ENSB) is renamed to be the Maryland



9-1-1 Board; the county additional charge is renamed to be the county 9-1-1 fee; roles and responsibilities of the Maryland 9-1-1 Board, PSAPs, and counties are expanded; the percentage of state 9-1-1 fees that each 9-1-1 service carrier is entitled to keep to cover administrative costs is reduced from 0.75 percent to 0.50 percent of the fees collected; funds in the 9-1-1 Trust Fund are prohibited from being used for the maintenance or operation of communications centers other than PSAPs; any person who installs or operates multiple-line telephone systems must ensure that a line on the system can dial 9-1-1 without requiring the user to dial any other number or set of numbers; however, state executive branch agencies must comply with this requirement on the date that the multiple-line telephone system of the unit is next upgraded. A county or municipality is responsible for enforcing this requirement and may set a fine or series of fines to do so.

The Department of General Services (DGS) must report to the Commission to Advance Next Generation 9-1-1 Across Maryland and the General Assembly on state agency compliance with the multiple-line telephone system requirement discussed above by June 30, 2020.

*“Our officers are a valuable resource to BPD, who are short-staffed and receive a high volume of calls. We work closely with BPD to ensure the safety of UMB’s campus and surrounding neighborhoods, we are an asset to BPD who are free to take calls elsewhere while UMBPD officers handle calls in our own jurisdiction – but we can’t be an asset if we don’t know about the calls.*”

*“SB 838 potentially ties our hands. Trained UMBPD officers could be just steps away from a crime scene, but if we don’t know, we can’t respond. This bill must include language that would require the primary PSAP to immediately relay emergency information to local first responder jurisdictions, like UMBPD. Without it, we cannot respond to emergencies in our own jurisdiction. Without it, we cannot effectively support our law enforcement partners.”*

Written and Oral Testimony in Support with Amendments

By Alice K. Cary, MS

Chief of Police for Police and Public Safety, University of Maryland, Baltimore

### **Maryland Emergency Management Agency – Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office – Establishment (SB 1036/HB 1618)**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill establishes the Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office within the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The bill establishes various responsibilities for the office that generally relate to improving cybersecurity readiness and response in the state. The bill also expands the definition of “emergency,” as it relates to provisions governing MEMA, to include a cybersecurity attack. Accordingly, provisions of the Maryland Emergency Management Agency Act that relate to emergencies explicitly apply to cybersecurity attacks.



*“We are all familiar with the damage wrought by cyber attacks, such as last year’s ransomware attack on Baltimore City that cost over \$18 million in system restoration and delayed or lost revenue. To better prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from cyber attacks in the future, Maryland needs a coordinated infrastructure to integrate information, best practices, and resources across the state.*”

*“If passed, Senate Bill 1036 will do just that: establish a Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office within the Maryland Emergency Management Agency [MEMA]. The Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office will improve local, regional, and statewide cybersecurity readiness and response. This mission is essential to protecting the information technology infrastructure and functions of Maryland and its political subdivisions. I thank you for your attention to this threat and your commitment to protect all Marylanders from the risks posed by cyber attacks.”*

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By Benjamin Yelin, JD, Program Director, Public Policy and External Affairs, Center for Health and Homeland Security, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

#### ***b. Academic and Research Policy***

##### **Legal Education Success Collaborative – Established (SB 435)**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill establishes the Legal Education Success Collaborative between the University of Baltimore (UB) School of Law, the University of Maryland School of Law, and Maryland historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) to increase diversity in the legal field. For each law program, the governor must include an appropriation of \$400,000 in FY 2022, \$700,000 in FY 2023, and \$1 million in FY 2024 and annually thereafter. Beginning in FY 2022, the governor must include \$50,000 for each HBCU to support a coordinator position to promote the UB Law and HBCU Cooperative to students at the Maryland HBCUs. The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.

*“As a profession, we have been unsuccessful in dramatically increasing our diversity over the last 30 years. We simply must do better, and to do that, we need a coordinated approach, one that helps prepare more students for law school, makes it financially plausible for them to attend, nurtures them to succeed while they are in school, and supports them as they enter the profession. True justice in our society requires that all members of society feel a sense of belonging, that the legal system is not stacked against them, and that justice is not just for a chosen few. A legal profession that looks more like the citizenry it serves is an important component of promoting justice for all. SB 435 helps us achieve that task. Therefore, I strongly urge the committee to provide a favorable report on SB 435.”*



Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By Dean Donald B. Tobin, JD, University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law

**Public Health – Prohibition on Testing Cosmetics on Animals (SB 729)**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill prohibits a manufacturer, beginning July 1, 2021, from selling or offering for sale in the state a cosmetic if the manufacturer knows or reasonably should have known that the final product or its individual components were developed or manufactured using animal testing conducted on or after Jan. 1, 2021, as specified. The bill establishes a number of exemptions to this prohibition as well as civil penalties. A local law enforcement agency may enforce the bill, and the State’s Attorney for each county may seek appropriate relief for violations of the bill. A manufacturer with inventory that violates the bill must sell or otherwise dispose of the inventory by June 30, 2021.

*c. Regulation of the Professions*

**Health Care Practitioners – Telehealth and Shortage (SB 402/HB 448)**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed

This emergency bill authorizes a health care practitioner (an individual licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by law to provide health care services under the Health Occupations Article) to establish a practitioner-patient relationship through a telehealth interaction under specified circumstances. A health care practitioner providing telehealth services must (1) be held to the same standards of practice applicable to in-person health care settings; (2) provide or refer a patient to in-person health care services or another type of telehealth service, if clinically appropriate; (3) perform a clinical evaluation before providing treatment or issuing a prescription through telehealth; (4) document in a patient’s medical record the health care services provided through telehealth; and (5) be licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized by law to provide health care services in the state if the health care services are being provided to a patient located in the state. A health care practitioner may not prescribe a controlled dangerous substance (CDS) through telehealth, unless a declared state of emergency is in effect. A health occupations board may adopt regulations to implement the bill.





*d. Bills of Interest to University Experts*

**Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund and Advisory Council – Alterations (SB 708)**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill (1) requires the governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation composed of at least \$3 million in general funds to the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund; (2) alters the authorized uses of the fund; and (3) alters the application requirements for grants from the fund. The bill also (1) alters the membership of the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Advisory Council and expands its duties, and (2) expands the duties of the executive director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services (GOVS) relating to the fund and the council. In addition, the bill (1) authorizes Baltimore City to use funding appropriated for the Safe Streets Initiative to cover its related expenses, as specified, and (2) increases the maximum grant amount that may be made under the initiative from \$300,000 to \$600,000 per initiative. The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.

*“Approximately half of the people [94 of the 199] the Rebuild, Overcome, and Rise (ROAR) Center has served are family members of homicide victims or survivors of non-fatal shootings and stabbings, people who have been provided – or were likely eligible for – services from the programs that the Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund and Advisory Council would fund and oversee.”*

Written and Oral Testimony in Support

By Lydia Watts, JD, Executive Director, Rebuild, Overcome, and Rise (ROAR) Center at the University of Maryland, Baltimore

**County Boards of Education – Pregnant and Parenting Students – Policies and Reports (SB 791/HB 1298)**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill requires each local school system to designate a coordinator for education of pregnant and parenting students to assist pregnant and parenting students in accessing lactation accommodations, child care services, and other support services. The bill also requires each school to, among other requirements, provide (1) private lactation space in the school, and (2) either on-site child care or referrals to safe, affordable, and reliable child care. Each local school board must collect specified information and submit it to the University of Maryland School of Social Work’s Institute for Innovation and Implementation, which must in turn submit an interim and final report by specified dates. The bill also expands the types of absences that must be excused for pregnant and parenting students.



***“SB 791/HB 1298 names the Institute for Innovation and Implementation [The Institute], a department of the School of Social Work at the University of Maryland, Baltimore, to conduct the data collection, analysis, and reporting activities outlined in the legislation [Article-Education, 4-138 (D) and (E)]. The Institute for Innovation and Implementation, founded in 2005, serves as a national training, technical assistance, evaluation, policy, systems design, and finance center focused on supporting state and local governments and organizations in implementing, evaluating, and sustaining effective systems and clinical practices. The Institute is deeply committed to the work outlined in the legislation and would be honored to lead this evaluation.”***

Written Testimony in Support with Amendment

By Deborah Harburger, MSW, Director of Policy, Finance, and Systems Design, and Director, The Ruth Young Center for Maryland, University of Maryland School of Social Work

### **Education – Maryland Data Analysis and Accountability Program – Established (SB 983)**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill establishes the Maryland Data Analysis and Accountability Program to be administered by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System (MLDS) Center in consultation with the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Department of Information Technology. The purpose of the program is to evaluate the success of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future (the Blueprint). The bill establishes a board to oversee the program. By Dec. 15 each year, the MLDS Center must report on the success of the Blueprint and make recommendations for changes to law, regulations, policies, or practices to improve student performance, including those specified. The report must include any agencies that fail to provide the center with requested data.

***“I support this bill to build and implement critical evaluation processes on the established base of the already established structure of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System [MLDS] Center that includes an ongoing memorandum of understanding with UMB to serve as the research branch of the MLDS Center. The MLDS Center and the research branch have the governance structure and capacity to provide the research and analyses required by the Data Analysis and Accountability Program.”***

Written Letter of Support

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



## I. Other Activities

### *a. Legislative Meetings*

#### **Health and Homeland Security Center**

Francis King Carey School of Law Center for Health and Homeland Security faculty met with several legislators and staff sharing center resources for legislative deliberations on cybersecurity and information technology.

#### **Mental Health/Psychiatry Network Advocacy**

University of Maryland School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry faculty met with Health and Government Operations Subcommittee chairs to discuss ways to increase psychiatry providers throughout the state.

### *b. Advocacy Activities*

#### **MPower Day Showcases the Power of Collaboration**

The University of Maryland Strategic Partnership: *MPowering the State* showcased eight years of partnership between UMB and the University of Maryland, College Park at the annual MPowering the State Advocacy Day on Jan. 21, 2020, in Annapolis.

The two-hour expo designed to highlight the combined power of the two institutions to grow the state economy, advance research, and demonstrate service to Maryland citizens featured some of the best collaborations between the state's largest research engines.

Sixteen joint programs were on display, many with interactive demonstrations, as faculty, students, and researchers explained their innovative work to members of the Maryland General Assembly. Read more about the day [here](#).

#### **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.



Sixteen CURE Scholars traveled to Annapolis on Feb. 24, 2020, for Advocacy Day. The annual event gives the scholars an opportunity to learn more about their local government and present their research posters to prominent lawmakers from across Maryland.

The scholars displayed their unique STEM research posters in the Department of Legislative Services' Joint Hearing Room. Throughout the evening, state lawmakers filtered into the room to listen as the scholars presented their research. Read more about the event [here](#).



Testimony and briefings during the 2020 Session of the Maryland General Assembly of interest to the University of Maryland, Baltimore community.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee/ Meetings</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Individual</b>
1/24	Met with various legislators and staff on Center for Health and Homeland Security	Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Center	❖ Benjamin Yelin, JD, Center for Health and Homeland Security, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL) ❖ Michael Greenberger, JD, Center for Health and Homeland Security, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)
1/28	Appropriations	HB 206 Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter and Supportive Services	❖ Amelia Rubenstein, MSW, LCSW-C, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support
1/30	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 184 University of Maryland, Baltimore-Study on the Health Effects of Air Traffic Noise	❖ Zafar Zafari, PhD, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support
1/30	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 245 Health Occupations - Social Workers - Scope of Practice, Supervision, and Application Decision Appeal Process	❖ LaTavia Little, LCSW-C, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support ❖ Patricia Quinn-Stabile, LCSW-C, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support
2/4	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 322 Public Schools - Health Education - Gambling Dangers and Addiction	❖ Robert White, LCPC, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
2/5	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 207 Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter and Supportive Services	❖ Amelia Rubenstein, UMSSW-Support





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2/6	Budget and Taxation Pension Subcommittee	SB 339 State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Participation	❖ Kevin Kelly, Esq., University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)- Support ❖ Linda Murray, DNP, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)-Support
2/6	Health and Government Operations	HB 527 Health Occupations - Social Workers - Scope of Practice, Supervision, and Application Decision Appeal Process	❖ LaTavia Little, UMSSW-Support ❖ Patricia Quinn-Stabile, UMSSW- Support
2/7	Budget and Taxation Education, Business and Administration Subcommittee	SB 190 Operating Budget - MSDE - Aid to Education Maryland Infants and Toddlers Program	❖ Brenda Hussey-Gardner, PhD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
2/11	Appropriations	HB 537 State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program - Participation	❖ Kevin Kelly, UMB-Support ❖ Linda Murray, UMSON-Support
2/11	Appropriations	HB 310 University of Maryland, Baltimore- Study on the Health Effects of Air Traffic Noise	❖ Zafar Zafari, UMSOP-Support
2/12	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 435 Legal Education Success Collaborative - Established	❖ Donald Tobin, JD, Dean, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)- Support
2/13	Appropriations Health and Social Services Subcommittee	HB 150 Operating Budget – MDH Prevention & Health Promotion Administration Cigarette Restitution Trust Fund	❖ Kevin Cullen, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support



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2/13	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 440 Pharmacists - Aids for the Cessation of Tobacco Product Use	❖ Kathleen Hoke, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support ❖ Natalie Eddington, PhD, Dean, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support
2/13	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 545 Pharmacists - Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications	❖ Natalie Eddington, UMSOP- Support ❖ Megan Ehret, PharmD, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support
2/13	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 501 Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants - Administration and Funding	❖ Bruce E. Jarrell, MD, FACS, Interim President, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)- Support ❖ Susan F. Lawrence, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)- Support
2/13	Finance	SB 233 Business Regulation - Flavored Tobacco Products - Prohibition	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL- Support
2/14	Met with Health and Government Operations Subcommittee Chairs	Mental Health/Psychiatry Provider Network Adequacy	❖ Mark Ehrenreich, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM) ❖ Constance N. Lacap, DO, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)
2/17	Budget and Taxation Health and Human Services Subcommittee	SB 190 Operating Budget - MDH Prevention & Health Promotion Administration Cigarette Restitution Trust Fund	❖ Kevin Cullen, UMSOM-Support



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2/18	Health and Government Operations	HB 656 Pharmacists – Administration of Self-Administered Medications and Maintenance Injectable Medications (The Christopher King Access to Treatment Act)	❖Natalie Eddington, UMSOP-Support ❖Megan Ehret, UMSOP-Support
2/18	Finance	SB 624 Health - Mobile Response and Stabilization System for Children and Families in Maryland - Study	❖Elizabeth Manley, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support
2/25	Appropriations	HB 998 Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants - Administration and Funding	❖Bruce E. Jarrell, UMB-Support ❖Susan F. Lawrence, UMB-Support
2/25	Appropriations	HB 822 Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund and Advisory Council - Alterations	❖Lydia Watts, JD, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support
2/26	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 983 Education - Maryland Data Analysis and Accountability Program - Established	❖Richard Barth, PhD, MSW, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support
2/26	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 763 State Board of Physicians - Genetic Counselors - Licensing	❖E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support



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2/26	Ways and Means	HB 1298 County Boards of Education - Pregnant and Parenting Students - Policies and Reports	❖ Margo Candelaria, PhD, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support with Amendment ❖ Deborah Harburger, MSW, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support with Amendment
2/27	Ways and Means	HB 454 Driver's Licenses and Vehicle Registrations – Distribution of Tax Payments – Tax Clinics for Low–Income Marylanders	❖ Donald Tobin, UMCSOL-Support
2/28	Ways and Means	HB 1239 Economic Development - Maryland Technology Partnership Program	❖ James Hughes, MBA, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support
3/3	Health and Government Operations	HB 934 Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System	❖ Kevin Kelly, UMB-Support with Amendments
3/3	Finance	SB 602 Economic Development - Maryland Technology Partnership Program	❖ James Hughes, UMB-Support
3/3	Budget and Taxation Capital Budget Subcommittee	SB 191 Capital Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ Bruce E. Jarrell, UMB-Support
3/3	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 791 County Boards of Education - Pregnant and Parenting Students - Policies and Reports	❖ Margo Candelaria, UMSSW-Support with Amendment ❖ Deborah Harburger, UMSSW-Support with Amendment ❖ Jenny Torres, Student, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW), Representing Self-Support



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3/3	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 367 State Department of Education - Guidelines on Trauma-Informed Approach	❖ Shantay McKinily, MEd, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support ❖ Anne Wilson, Student, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW), Representing Self-Support
3/4	Health and Government Operations	HB 1140 Health - Mobile Response and Stabilization System for Children and Families in Maryland - Study	❖ Elizabeth Manley, UMSSW- Support
3/5	Finance	SB 879 Public Health – Maryland Infant Lifetime Care Trust Funded by HSCRC and Maryland Patient Safety Center Duties	❖ E. Albert Reece, UMSOM- Support
3/5	Judicial Proceedings	SB 708 Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund and Advisory Council - Alterations	❖ Lydia Watts, UMB-Support
3/6	Health and Government Operations	HB 1040 State Board of Physicians - Genetic Counselors - Licensing	❖ E. Albert Reece, UMSOM- Support
3/6	Ways and Means	HB 1443 Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment	❖ Michael Pinard, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support Shantay McKinily, UMSSW- Support
3/10	Ways and Means	HB 1585 Economic Development - Maryland E- Nnovation Initiative Program - Extension and Alterations	❖ James Hughes, UMB-Support





<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee/ Meetings</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Individual</b>
3/10	Finance	SB 838 Public Safety - 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone System	❖ Alice Cary, MS, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)- Support with Amendments
3/11	Appropriations Capital Budget Subcommittee	HB 151 Capital Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ Bruce E. Jarrell, UMB-Support ❖ Dawn Rhodes, MBA, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)- Support
3/12	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 1036 Maryland Emergency Management Agency - Cybersecurity Coordination and Operations Office - Establishment	❖ Benjamin Yelin, UMCSOL- Support
3/12	Judicial Proceedings	SB 1038 Juveniles Convicted as Adults - Sentencing - Limitations and Reduction (Juvenile Restoration Act)	❖ Brooke Kasoff, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)- Support



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