



(The Scorecard reflects action by the General Assembly as of April 9, 2024.)

LEGISLATIVE ISSUE	MFN POSITION	OUTCOME
AVAILABILITY & QUALITY OF CHILD CARE		
SB 419 / HB 377 Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program - Funding - Alterations	MFN supported this bill which would ensure continued funding for the Therapeutic Child Care Program.	SB 419 / HB 377 DIED in the House Ways and Means and Appropriations Committees.
HB 600 / SB 500 Education - Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund - Alterations	MFN supported this bill which alters provisions around the Child Care Career and Professional Development Fund (CCCPDF), a tuition assistance program that helps child care providers further their education.	SB 500 PASSED . HB 600 died in the House Ways and Means Committee.
HB 662 Large Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers - Child Care Teachers - Minimum Age	MFN monitored this bill which would require that regulations governing the registration and operation of large family child care homes and the licensing and operation of child care centers require that child care teachers be a minimum of age 18.	HB 662 PASSED .
HB 831 Common Ownership Communities and Zoning Authorities - Operation of Family Child Care Homes - Limitations	MFN supported this bill which would ensure the operation of a family child care program is considered a residential permitted activity and prohibit local jurisdictions from limiting the number of children in a program below the number authorized by the State.	HB 831 DIED in the House Environment and Transportation Committee.
HB 1139 / SB 882 Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program – Permanent Establishment	MFN supported this bill which would on a permanent basis establish the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program to increase and sustain the supply of family child care.	HB 1139 / SB 882 PASSED .

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HB 1261 Commission on Access to High-Quality Early Childhood Education and Child Care for Children Three Years Old and Younger	MFN monitored this bill which would establish a commission to study child care access for children birth to three.	HB 1261 DIED in the House Ways & Means Committee.
HB 1403 Family Child Care Homes and Large Family Child Care Homes - Age of Children in Care - Alterations	MFN opposed this bill which would alter the required adult-to-young-child ratio in family child care programs.	HB 1403 DIED in the House Ways & Means Committee.
HB 1453 Foster Care Families Child Care Assistance Program and Fund - Establishment	MFN monitored this bill which would establish a fund to provide child care assistance to foster care families. They would receive a scholarship to cover child care co-pay. (Does not appear to mention CCSP.)	HB 1453 was WITHDRAWN by the sponsor.
HB 838 Prince George's County Family Child Care Home Expansion Grant Program - Establishment (PG505-24)	MFN monitored this bill which would establish the Prince George's County Family Child Care Home Expansion Grant Program in the Prince George's County public school system.	HB 838 PASSED .

ECONOMIC SELF-SUFFICIENCY & FAMILY SUPPORT

SB 109 / HB 52 State Employees - Parental Bereavement Leave	MFN supported this bill which would entitle State employees to parental bereavement leave after the death of a child or after a stillbirth.	SB 109 / HB 52 PASSED .
SB 485 / HB 571 Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Modifications	MFN supported this bill which would make modifications to improve clarity, accessibility, and implementation of the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program.	SB 485 / HB 571 PASSED .
HB 451 / SB 676 Tax Assistance for Low-Income Marylanders - Funding	MFN monitored this bill which would require the Comptroller to distribute a certain amount of abandoned property funds to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund.	HB 451 PASSED . SB 676 died in the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee.

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HB 606 Sales and Use Tax -Baby Products -Exemption	MFN monitored this bill which would expand an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of certain baby products.	HB 606 DIED in the House Ways and Means Committee.
HB 608 Earned Income Tax Credit – Individuals Without Qualifying Children - Eligibility	MFN monitored this bill which would expand eligibility for the Maryland earned income tax credit for individuals without qualifying children by altering the income thresholds at which the credit phases out.	HB 608 DIED in the House Ways and Means Committee.
HB 649 / SB 525 Labor and Employment – Equal Pay for Equal Work -Wage Range Transparency	MFN monitored this bill which would require an employer to disclose certain wage information in job postings.	HB 649 / SB 525 PASSED .
HB 1304 Maryland Department of Health and Department of Aging- Earned Income Tax Credit – Distribution of Information and Training	MFN monitored this bill which would require the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to develop a process for providing information about the availability of the State's earned income tax credits to individuals enrolled or participating in certain programs or services administered by MDH.	HB 1304 PASSED .
HB 1506 / SB 1142 Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders-Funding	MFN monitored this bill which would require the Comptroller to distribute \$250,000 of certain abandoned property funds to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund.	SB 1142 PASSED . HB 1506 died in the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.
SB 64 / HB 717 Income Tax – Credit for Employers Providing Parental Engagement Leave	MFN monitored this bill which would allow employers who provide certain parental engagement leave to certain qualified employees during the taxable year a credit against the State income tax.	SB 64 DIED in the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. HB 717 DIED in the House Ways and Means Committee.
SB 198 / HB 719 Income Tax – Credit for Parent and Guardian Volunteers in Elementary and Secondary Schools	MFN monitored this bill which would allow certain eligible taxpayers who volunteer in a certain elementary and secondary school a credit against the State income tax.	SB 198 DIED in the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee. HB 719 DIED in the House Ways and Means Committee.

EDUCATION

HB 1426 / SB 1102
Education - Blueprint for
Maryland's Future - Alterations

MFN **supported** this bill which would make alterations to certain provisions of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future including authorizing the State Department of Education to award funding for a new Judy Center or Family Support Center for planning and development.

HB 1426 **PASSED**. SB 1102 died in the House Ways & Means and Appropriations Committees.

HB 1441 Early Childhood
Education - Publicly Funded
Prekindergarten Programs -
Alterations

MFN **supported** this bill which would alter the pre-kindergarten teacher credentials required under the Blueprint for Maryland's Future and put necessary supports in place—such as professional development and coordinating hubs—to enhance the effective and successful expansion of public pre-kindergarten.

HB 1441 **PASSED**.

HB 902 Prekindergarten -
Ulysses Currie Head Start
Program - Eligibility for State
Funds

MFN **monitored** this bill which would clarify that Head Start programs are eligible to receive state pre-K funds.

HB 902 **PASSED**.

HB 1432 / SB 1062
Education – Prekindergarten
and Withholding of County
Board Funding (Blueprint
Accountability and Flexibility
Act of 2024)

MFN **monitored** this bill which would alter provisions of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future.

HB 1432 **DIED** in the House Appropriations and Ways and Means Committees. SB 1062 **DIED** in the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation Committees.

HB 1381 Education - Publicly
Funded Prekindergarten -
Payments to Private Providers
and Building Use

MFN **monitored** this bill which would alter definitions and address space constraints associated with public pre-K.

HB 1381 **DIED** in the House Appropriations Committee.

HB 1385 Early Childhood
Education - Prekindergarten
Providers - Resident and
Conditional Teaching
Certificates

MFN **supported** this bill which would require MSDE to establish a resident early childhood teaching certificate.

HB 1385 **DIED** in the House Ways and Means Committee.

HB 1455 Public Prekindergarten
and Child Care Providers -

MFN **supported** this bill which would establish certain assistance hubs throughout the State to support

HB 1455 **DIED** in the House Ways and Means Committee.

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Waiver Action Plan and Assistance Hubs	child care providers and coordinate partnerships within the State's mixed-delivery system.	
HB 386 / SB 425 Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program – Alterations (Maryland Meals for Achievement Flexibility Act of 2024)	MFN monitored this bill which would authorize schools participating in the Maryland Meals for Achievement (MMFA) program to serve breakfast in any broadly accessible part of the school.	HB 386 / SB 425 PASSED .
HB 657 Public Institutions of Higher Education -Pregnant and Parenting Students -Policy	MFN monitored this bill which would require each public institution of higher education to adopt a policy related to pregnant and parenting students.	HB 657 DIED in the House Appropriations Committee.
HB 696 / SB 579 Primary and Secondary Education -Breakfast and Lunch Programs – Universal Expansion Report	MFN monitored this bill which would require the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to report to the General Assembly on the cost to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students in public schools in the State.	SB 579 PASSED . HB 696 died in the Senate Rules Committee.
HB 771 / SB 741 Public Senior Higher Education Institutions - Pregnant and Parenting Students -Plan Requirements (Pregnant and Parenting Support Act)	MFN monitored this bill which would require specified public senior (four-year) higher education institutions to adopt a plan regarding pregnant and parenting students.	HB 771 / SB 741 DIED in the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.
HB 903 / SB 797 Education – Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education Program and Fund - Established	MFN monitored this bill which would establish the Access to Attorneys, Advocates, and Consultants for Special Education (AAACSE) Program to direct resources and services to eligible students to provide access to legal, advocacy, and consultant services.	HB 903 / SB 797 PASSED .
HB 945 / SB 771 Education – Initial Teacher Certification-Requirements	MFN monitored this bill which would repeal the requirement that a teacher preparation program include passing a nationally recognized portfolio-based assessment of teaching ability as a requirement for graduation.	HB 945 / SB 771 PASSED .
HB 1082 Blueprint for Maryland’s Future	MFN monitored this bill which would require each county board of	HB 1082 PASSED .

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Implementation –Funding and Independent Evaluation – Alterations	education to provide \$150,000 for the salary and benefits of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future (Blueprint) implementation coordinator.	
HB 1157 / SB 937 Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program - Established	MFN monitored this bill which would establish the Grow Your Own Educators Grant Program to provide grants to local school systems for employees who pledge to fulfill a certain service obligation as a full-time teacher in the State.	HB 1157 / SB 937 PASSED .
SB 698 Accountability and Implementation Board - Scope of Authority -Alterations	MFN monitored this bill which would repeal the Accountability and Implementation Board’s (AIB) plenary authority over all matters within its jurisdiction.	SB 698 DIED in the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.
SB 984 Blueprint for Maryland's Future -Alterations	MFN monitored this bill which would make alterations to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future.	SB 984 DIED in the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.

HEALTH & SAFETY

SB 59 Hospitals - Care of Infants After Discharge (Safe Sleep Act of 2024)	MFN supported this bill which would require a hospital, as soon as practicable before discharging an infant after birth, to provide oral and written educational resources to the infant’s parent or legal guardian on how to provide a “safe sleep environment.”	SB 59 PASSED .
HB 1195 Child Care Providers - Anaphylactic Food Allergies - Guidelines and Indemnity (Elijah's Law)	MFN monitored this bill which would require the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) and the Maryland Department of Health (MDH) to jointly develop guidelines to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic major food allergens in child care settings.	HB 1195 PASSED .
HB 1254 Child Care Providers - Criminal History Records Checks and Abuse and Neglect Clearances - Requirements	MFN opposed this bill which would require MSDE to establish a unit for the dedicated purpose of processing and managing information about criminal history records checks for individuals providing child care services.	HB 1254 DIED in Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.

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HB 1040 / SB 876 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Limited Behavioral Health Services	MFN supported this bill which would allow Medicaid recipients under the age of 18 to receive limited behavioral health services without having a behavioral health diagnosis.	HB 1040 DIED in the House Health and Government Operations Committee. SB 876 DIED in the Senate Finance Committee.
HB 97 / SB 723 Baby Food – Toxic Heavy Metals -Testing and Labeling (Rudy's Law)	MFN monitored this bill which would prohibit a person, beginning January 1, 2025, from selling, distributing, or offering for sale “baby food” that contains “toxic heavy metals” that exceed the limits established by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA).	HB 97 / SB 723 PASSED .
HB 119 / SB 211 Public Health - Giving Infants a Future Without Transmission (GIFT) Act	MFN monitored this bill which would alters terminology and requirements relating to HIV testing and reporting for pregnant women and newborns.	HB 119 PASSED . SB 211 died in the Senate Finance Committee.
HB 177 Hospitals - Care of Infants After Discharge (Safe Sleep Act of 2024)	MFN monitored this bill which would require a hospital, as soon as practicable before discharging an infant after birth, to provide oral and written educational resources to the infant’s parent or legal guardian on how to provide a “safe sleep environment.”	HB 177 PASSED .
HB 183 / SB 213 Human Services -Food Supplement Program and Human Services Careers Scholarships -Alterations	MFN monitored this bill which would make technical and clarifying changes to the Summer Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Children (Summer SNAP for Children).	HB 183 / SB 213 PASSED .
HB 191 / SB 71 Correctional Services -Pregnancy and Postpartum Support (Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act)	MFN monitored this bill which would require the Division of Correction (DOC) to allow a pregnant woman classified to be in prerelease status to relocate to the prerelease unit for women throughout the duration of her	HB 191 / SB 71 DIED in the House Judiciary Committee.

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	pregnancy and for up to one year following the birth.	
HB 196 / SB 724 Motor Vehicles - School Buses – Seat Belts	MFN monitored this bill which would require every school bus purchased on or after July 1, 2027, and registered in the State to be equipped with three-point seat belts that are accessible to passengers for every seat on the school bus.	SB 724 / HB 196 DIED in the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee.
HB 1051 / SB 1059 Maternal Health –Assessments, Referrals, and Reporting (Maryland Maternal Health Act of 2024)	MFN monitored this bill which would codify provisions related to prenatal risk assessment, referrals, and reporting.	HB 1051 / SB 1059 PASSED .
HB 1521 Maryland Children's Health Program -Eligibility and Administration	MFN monitored this bill which would eliminate the MCHP premium plan and the requirement that families with income above 200% of federal poverty guidelines (FPG) pay a family contribution for MCHP coverage.	HB 1521 PASSED .
SB 212 / HB 1048 Behavioral Health Advisory Council and Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access - Alterations	MFN monitored this bill which would require the Behavioral Health Advisory Council and the Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access to work in conjunction with one another.	SB 212 / HB 1048 PASSED .
SB 213 / HB 183 Human Services -Food Supplement Program (Summer SNAP for Children Act)	MFN monitored this bill which would increase, from \$200,000 to \$5.0 million, the amount the Governor must include in the annual budget bill for the Summer Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program for Children program (Summer SNAP for Children) and makes technical changes.	HB 183 PASSED . SB 213 died in the Senate Finance Committee.
SB 820 Hospitals - Care of Infants After Discharge	MFN monitored this bill which would require a hospital, prior to discharge of an infant, to provide oral and written instructions to an infant’s parent or legal guardian on the importance of and how to provide a “safe sleep environment.”	SB 820 DIED in the Senate Finance Committee.

PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT

HB 1254 Child Care Providers-Criminal History Records Checks and Abuse and Neglect Clearances -Requirements

MFN **opposed** this bill which would require MSDE establish a unit for the dedicated purpose of processing and managing information about criminal history records checks for individuals providing child care services.

HB 1254 **DIED** in the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.

OTHER

HB 1314 Corporations and Associations -Annual Reports - Filing Fees (Right to Start Act)

MFN **monitored** this bill which would require the State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) to waive annual corporate filing fees for the first year that business entities are in existence and requires distributions from corporate filing fee revenue be designated to certain child care programs.

HB 1314 **DIED** in the House Economic Matters Committee.

HB 362 / HB 352 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2024

MFN **opposed** provisions in the BRFA that would enable the Administration to unilaterally implement an enrollment freeze in the Child Care Scholarship Program (CCS).

HB 362 / HB 352 **PASSED**. The legislature added a prohibition on re-instituting copayments for families and struck the language that would enable the Administration to unilaterally implement an enrollment freeze.

HB 331 Election Law -Candidate Expenditures -Campaign-Related Caregiving Expenses

MFN **monitored** this bill which would alter the definition of "expenditure" under State campaign finance law, to include reasonable expenses for caregiving services that a candidate incurs as a direct result of campaign activity and that are necessary to promote the candidacy of the candidate.

HB 331 **DIED** in the Senate Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee.

HB 434 / SB 1143 Persons Providing Lobbyist Compensation -Statement of Political Contributions - Exemption for Nonprofits

MFN **monitored** this bill which would exempt qualified 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations from having to file a disclosure statement with the State Board of Elections (SBE) for spending at least \$500 to compensate one or more regulated lobbyists.

HB 434 **PASSED**. SB 1143 died in the Senate Rules Committee.

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HB 694 / SB 482 Governor's Office for Children – Engaging Neighborhoods, Organizations, Unions, Governments, and Households (ENOUGH) Grant Program (ENOUGH Act of 2024)	MFN monitored this bill which would codify the Governor's Office for Children (GOC) and specifies that the Special Secretary of GOC is the head of the office. The bill also requires the Special Secretary establish an ENOUGH Grant Program designed to advance place-based strategies targeting child poverty.	SB 482 PASSED . HB 694 died in the House Appropriations and Health & Government Operations Committees.
SB 441 / HB 545 Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program- Nancy Grasmick Public School Professional Award -School Nurses	MFN monitored this bill which would expand eligibility for the Nancy Grasmick Public School Professional Award to include public school nurses.	SB 441 / HB 545 PASSED .
SB 1115 / HB 490 Income Tax - Subtraction Modification for Donations to Diaper Banks and Other Charitable Entities - Sunset Repeal	MFN monitored this bill which would extend through tax year 2026 the State income tax subtraction modification for donations of disposable diapers, other hygiene products for infants or children.	HB 490 PASSED . SB 1115 died in the Senate Rules Committee.