



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. But our 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, our 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 those aspects of our public role. It begins with an overview of actions by the legislature on our operating and capital budgets. The second half outlines key bills and shares excerpts of testimony provided by University faculty and staff, to show how their advocacy framed some of the most important issues the General Assembly considered.*

## **I. State Funding**

### **a. Overall Higher Ed Budget**

Funding for public higher education institutions in the state of Maryland increased by \$108.6 million in total funds (unrestricted and restricted funds), or 1.9 percent, for fiscal 2018. This includes funding to limit resident tuition increases to 2.0 percent. Aid to community colleges also increased by \$3.4 million to \$317.7 million. Aid to nonpublic colleges and universities grew by \$4.2 million, providing a total of \$51.0 million in fiscal 2018.

As a side note, the total size of the total state workforce decreased by 0.6 percent, or 447 positions, to 80,119 regular positions in fiscal 2018. Also there is no funding for merit or general salary increases for state employees.

### **b. USM Operating Budget**

The governor proposed and the General Assembly approved state support for the University System of Maryland (USM) totaling \$1.35 billion, coming from the General Fund and the Higher Education Investment Fund. This is an increase of \$30.6 million - or approximately 2.3 percent - over the FY 2017 budget revised for the mid-year budget reduction.

There are three components to the \$30.6 million increase in state funds: 1) funding for tuition relief, which will enable the USM to hold the increase for in-state, undergraduate students to a modest 2 percent; 2) support to implement SB 1052, the University of Maryland Strategic Partnership Act: *MPowering the State*; and 3) funding for operating expenses for new building openings.

As a part of the budget process, the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) recommended a \$16.6 million cut to the USM's operating budget, an \$8.7 million reduction for deficiencies in the Higher Education Investment Fund (HEIF). The legislature rejected those recommendations.



Chancellor Robert Caret, PhD, the Board of Regents, and USM presidents made compelling arguments to maintain the governor's allocation for mandatory costs. The USM's mandatory costs will increase by about \$88 million in the coming fiscal year, which is driven by facilities operation, renovation, and debt service costs.

The USM opposed, and the legislature rejected, language in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) that would have eliminated \$4 million of funding for improved funding guideline attainment at USM institutions. The budget committees adopted language withholding \$100,000 from the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore until a report is produced that shows actual fiscal year 2017 program revenues and expenses as compared to fiscal year 2018. This year, the General Assembly did not cut operating funds from the USM base budget, but instead approved a \$30 million fund balance transfer as the state continues to address its structural deficit.

#### *c. UMB Operating Budget*

The FY 2018 legislative allowance for UMB includes \$224.5 million in general funds and \$9.9 million higher education investment funds — an increase of \$9.6 million over our FY 2017 adjusted appropriation. The FY 2017 mid-year reduction was permanent. The increase in state funding is specific to SB1052 (\$4 million for the Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures) and the operating cost for HSF III. The allowance also includes tuition and fee income of about \$140.4 million — an increase of \$9.4 million over last year. These funds will help support increases to facilities renewal, debt service, student aid, and other needs.

#### *d. Other Operating Funding Items of Interest to UMB*

- **\$11.6 million for the University of Maryland Cancer Research Program** - Funding of this program through the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) has allowed us to protect, preserve, and grow the University of Maryland Greenebaum Comprehensive Cancer Center (UMGCCC) as a leader in cancer prevention and treatment in the nation. In 2000, the General Assembly created the CRF program using funding from the 1998 Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry. The goal of the program is to implement strategies to reduce the burden of tobacco-related disease in Maryland, emphasizing tobacco use prevention and cessation, in addition to cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment.
  - o \$10,400,000 for the UM Cancer Research Grant
  - o \$1,212,000 for the UM-Baltimore City Public Health Grant
- **\$285,000 Grant for the Governor's Wellmobile Program** - The FY18 budget continues \$285,000 funding for this grant, run by the University of Maryland School of Nursing, in the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) budget.



- **\$4.8 million – Maryland Innovation Initiative** – Provides, through MD Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO), funding to promote and accelerate the rate of commercializing research conducted in five Maryland research universities (Hopkins, Morgan, UMCP, UMB, and UMBC). UMB received approximately \$1 million YTD from this program.
- **\$8.5 million – Maryland E-Innovation Initiative** – Provides matching funds to nonprofit institutions of higher education to create research endowments. In FY16, UMB received two awards for a total of \$2.1 million.
- **\$8.2 million - Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund** – Provides funding through TEDCO to support stem cell research and development grants for Maryland research institutions and private companies. During FY16, UMB received \$570,000 from this program.
- **\$28 million – University of Maryland Medical System** – \$28 million for fiscal year 2018, \$27 million for fiscal year 2019, and \$15 million for fiscal years 2020-21, and \$10 million for fiscal year 2022 to provide an operating grant to the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System to assist in the transition to a new Prince George’s County Regional Medical System.

*a. Capital Funding*

- **\$3.6 million for Health Sciences Facility (HSF) III** – Provides \$3.6 million in capital funds to complete construction and equip a new \$305 million research facility for the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Dentistry. This is the last year for requesting funding. Recruitment of well-funded research scientists to occupy the 10-story HSF III is underway. The School of Medicine already has recruited eight research faculty who will bring with them more than \$23.6 million in NIH funding. An additional 20 teams of scientists will be recruited to UMB over the next two years and occupy the remainder of HSF III’s finished floors. This means that the building can immediately begin to fulfill its purpose of advancing scientific discovery and adding to the state’s economy.
- **\$2.89 million for Central Electric Substation and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades** – \$2.89 million in GO Bonds for the remainder of planning funds to design the UMB Central Electric Substation and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades project. The total project cost is \$78.951 million, with future requests extending over another seven years. 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.
- **\$2.675 million for UMB Facilities Renewal** – \$2.675 million in capital funding for building specific electrical distribution system upgrades, façade stabilization, roof replacement, and mechanical infrastructure upgrades.





- **\$8.7 million for University of Maryland Sports Performance and Academic Research Building** – \$8.7 million for the continuation of construction of a new University of Maryland Center for Sports Medicine, Health and Human Performance on the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) campus within Cole Field House. The project will enable the growth of clinical and research programs in sports medicine and occupational health in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore.

## II. Key Bills of 2017

This section of the *2017 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 2017 Legislative Session Report* prepared by our colleagues at the Office of Government Relations of the University System of Maryland.

### *a. Economic Development & Administration*

#### **Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Program - Requirements for Matching Funds ([HB 94](#))**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

Chapters 532 and 533 of 2014 established the Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Program, the Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Fund (MEIF), and Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Fund Authority (MEIFA) in what is now the Department of Commerce. MEIF receives distributions from revenues attributable to a portion of the state admissions and amusement tax and additional required appropriations totaling \$8.5 million annually from fiscal 2016 through 2021. Nonprofit institutions of higher education in the state may create research endowments and, upon securing matching private donations, MEIF funds may be distributed to the endowments.

Endowment proceeds must be expended to further basic and applied research in scientific and technical fields of study, as determined by MEIFA, that offer promising and significant economic impacts and the opportunity to develop clusters of technological innovation in the state, including but not limited to engineering, health sciences, and cybersecurity. House Bill 94 authorizes a nonprofit institution of higher education to use specified available funds in lieu of qualified donations to satisfy a matching requirement under the Maryland E-Nnovation Initiative Program, subject to specified conditions.

#### **Biotechnology Investment Tax Credit - Qualified Maryland Biotechnology Company – Definition ([HB 373/SB 226](#))**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

Bills expand eligibility for the biotechnology investment tax credit by specifying that a biotechnology company is a company that has been an active business for a maximum of (1) 12



years; (2) 12 years from the date the company first received a qualified investment under the program; or (3) 15 years if the Department of Commerce determines that the company needs additional time to complete the process of regulatory approval. The bills also specify that a biotechnology company includes an entity that meets the specified requirements of the program within two months of receiving a qualified investment and provide for recapture of the credit if the entity does not satisfy this requirement.

### **Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School Act of 2017 ([HB 413/SB 319](#))**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

Chapter 144 of 2016 established the Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) schools in Maryland, which are public schools that offer grades 9 through 14 and that integrate high school, college, and the workplace. The result is intended to be a seamless pathway that enables students to graduate in six years or less with a high school diploma, an associate degree or certificate, and relevant professional experience. One of the goals of P-TECH schools, which distinguishes them from other early college programs, is for students to earn a credential and workplace skills that are aligned with industry needs and expectations. The first P-TECH schools in Maryland opened for students in Baltimore City in the 2016-2017 school year with 50 ninth-grade students at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School (supported by industry partners - UMB, JHU, and Kaiser Permanente) and 50 ninth-grade students at Carver Vocational-Technical High School.

Senate Bill 319 alters many aspects of the P-TECH School Program and establishes funding mechanisms for the program. The P-TECH funding mechanisms established in the bill include (1) inclusion of P-TECH students in the K-12 Foundation Program funding formula for public schools; (2) P-TECH planning grants; (3) P-TECH supplemental school grants; (4) P-TECH supplemental college grants; and (5) inclusion of P-TECH students in the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula for local community colleges and the Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) funding formula. The bill establishes a P-TECH supplemental college grant that is equal to the tuition and fees that would normally be charged for the classes in which the P-TECH student is enrolled.

***“We are excited to be a part of this innovative program. ... We have identified mentors and are nurturing the relationships between mentors and their students. Students are participating in activities that expose them to the workplace in science and health care, opening their eyes and minds to the potential that lies ahead for them. ... Plans are underway to establish P-TECH schools in Allegany County, on the Eastern Shore, and in Prince George’s County, and we stand ready to provide assistance and to share the wisdom of lessons learned with leaders in those jurisdictions.”***

Written Testimony of Support

By Office of Government Affairs on behalf of UMB

**Public Health Advisories – Required Communication ([HB 427](#))**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Unfavorable Report

House Bill 427 would have required the governing body of each public institution of higher education in the state to develop and implement a policy for the timely communication of public health advisories issued by specified entities to students, faculty, staff, and other employees of the institution and submit a copy of the policy to the Maryland Higher Education Commission on or before Oct. 1, 2017. The Board of Regents already has a long-standing policy VI-13.00 titled: “Policy on Campus Emergency Planning, Preparedness, and Response.” The policy requires USM institutions to develop and maintain a program of campus emergency preparedness to avert a campus crisis or incident.

Testimony provided by USM to the committee discussed the expertise available at USM institutions and cited, as an example, the outbreak of the Ebola virus in Africa, which concerned many in the United States for several reasons. Groups of concern included health workers in Africa and the United States who could be exposed and students and faculty coming from countries with the outbreaks. Health experts at the University of Maryland, Baltimore immediately provided guidance, based on CDC information that USM institutions could follow. The early alert and information-sharing reduced the level of concern and provided actions that proved a best practice across USM institutions.

**Higher Education - University System of Maryland - Quasi-Endowment Funds ([HB 437/](#)[SB 202](#))**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

Both bills authorize the Board of Regents of USM to make a one-time transfer of no more than \$50 million from the state-supported fund balance to the quasi-endowment fund. The board may use the investment proceeds for facility renewal projects relating only to capital facilities used for state-supported activities. A quasi-endowment is a fund or an investment established by the governing board of an organization with the expectation that the monies be invested and managed to last in perpetuity; in general, the governing board may decide at any time to expend the principal.

**Stormwater Remediation Fees and Charges – Property Subject ([HB 656/](#)[SB 472](#))**

UMB Position: Support with Amendment

Final Status: Held in Committee

As introduced, House Bill 656 authorized municipalities to assess stormwater utility fees to property owned by the state or a unit of state government, a county, a municipality, a public college or university, or a local school system. As amended by the House of Delegates, jurisdictions required to establish a stormwater remediation fee adopted under § 4-202.1 of the



Environment Article or a stormwater charge adopted under § 4-204 of the Environment Article would be authorized to include state-owned properties and public colleges, universities, or a local school system.

Many of the remaining institutions of the USM are currently negotiating their own MS4 permits as part of an active, ongoing effort by the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) and the federal government to document and expand best management practices (BMPs) among state agencies and federal installations. Institutions of the USM already have expended millions in capital expenditures to reduce, manage, and treat stormwater on their campus lands; and that expenditure will continue in a significant way under the new permitting requirements. However, there is no provision in the legislation to provide financial credit for the significant expenditures these institutions have made (and will continue to make) in improvements and management operations to reduce or eliminate the impact on their surrounding communities.

### **One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credits - Business Incubators, Enterprise Zones, and Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zones ([HB 1007/SB 364](#))**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill expands the applicability of the One Maryland economic development tax credit to include a “business incubator” that (1) establishes or expands in an Enterprise Zone or a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) Zone; (2) meets the number of qualified positions requirement by aggregating the positions created by businesses at the facility; and (3) otherwise meets the eligibility requirements of the credit. The bill specifies additional requirements for the refundable portion of the project tax credit for all business incubators. Nonprofit business incubators may claim the refundable portion of the project tax credit and startup tax credit in any taxable year following the year in which the project is placed in service or the business locates in an eligible area, respectively.

*“The current One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit has been critical to the growth of companies such as Under Armour in Baltimore City. However, in order to take full advantage of the tax credit in its current form, a company typically needs to create 100 jobs. This is a very high threshold. Many companies don’t survive long enough to meet it. SB 364 helps to create incubators that will nurture dozens of companies in environments conducive to their long-term survival and growth.”*

Letter of Support

By Office of Government Affairs on behalf of UMB

### **Baltimore City Community College – Realignment ([HB 1595/SB 1127](#))**

UMB Position: Monitored

Final Status: Passed

This emergency bill alters the membership of the Board of Trustees of Baltimore City





Community College (BCCC), as specified, beginning no later than July 1, 2017. By Dec. 1, 2018, the board must complete specified tasks associated with the realignment of BCCC, including reviewing, revising, and updating the strategic plan for BCCC. In addition, the bill establishes minimum requirements for a president of BCCC, and states that a new president may not be appointed until the new members of the board have been appointed. By Dec. 1 each year, the board must report to specified committees of the General Assembly on implementing the duties and responsibilities of realigning BCCC. The bills also outline certain criteria a president of BCCC must meet at a minimum in addition to what is currently in statute and prohibit the appointment of a new president until the new members of the board have been appointed.

### **Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center Act of 2017 (SB1198)**

UMB Position: Monitored

Final Status: Passed

This bill alters the amount of operating grants the state is currently required to provide in fiscal 2018 through 2021, to ensure and assist in the transition of a new Prince George’s County Regional Medical Center (PGCRMC) to the University of Maryland Medical System (UMMS). The governor must include an annual appropriation of \$10 million for additional operating grants in fiscal 2022 through 2028. The bill restructures mandated capital appropriations that the governor must include in the capital or operating budget bill for the construction of PGCRMC in fiscal 2018 through 2020. The bill also expresses legislative findings related to funding for PGCRMC.

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

### **Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2017 ([HB 528/SB 420](#))**

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Held in Committee

House Bill 528 would have required a “research facility” located in the state, in which dogs or cats are used for “scientific research purposes,” to take reasonable steps to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat that is no longer needed for scientific research purposes by (1) establishing a list of animal rescue organizations that are willing to take a dog or cat from the research facility and (2) offering the dog or cat to the organizations identified in the list. Beginning Dec. 1, 2018, and annually thereafter, a research facility must submit information to the Secretary of Agriculture about adoptions. UMB had concerns about these bills for several reasons.

***“This bill would create unnecessary bureaucratic barriers to research while also risking the safety of our researchers and others in our community who are for and adopt these animals. ... We follow strict policies designed to assure that laboratory animals receive the highest quality care and to protect the health and safety of people who work with and around animals. We are committed to complying with all federal laws that govern the use of animals in***



*research. ... Biomedical research using animals has been essential for discovery of treatments for nearly every type of disease and condition. Medical advances that are taken for granted – for people as well as animals – would not have occurred without research using animals.”*

Joint Written and Oral Testimony of Opposition by Louis DeTolla, PhD, and Richard Eckert, PhD, University of Maryland School of Medicine

**Cigarette Restitution Fund – Establishment of Behavioral Health Treatment Account and Funding for Substance Use Treatment Services ([HB 541/SB 474](#))**

UMB Position: Supports with Amendments

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill establishes a separate behavioral health treatment account in the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) to be used for (1) substance use treatment, with priority given to specified services and (2) rate adjustments for specified community-based agencies or programs funded by the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) or Medicaid. The account must contain payments received by the state from litigation by participating manufacturers related to the state’s diligent enforcement of its qualifying statute for the Master Settlement Agreement (MSA). Up to \$10 million may be appropriated from the account in any fiscal year.

**Criminal History in the Admissions Process ([HB 694/SB 543](#))**

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Passed

These bills prohibit an institution of higher education from inquiring into or considering information about the criminal history of an individual during the admissions process. The legislation is rooted in the notion that applicants with criminal histories are not receiving fair consideration in the admissions process at publicly supported colleges.

Both USM and UMB worked with the bills’ sponsors on amendments that were added to limit the bill's application. The bill as passed only applies to undergraduate admissions and allows universities who use a third-party admissions application to continue to ask questions about the criminal history of the applicant. A written process must be developed for instances when admission or residency is denied or limited because of the criminal history of the applicant.

**Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act ([HB 1082/SB 1060](#))**

UMB Position: Support with Amendment

Final Status: Passed

Under this bill, each institution of higher education that receives state operating or capital funding must establish a policy on heroin and opioid addiction and prevention that requires (1) incoming full-time students to participate in awareness training; (2) each institution to provide incoming part-time students with educational resources on heroin and opioid addiction and prevention; (3) each institution to obtain and store Naloxone or another overdose-reversing



medication; and (4) training for university police on symptom recognition, medication administration procedures, and follow-up emergency procedures.

The bill exempts health personnel or campus police who respond in good faith and who meet the bill's requirements from personal liability for any act or omission while responding to the emergency, except for willful or grossly negligent acts. By Oct. 1 of each year, each institution of higher education must submit a report on each incident that required the use of Naloxone or another overdose-reversing medication to the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC). MHEC must submit this information to the General Assembly in a report by Dec. 1 of 2018, 2019, and 2020.

Sections from a separate bill addressing heroin and opioid addiction (**Senate Bill 967**) were amended into this bill to address higher education policies. The sponsors of these bills worked with UMB and USM to add in amendments that deleted a parent notification requirement, directed institutions to provide instruction in substance use disorders, effective treatment, and pain management, and exempted offsite campuses from complying with certain training and storage of Naloxone requirements. In addition, the sponsors worked with UMB to clarify language surrounding a mandate that institutions of higher education that award a degree that an individual may use to meet the educational requirements for state licensure as a physician, registered nurse, dentist, physician assistant, or podiatrist must offer instruction in substance use disorders, effective treatment, and pain management.

### **Disciplinary Proceedings – Students and Student Organizations ([HB 1142](#))**

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Held in Committee

House Bill 1142 would require campuses to permit an attorney or non-attorney advocate to actively represent a student or student organization at a disciplinary hearing. UMB provided analysis to USM regarding the impact this bill could potentially have on the judicial and conduct process on campus.

USM and campus policies and procedures permit a student or student organization to have an attorney or non-attorney advocate present at proceedings. However, it does not permit that person to advocate orally during the proceedings. House Bill 1142 would make each disciplinary hearing into a legal/trial platform, with full attorney representation for opening and closing statements, and examination and cross-examination during the proceedings.

Making the judicial and conduct process into an attorney-driven process would mean that every campus would need to revamp its Office of Student Conduct, staffing with lawyers who could manage the legalistic approach from the complainant and/or respondent. Hiring staff with those necessary credentials would be a real challenge for many campuses.

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories ([HB 1172/SB 400](#))**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Unfavorable Report by Committee

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to develop and make available a standardized form to collect specified information from each biosafety level 3 laboratory (BSL-3 laboratory) in the state that does not work with federally regulated biological select agents and toxins or their products and is one of the following: (1) a commercial or for-profit laboratory; (2) owned by or part of a teaching hospital or an institution of postsecondary education; or (3) a privately funded biomedical research laboratory. Each affected BSL-3 laboratory must, by Sept. 30, 2018, and annually thereafter, report required information to DHMH and is subject to fine and penalty provisions for failing to do so. The bill also establishes reporting requirements for DHMH and requires the department to develop a strategy to identify and notify affected BSL-3 laboratories.

**The Problem Gambling Funding and Treatment Act of 2017 ([HB 1227](#))**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill increases the annual fee for each video lottery terminal (VLT) from \$425 to \$500 that video lottery operation licensees must pay to the Problem Gambling Fund. In addition, the maximum annual fee that may be imposed on a licensee by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission (SLGCC) for each table game for the benefit of the Problem Gambling Fund is increased from \$500 to \$700. The purpose of the Problem Gambling Fund is primarily to provide funding for problem gambling treatment and prevention programs, including specified services. Expenditures from the Problem Gambling Fund may be used to establish an outreach program for compulsive and problem gamblers, including individuals who requested to be on a voluntary exclusion list established by SLGCC, for the purpose of participating in problem gambling treatment and prevention programs. Problem gambling treatment and prevention programs developed with problem gambling funds must be free or at reduced cost. The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling must report to the General Assembly by Dec. 31, 2017, on its public awareness and outreach efforts, by county, during fiscal 2017.

***“The Center’s role is to provide support and services to address problem gambling prevention, intervention, treatment, and recovery. The Center’s goal is to ensure that Maryland residents are aware of guidelines for keeping gambling safe and responsible, are aware of the potential risks involved in gambling activities including that of developing a gambling addiction, and are aware of resources for help for problematic gambling. Therefore, we are in support of HB 1227 and its focus on funding for resources for problem gambling treatment, prevention, and public awareness.”***

Written Testimony of Support

By Robert White, MA, LCPC, Director, Behavioral Health, University of Maryland Psychiatry



*c. Regulation of the Professions*

**Pharmacists – Contraceptives – Prescribing and Dispensing ([HB 613/SB 363](#))**

UMB Position: School of Pharmacy Supports

Final Status: Passed

This bill expands the scope of practice for a licensed pharmacist, who meets specified requirements, to include prescribing and dispensing contraceptive medications and self-administered contraceptive devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The State Board of Pharmacy must adopt regulations establishing the conditions under which a pharmacist may prescribe and dispense contraceptives. Insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations (collectively known as carriers) that provide coverage for contraceptive drugs and devices, as well as Medicaid and the Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP), must provide coverage for the prescribing and dispensing of contraceptives by a licensed pharmacist.

*“On behalf of the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy, I offer this letter of information in support of HB 613 / Pharmacists Contraceptives Prescribing and Dispensing. This bill increases the scope of practice for pharmacists by giving them authority to prescribe and dispense contraceptives, under protocol, as part of a strategy to address the shortage of primary care physicians and improve women’s health by reducing the risks associated with unintended pregnancies.”*

Letter of Support

By Dean Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

**Income Tax - Credit for Nurse Practitioner or Licensed Physician in Preceptorship Program – Alterations ([HB 683/SB 436](#))**

UMB Position: Supports

Final Status: Passed

Chapters 385 and 386 of 2016 established tax credits against the state income tax for a licensed physician or nurse practitioner who serves without compensation as a preceptor in an approved preceptorship program. These bills altered the eligibility for the preceptorship tax credits by specifying that, in order to qualify, each rotation worked by a qualifying preceptor must consist of at least 100 hours of community-based clinical training. The bills also clarify that the certification fee charged by the State Board of Nursing to renew an advanced practice registered nurse certification is charged per practitioner, regardless of the number of certifications held by the practitioner.

**State Board of Pharmacy – Registered Pharmacy Technicians – Exemption for Pharmacy Students ([HB 1031/SB 815](#))**

UMB Position: School of Pharmacy Supports

Final Status: Passed





These bills established an exemption from the requirement to register as a pharmacy technician for a pharmacy student who (1) is currently completing the first year of a professional pharmacy education program and (2) performs delegated pharmacy acts in accordance with regulations adopted by the board under the direct supervision of a licensed pharmacist. Historically, pharmacy students were exempt from the registration requirement under a one-time student waiver. In 2014, the waiver was replaced with the registered pharmacy intern credential. However, to qualify for this credential, a pharmacy student must be in his or her second year of pharmacy school.

***“This bill corrects an oversight. It allows our pharmacy students more time to train and gain clinical expertise under the direct supervision of pharmacy preceptors. When students graduate from pharmacy school, they will have gained extensive knowledge from the classroom as well as clinical skills and professional judgment from experienced pharmacists at practice sites.”***

Letter of Support

By Dean Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

#### **State Board of Social Work Examiners – Revisions ([HB 1183/SB 986](#))**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed

This bill makes multiple revisions to the Maryland Social Work Practice Act, including (1) amending and establishing definitions and making clarifying and stylistic changes; (2) establishing the licensed master social worker (LMSW) license, which replaces the licensed graduate social worker (LGSW) license; (3) defining and codifying a process under which a licensed bachelor social worker (LBSW) or an LMSW may apply for and engage in independent practice; (4) clarifying procedures related to reactivation, reinstatement, and reissuance of licenses and making each contingent on a state and national criminal history records check (CHRC); (5) increasing civil penalty provisions, including a fine of up to \$50,000 for a person who violates related law; and (6) amending the terms of specified board members. The board must adopt implementing regulations. The bill generally takes effect Jan. 1, 2018; however, the requirement to promulgate regulations and technical provisions related to the LGSW and LMSW license take effect Oct. 1, 2017.

#### **Public Health – Expedited Partner Therapy – Trichomoniasis and Pharmacist Dispensing ([SB 110](#))**

UMB Position: School of Pharmacy Supports

Final Status: Passed

This bill explicitly authorizes a licensed pharmacist to dispense antibiotic therapy prescribed to any sexual partner of a patient diagnosed with chlamydia or gonorrhea under the state’s expedited partner therapy (EPT) protocols.



***“The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy supports SB 110 Expedited Partner Therapy – Pharmacist Dispensing. This bill corrects an oversight in the 2015 Statewide Expedited Partner Therapy Program. The Expedited Partner Therapy Program (EPT) allows a practitioner to provide treatment of sexually transmitted infections (STI) to a patient’s partner without seeing the partner. By treating a patient’s partner, a practitioner can eliminate the partner’s STI and the risk of reinfection of the patient. It is an effective tool recommended by the Center for Disease Control and operational in 28 states.”***

Letter of Support

By Dean Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

**Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Maryland Higher Education Commission – Workgroup to Examine the Need for Dental Therapy ([SB 1013](#))**

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to jointly convene a work group to examine the need for dental therapy in the state. The work group must include health care practitioners in the fields of dentistry, dental hygiene, professional counselors and therapists, and nursing, as well as representatives of the disability community, public health advocates, the Medicaid community, and institutions of higher education. The work group must (1) assess the need for dental therapists in the state; (2) assess existing educational opportunities, if any, for the study of dental therapy in the state; and (3) determine the feasibility of expanding educational opportunities for the study of dental therapy in the state. The work group must submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and the House Health and Government Operations committees with its findings and recommendations by Dec. 1, 2017.

***“Given the depth and breadth of training required and clinical care delivered by nurses, however, we believe that the oral health trained nurse is uniquely well qualified and positioned to meet the dental needs of these largely underserved patients with complex and complicated health care needs. We recognize that good oral health is integral to general health and quality of life and strongly believe that this innovative model merits further exploration relative to the stipulated intent of Senate Bill 1013.”***

Letter of Support with Amendments

By Dean Mark A. Reynolds, DDS, PhD, University of Maryland School of Dentistry

***d. Bills of Interest to University Experts***

**Maryland Farms and Families Act ([HB 586/SB 278](#))**

UMB Position: The Public Health Law Clinic at the Carey School of Law Supports

Final Status: Passed



This bill establishes a Maryland Farms and Families Program within the Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) and a Maryland Farms and Families Fund supported by an annual general fund appropriation of \$500,000, subject to the limitations of the state budget. The program and fund provide grants to nonprofit organizations that match purchases made with federal nutrition benefits – those under the Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP), the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) – at participating farmers markets throughout the state.

*“The incentive model supported by the Fund is utilized across the country and improves the diets of the food insecure and drives business and federal dollars to small farmers. It is for these reasons that the University of Maryland Public Health Law Clinic supports this bill and respectfully encourages the Finance Committee to give it a favorable report.”*

Written Testimony of Support

By Public Health Law Clinic at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

#### **President Jimmy Carter Cancer Treatment Access Act ([HB 740/SB 919](#))**

UMB Position: School of Medicine Supports

Final Status: Passed

This bill prohibits an insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization (collectively known as carriers) from imposing a step therapy or fail-first protocol on an insured or enrollee for a prescription drug approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) under specified circumstances. First, the drug must be used to treat the insured’s or enrollee’s stage four advanced metastatic cancer. Second, use of the drug must be consistent with the FDA-approved indication or the National Comprehensive Cancer Network Drugs & Biologics Compendium indication for the treatment of stage four metastatic cancer. Finally, use of the drug must also be supported by peer-reviewed medical literature.

*“We are concerned that health insurance policies may increasingly mandate that patients with cancer be required to take certain chemotherapy drugs first and then be allowed to switch to newer and more effective drugs if the first approach fails. We support Senate Bill 919 which will help oncologists provide the latest and best cancer therapy to our patients without requiring them to first be treated with an older drug and fail that therapy.”*

Written Testimony of Support

By Kenneth Miller, MD, associate professor, University of Maryland School of Medicine

#### **Civil Action – Unauthorized Access to Computers and Data ([HB 772/SB 287](#))**

UMB Position: Center for Health & Homeland Security at the Carey School of Law supports

Final Status: Unfavorable Report by Committee

This bill authorizes a person who has suffered a specific and direct injury because of a violation of the state’s criminal prohibition on unauthorized access to computers and related material under § 7-302 of the Criminal Law Article to bring a civil action for damages in a court of



competent jurisdiction. The court may award actual damages, reasonable attorney's fees, and court costs. A conviction for an offense under § 7-302 of the Criminal Law Article is not a prerequisite for maintenance of the civil action authorized under the bill.

***“Cybercrime is escalating at an unfathomable pace and is costing victims trillions of dollars. Reports issued by research centers as well as the federal government repeatedly show the immense cost of cybercrime and this trend is only increasing. It is estimated that cybercrime will cost businesses over \$2 trillion by 2019. Given these figures and trends, it makes sense to expand the scope of Maryland’s Criminal Law Section 7-302 to include civil cause of action in cases of unauthorized access to computers and data.”***

Written Testimony of Support

By Markus Rauschecker, JD, cybersecurity program manager of the Center for Health & Homeland Security and adjunct faculty at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

#### **Criminal Procedure – Pretrial Release ([HB 1215/SB 983](#))**

UMB Position: Carey School of Law Faculty Experts in Opposition

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill (1) establishes standards, criteria, and requirements for the pretrial release of criminal defendants; (2) prohibits a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of specified defendants; and (3) requires a judicial officer to consider specified factors when making pretrial release decisions.

***“Based upon the equal protection and due process principles we have expressed, we oppose legislation, such as HB 1215, HB 1280 and HB 1318 that represent a roll-back of the Court of Appeals unanimous vote in favor of the revised criminal procedures and reliance upon a pretrial money-based system.”***

Joint Letter of Opposition

By law professors at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

#### **Criminal Procedure – Pretrial Release – Financial Conditions ([HB 1218](#))**

UMB Position: Carey School of Law Faculty Experts in Support

Final Status: Unfavorable Report by Committee

This bill prohibits a county in the state that operates a pretrial supervision program from including a financial condition as a condition of pretrial release. The bill also requires each county in the state to establish a program that provides pretrial supervision services by Dec. 31, 2018. The programs must include agent supervision, location tracking services, and reminder notifications for court appearances. Thus, the bill prohibits the use of financial conditions for pretrial release statewide as of Dec. 31, 2018.

***“We write to express our support for HB 1218’s proposed legislation that would eliminate money bail from Maryland’s pretrial justice system. We believe that money bail inherently***



*discriminates against poor and low-income working people accused of crime, and hence violates Equal Protection. The best way to solve this persistent problem is to transition from a predatory and discriminatory bail system to one based on risk assessment and pretrial services where unequal ability to post bonds will no longer affect pretrial release outcomes.”*

Joint Letter of Support

By law professors at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

**Criminal Procedure – Pretrial Release – Criteria ([HB 1280](#))**

UMB Position: Carey School of Law Faculty Experts in Opposition

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill establishes standards and criteria for the pretrial release of criminal defendants, including presumptions of release, factors that must be considered by judicial officers, and pretrial release conditions a judicial officer may impose on a criminal defendant.

*“Based upon the equal protection and due process principles we have expressed, we oppose legislation, such as HB 1215, HB 1280 and HB 1318 that represent a roll-back of the Court of Appeals unanimous vote in favor of the revised criminal procedures and reliance upon a pretrial money-based system.”*

Joint Letter of Opposition

By law professors at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

**Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort (HOPE) and Treatment Act of 2017 ([HB 1329/SB 967](#))**

UMB Position: Carey School of Law Supports with Amendments

Final Status: Passed

This bill (1) requires an institution of higher education that awards specified degrees to offer credits related to substance use disorders and pain management; (2) requires the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to establish at least 10 crisis treatment centers for individuals experiencing a substance use disorder crisis; (3) requires DHMH to establish a toll-free health crisis hotline and maintain certain information on behavioral health programs; (4) requires each health care facility that is not part of a health care system and each health care system to have available at least one provider who is authorized to prescribe buprenorphine for every 100 patients; (5) requires the governor’s proposed budget for fiscal 2019 and each year thereafter to include specified rate adjustments for community behavioral health providers; (6) requires hospitals to develop a discharge protocol for individuals treated for a drug overdose; (7) specifies certain benefits required to be covered by a health benefit plan; and (8) establishes reporting requirements for the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), DHMH, and the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) for specified plans regarding substance use disorders and/or treatment.





***“The Drug Policy Clinic has worked to expand access to substance use treatment services in both the private and public insurance markets. We support the insurance mandate clarification provisions in HB 1329 to ensure that all carriers offer substance use disorder benefits in large group commercial plans that conform to state and federal law.”***

Letter of Support with Amendments

By Ellen Weber, professor of law, University of Maryland Carey School of Law

### **Bail Bond - Installment Contract – Form and Confessed Judgment Prohibition ([HB 1494/SB 459](#))**

UMB Position: Carey School of Law Faculty Experts in Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill prohibits a bail bondsman from including a confessed judgment clause that waives a consumer’s right to assert a legal defense to an action in an agreement to accept installment payments for the premium charged for a bail bond. The bill also prohibits a confessed judgment clause that waives a consumer’s right to assert a legal defense to an action from being included in a bail bond agreement. Under the bill, inclusion of such a clause in a bail bond agreement is considered an unfair method of competition and an unfair and deceptive act or practice in the business of insurance.

***“House Bill 1494 reinstates the fundamental due process and fairness that every person expects within the Maryland justice system when faced with another party’s claim to compensation. HB 1494 balances the playing field for the individual debtor against the often larger and more powerful creditor. It requires creditors prove allegations and establish the validity of the legal claim. House Bill 1494 restores the rightful role of the judge as adjudicator, who decides the outcome only after hearing evidence, and who stands ready to monitor claims of unlawful, unnecessary, or padded expenses.”***

Joint Letter of Support

By law professors at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

### **Statewide Information Technology Master Plan – Inclusion of Cybersecurity Framework – Requirement ([SB 286](#))**

UMB Position: Center for Health & Homeland Security at the Carey School of Law supports

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill requires the statewide information technology (IT) master plan to include a cybersecurity framework. In developing the framework, the Secretary of Information Technology must consider materials developed by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

***“Given the benefits that the NIST Framework provides, the Maryland Commission on Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence recommended in its Final Report that the guidelines contained in the NIST Cybersecurity Framework be included in the Statewide Information***



***Technology Master Plan. The Maryland Cybersecurity Council reiterated this recommendation in its Initial Activities Report. By including the Framework in the statewide plan, Maryland will significantly strengthen its ability to protect against, respond to, and recover from cyber attacks.”***

Written Testimony of Support

By Markus Rauschecker, JD, cybersecurity program manager, Center for Health & Homeland Security, and adjunct faculty, University of Maryland Carey School of Law

### **III. Other Activities**

#### ***a. Legislative Briefings***

##### **Briefing on Uterine Fibroid Work Group**

###### ***Before the House Health and Government Operations Committee***

May H. Blanchard, MD, committee chair, University of Maryland Fibroid Work Group, was one of several academic and medical experts who briefed the General Assembly on the issues related to uterine fibroids. She described the specific tasks of the work group and explained the results of each task. Tasks included incidence of uterine fibroids, and treatments and procedures. She recommended a statewide fibroid registry and to increase research and development of treatment and procedures for uterine fibroids. Read more about the briefing [here](#).

##### **Briefing on Tobacco and Injury Prevention**

###### ***Before the Health and Government Operations Public Health and Minority Health Disparities Subcommittee***

Kathleen Hoke, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law Legal Resource Center, presented the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Violence & Injury Prevention resource guide to the committee with focus on tobacco and injury prevention. The resource guide aims to highlight the scope and cost of injury in Maryland and increase recognition of the role that public health can play in preventing injuries. Read more about the DHMH Violence & Injury Prevention guide [here](#).

##### **Briefing on the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling Briefing**

###### ***Before the Ways and Means Committee***

Robert White, LCPC, director of Behavioral Health, reported to the Maryland General Assembly about the effects of the Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling. He highlighted how the center created multiple public awareness campaigns and how there is a correlation between public awareness and helpline volume. Mr. White also described a study on motor vehicle incidents, which mainly resulted in increased incidence of accidents in areas within the vicinity of a casino. Read more about the briefing [here](#).

***b. Advocacy Activities***

Students from UMB’s Interprofessional Education (IPE) Program along with President Jay Perman, MD, and IPE faculty traveled to Annapolis to meet with legislators, advocating for a team-based health care pilot program. Read more about the Advocacy Day [here](#). Additionally, Perman and President Wallace Loh, PhD, University of Maryland, College Park, visited with legislators to highlight numerous new programs created from the University of Maryland Strategic Partnership: *MPowering the State*.

Testimony and briefings at the 2017 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly of interest to the University of Maryland, Baltimore community.

<b>Date</b>	<b>Committee</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Individual</b>
1/24	Health and Government Operations	Uterine Fibroid Work Group Briefing	❖ May H. Blanchard, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)
1/25	Health and Government Operations Public Health and Minority Health Disparities Subcommittee	University of Maryland Carey School of Law Legal Resource Center/Tobacco and Injury Prevention	❖ Kathleen Hoke, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)
1/31	Ways and Means	The Maryland Center of Excellence on Problem Gambling Briefing	❖ Robert White, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)
2/1	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 110 Expedited Partner Therapy – Pharmacist Dispensing	❖ Natalie Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, Dean, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support
2/7	Finance	SB 286 Statewide Information Technology Master Plan - Inclusion of Cybersecurity Framework – Requirement	❖ Markus Rauschecker, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support



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2/8	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 363 Pharmacists - Contraceptives - Prescribing and Dispensing	❖ Kathleen Pincus, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support
2/9	Budget and Taxation Health and Human Services Subcommittee	SB 170 Operating Budget DHMH Prevention and Disease Control – Cigarette Restitution Trust Fund	❖ Kevin Cullen, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
2/9	Judicial Proceedings	SB 287 Civil Action for Unauthorized Access to Computers and Data	❖ Markus Rauschecker, UMCSOL-Support
2/10	Health and Government Operations	HB 613 Pharmacists - Contraceptives - Prescribing and Dispensing	❖ Natalie Eddington, UMSOP-Support
2/13	Appropriations Health and Human Resources Subcommittee	HB 150 Operating Budget – DHMH Prevention and Disease Control – Cigarette Restitution Trust Fund	❖ Kevin Cullen, UMSOM-Support
2/14	Ways and Means	HB 425 Public Schools - Suspensions and Expulsions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Wendy Shaia, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support</li> <li>❖ Lillian Simmons, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support</li> <li>❖ Aarti Sardana, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support</li> <li>❖ Yvette Pappoe, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support</li> <li>❖ Dena Robinson, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support</li> <li>❖ Katherine Rodriguez, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support</li> </ul>
2/14	Appropriations	HB 694 Maryland Fair Access to Education Act of 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Lillian Simmons, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> <li>❖ Yvette Pappoe, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> </ul>



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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Dena Robinson, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> <li>❖ Katherine Rodriguez, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> </ul>
2/14	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 420 Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Louis DeTolla, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Oppose</li> <li>❖ Richard Eckert, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Oppose</li> <li>❖ Kevin Kelly, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Oppose</li> </ul>
2/14	Appropriations	HB 509 Higher - Education - Student Loan Notification Letter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Patricia Scott, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Oppose</li> </ul>
2/14	Appropriations	HB 262 Student Debt Disclosure Act of 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Patricia Scott, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Oppose</li> </ul>
2/14	Finance	SB 459 Bail Bond - Installment Contract - Confessed Judgment Prohibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Douglas Colbert, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support</li> </ul>
2/15	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 543 Maryland Fair Access to Education Act of 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Lillian Simmons, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> <li>❖ Yvette Pappoe, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> <li>❖ Dena Robinson, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> <li>❖ Katherine Rodriguez, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> </ul>
2/15	Appropriations	HB 694 Maryland Fair Access to Education Act of 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Lillian Simmons, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> <li>❖ Yvette Pappoe, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> <li>❖ Dena Robinson, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> <li>❖ Katherine Rodriguez, Student, UMCSOL-Support</li> </ul>
2/15	Economic Matters	HB 600 Public Health – Use of Medical Oxygen in Residential Dwellings – Smoking and Open Flame Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support with Amendments</li> </ul>





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2/15	Economic Matters	HB 523 Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vaping Liquid - Licensing	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support with Amendments
2/15	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 429 Higher Education – Student Loan Notification Letter	❖ Patricia Scott, UMB-Oppose
2/16	Environment and Transportation	HB 330 Vehicle Laws – Young Drivers – Hours Restriction	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support
2/21	Health and Government Operations	HB 519 Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Safer Drug Consumption Facility Program	❖ Christopher Welsh, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
2/21	Health and Government Operations	HB 791 Overdose Response Program - Prescribing and Dispensing of Naloxone - Noncertificate Holders	❖ Christopher Welsh, UMSOM-Support
2/21	Members of the Maryland General Assembly	University of Maryland, Baltimore Interprofessional Education Legislative Day	❖ Students, Faculty, and Staff of the University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)
2/21	Health and Government Operations	HB 661 – Public Health – Suspected Overdoses – Reporting Requirement	❖ R. Gentry Wilkerson, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Oppose
2/21	Appropriations	HB 586 Maryland Farms and Families Act	❖ Hanna Catt, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support
2/21	Ways and Means	HB 413 Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School Act of 2017	❖ Kevin Kelly, UMB-Support
2/21	Appropriations	HB 528 Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2017	❖ Louis DeTolla, UMSOM-Oppose ❖ Richard Eckert, UMSOM-Oppose ❖ Kevin Kelly, UMB-Oppose



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2/22	Budget and Taxation	SB 364 One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credits - Business Incubators, Enterprise Zones, and Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zones	❖ James Hughes, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support
2/22	Ways and Means	HB 683 Income Tax – Credit for Nurse Practitioner or Licensed Physician in Preceptorship Program – Alterations	❖ Jane Kirschling, Dean, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)-Support
2/22	Budget and Taxation	SB 436 Income Tax – Credit for Nurse Practitioner or Licensed Physician in Preceptorship Program – Alterations	❖ Jane Kirschling, UMSON-Support
2/23	Finance	SB 525 Maryland Personal Information Protection Act	❖ Markus Rauschecker, UMCSOL-Support
2/23	Judiciary	HB 471 Juvenile Court - Jurisdiction	❖ Lillian Simmons, Student, UMCSOL-Support ❖ Yvette Pappoe, Student, UMCSOL-Support ❖ Dena Robinson, Student, UMCSOL-Support ❖ Katherine Rodriguez, Student, UMCSOL-Support
2/23	Health and Government Operations	HB 658 Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Telehealth – Requirements	❖ Marc Zubrow, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
2/23	Budget and Taxation Health and Human Services Subcommittee	SB 172 Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act – Department of Housing and Community Development	❖ Kevin Kelly, UMB-Oppose Cuts



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2/24	Ways and Means	HB 1227 The Problem Gambling Funding and Treatment Act of 2017	❖ Robert White, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Letter of Information
2/24	Environment and Transportation	HB 133 Environment – Reduction of Lead Risk in Housing – Notification of Elevated Blood Lead Level	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support
2/28	Appropriations	HB 152 Budget and Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2017 – Baltimore Regional Neighborhoods Initiative (BRNI) and Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund	❖ Jay Perman, UMB-Oppose cuts
3/1	Budget and Taxation	SB 172 Budget and Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2017 – Baltimore Regional Neighborhoods Initiative (BRNI) and Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund	❖ Jay Perman, UMB-Oppose cuts
3/1	Ways and Means	HB 1007 One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credits - Business Incubators, Enterprise Zones, and Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zones	❖ James Hughes, UMB-Support
3/1	Judicial Proceedings	SB 983 Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release	❖ Douglas Colbert, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Oppose
3/1	Judicial Proceedings	SB 714 Criminal Procedure - Indigent Individual - Bail Review and Indigency Determination	❖ Douglas Colbert, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Oppose



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3/2	Finance	SB 572 Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices – the Right to Try Act	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support
3/3	Ways and Means	HB 1287 Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices	❖ Michael Pinard, University of Maryland Carey School of Law- (UMCSOL)-Support ❖ Lillian Simmons, Student, UMCSOL-Support ❖ Yvette Pappoe, Student, UMCSOL-Support ❖ Dena Robinson, Student, UMCSOL-Support ❖ Katherine Rodriguez, Student, UMCSOL-Support ❖ Aarti Sardana, Student, UMCSOL-Support
3/7	Judiciary	HB 1318 Baltimore City - Nonviolent Offenders - Release Without Bail	❖ Douglas Colbert, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Oppose
3/7	Judiciary	HB 1280 Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Criteria	❖ Douglas Colbert, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support
3/7	Judiciary	HB 1218 Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release - Financial Conditions	❖ Douglas Colbert, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support
3/7	Judiciary	HB 1215 Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release	❖ Douglas Colbert, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Oppose
3/7	Health and Government Operations	HB 1329 Heroin and Opioid Prevention Effort (HOPE) and Treatment Act of 2017	❖ Ellen Weber, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support with Amendments
3/8	Finance	SB 919 President Jimmy Carter Cancer Treatment Access Act	❖ Kenneth Miller, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
3/9	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 815 State Board of Pharmacy - Registered Pharmacy Technicians - Exemption for Pharmacy Students	❖ Andrew Wherley, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support ❖ Natalie Eddington, UMSOP-Support



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3/9	Health and Government Operations	HB 1031 State Board of Pharmacy - Registered Pharmacy Technicians - Exemption for Pharmacy Students	❖ Andrew Wherley, UMSOP-Support ❖ Natalie Eddington, UMSOP-Support
3/9	Finance	SB 669 Tobacco Products – Minimum Age and Civil Fines	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support
3/10	House Opioid Work Group	Opioid-Based Legislation with Empirical Evidence	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL
3/10	Judiciary	HB 1494 Bail Bond - Installment Contract - Confessed Judgment Prohibition	❖ Douglas Colbert, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support
3/13	Appropriations Capital Budget Subcommittee	HB 151 Capital Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ Dawn Rhodes, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support
3/20	Budget and Taxation Capital Budget Subcommittee	SB 171 Capital Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ Jay A. Perman, UMB-Support
3/21	Health and Government Operations and Appropriations Committees	HB 519 Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Safer Drug Consumption Facility Program (Legislative Appointments)	❖ Students of the University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
3/22	Ways and Means	SB 436 Income Tax – Credit for Nurse Practitioner or Licensed Physician in Preceptorship Program – Alterations	❖ Jane Kirschling, UMSON-Support
3/23	Members of the Maryland General Assembly	University of Maryland <i>M</i> Power Day	❖ Jay A. Perman, UMB ❖ Wallace Loh, University of Maryland College Park (UMCP)
3/23	Members and Staff of the Maryland General Assembly	University of Maryland Carey School of Law Master of Science in Law Program Information Session	❖ Jose Bahamonde-Gonzalez, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)





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3/28	Finance	HB 190 Mammography Centers - Dense Breast Tissue - Notification of Breast Cancer Screening Options	❖ Kevin Cullen, UMSOM-Support
4/5	Judiciary	SB 983 Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release	❖ Douglas Colbert, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Oppose



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