

***Interim Report on Public Policy Activities and achievements  
And  
2009 General Assembly Session Wrap Up***

***Overview***

For more than a decade, MARFY has advocated for changes to laws, regulations, and practices to strengthen and support our members' programs and services, increase access to an ever expanding array of services for children and their families, and to increase and stabilize public funding for these services. Throughout the past year, sometimes with the support of our advocacy partners, we have achieved most of the policy goals and objectives adopted by our members. In addition to our work on laws, regulations, and policies, MARFY has established itself as a leader in collaborative initiatives to plan and initiate changes in practice in child welfare, juvenile justice, and child adolescent mental health services and the education of children in state-supervised care.

***Child Welfare Juvenile Justice***

In 2008, MARFY participated in the development of the Interagency Strategic Plan for Children and Families as a member of the Partners Council and chaired the Access and Continuum of Care Workgroup which crafted one of three plan elements. We continue to serve on the Partners Council and the Systems Structures workgroup, the first implementation workgroup convened to implement the Plan.

MARFY is actively involved with the implementation of the ***Ready by 21 Five Year Action Plan*** adopted by the Children's Cabinet in December 2007. The purpose of this Plan is to ensure that children coming of age have the skills and resources needed to succeed as independent adults with an emphasis on the needs of children aging out of foster care, older youth involved in the juvenile justice system, youth with disabilities receiving special education, and youth with significant mental health needs. Through our connections with the Child Welfare League of America and the Alliance for Children and Families, we supported passage of HR 6893, ***Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008***, which amends Parts B and E of Title IV of the Social Security Act to connect and support relative caregivers, improve outcomes for children in foster care, and improve incentives for adoption. In particular, we supported those provisions which provide funding and incentives to states to continue services for foster youth up to age 21. During this year's General Assembly session, we worked hard to ensure passage of ***The Foster Kids Coverage Act (HB 580)*** which will provide Medicaid funded health care for youth leaving foster care up to age 21. This legislation was signed by the Governor on May 19, 2009 and represents a real milestone accomplishment in efforts to support youth transitioning out of foster care.

To contribute to the achievement of our policy objectives for 2009, we have advocated for increased funding for juvenile justice services to increase and diversify community-based residential options and family centered home and community-based nonresidential services for youth in the delinquency system; and for new dollars for delinquency prevention and diversion services. These efforts have met with significant success, including passage of legislation

reauthorizing funding for the *Baltimore City/Baltimore County Children in Need of Supervision (CINS) Diversion Pilot Program* through FY 2013 (HB788). A Workgroup has been formed to draft and cultivate support for legislation to bring the pilot to scale in all Maryland jurisdictions by 2014. We are also actively involved with the *Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) Advisory Board, Community Supervision Subcommittee* which is exploring ways to strengthen community supervision and expand on the availability of home and community-based services as options to secure detention and to strengthen after care services for youth following periods of incarceration and/or community-based residential placements.

DJS, in collaboration with the University of Maryland Innovations Institute has taken the lead among Children's Cabinet Agencies in developing and implementing *Evidence Based Practices (EBPs)*. We have consistently emphasized the importance of formally including a disciplined use of Promising Practices and practice-based evidence to allow for the development of an array of services that are responsive to the needs of all children and not just those who meet the criteria for EBPs. Because of the strength and consistency of our advocacy, MARFY's Executive Director and the chairs of all six MARFY Coalitions have been invited to serve on the *Advisory Committee to the Interagency Evidence-Based Practice Implementation Team*. Our Home and Community-Based Services Coalition has been designated by the Children's Cabinet and Innovations Institute as the organization through which the interests of private providers will be represented to the EBP/PP Implementation Team. We are collaborating with the Community Behavioral Health Association to identify opportunities for our members to develop and deliver both evidence-based practices and promising practices. Toward this end, we have created the *Directory of Home and Community-Based Services*. The first edition will be published and distributed at the Systems of Care Training Institute Conference on June 29-30, 2009.

We have remained active in the ongoing work of the *Interagency Resource Development and Licensing Committee (RDLC)*. In the past year, the RDLC has completed revisions to the Levels of Intensity System, for the third consecutive year; implemented the Children's Services Outcomes Measurement System (CSOMS); promulgated regulations and adopted standards for behavior management training and a protocol for approving training that can be used by residential child care facilities; and resumed work on comprehensive revisions to COMAR 14.31 which govern the licensing and monitoring of children's residential facilities.

During the 2009 General Assembly session we opposed budget language proposed by Advocates for Children and Youth (ACY) that would have imposed restrictions on DJS and Department of Human Resources (DHR) spending. In essence, the proposed language suggested that child welfare and juvenile services funding is adequate if only the Departments would spend significant portions of existing allocations differently. While we did not disagree with ACY's objectives, we have by contrast contended that overall funding is inadequate and that the Administration must first invest in the development of alternative services before it can further reduce its reliance on existing services responsibly.

MARFY is represented on the *Children's Cabinet Advisory Council*, which is being reconvened on May 20, 2009, with the expectation that the newly appointed Executive Director will continue to represent MARFY. All ten members of the *Department of Human Resources, Social*

*Services Administration Provider Advisory Council* are MARFY member agency CEOs. The Advisory Council meets monthly.

### **Education for Children in State Supervised Care**

Beginning in 1997, we launched an effort to ensure that children in state supervised care have unfettered access to public education under circumstances that respond to their unique needs and circumstances. Over the past decade, legislation, new and revised regulations, and sustained efforts to engage the State Department of Education and local schools systems have chipped away at barriers to school enrollment to virtually assure access to education. Residential child care programs, Licensed child placement agencies and foster parents now have standing in matters related to the education of children in their care. The “Rules” now articulated in the Maryland State Department of Education *Fact Sheet 82, “Children in State Supervised Care: Enrollment and Educational Decisions”* and the “*Access to Education for Children in State-Supervised Care*” Handbook for caregivers, Court Appointed Special Advocates, attorneys and others are now in place to ensure that children are successfully enrolled in school. The ongoing work must focus on the training of placement workers, providers, school personnel, court officials CASAs and attorneys.

### **Children’s Health and Mental Health**

In our advocacy for increased funding for somatic health and mental health services, we supported unsuccessful legislation to expand eligibility for the Children Health Insurance Program (CHIP). Two bills died because of the cost that would have been incurred with their passage. We also urged and strongly supported a successful bid to have Governor O’Malley include \$20 million in a supplemental budget appropriation for mental health services which will disproportionately support services for children and adolescents.

In our ongoing advocacy for child and adolescent mental health services, we participated in a comprehensive revision of Maryland’s *Child and Adolescent Mental Health Blue Print* (copies available on request). We also remain active members of the Children’s Mental Health Coalition, the Maryland Committee on Youth Suicide Prevention, the Mental Health Systems Transformation Grant Initiative, Key Stakeholders Group and the MHA/Innovations Institute Transition Age Youth (TAY) Initiative.

### **Workforce Development**

MARFY’s longstanding advocacy for professionalizing child and youth care practice and creating a career ladder for direct care workers culminated with the passage of SB 783 in 2008; and the establishment of the *Child and Youth Care Practitioner Certification Program*, a partnership between MARFY and the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC). The law, the first of its kind in the nation, established a Professional Certification Board to establish standards and qualifications for certification and requires that all child and youth care practitioners be certified by 2013. The eight-course curriculum developed by CCBC was given statewide designation in April 2009. Courses can now be offered by community colleges across the state and students enrolling in classes at CCBC can enroll at in-county tuition rates regardless of where they live in Maryland. The first class will graduate following the 2009 summer session. To fully achieve the goal set with the establishment of the Child and Youth Care Practitioner Program, compensation for child and youth care professionals must be increased to a level

commensurate with their qualifications and the important role they play in the treatment of children in out-of-home care.

As referenced above, we supported passage of HR 6893, ***Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008*** supporting in particular, provisions that require states to make Title IV E funding available to private sector agencies for training. HR 6893 will be implemented through rules that have not yet been developed and subject to interpretation by Department of Health and Human Services Regions and by individual states. MARFY should enter into discussions with the DHR Social Services Administration at the earliest possible time to ensure that Title IV E training funds are made available to providers.

In addition to our very active Workforce Development Committee, we are actively engaged in the work of the MSDE/MHA Workforce Development Committee.

### **Outcomes Evaluation for Children in Out-of-Home Placements**

In 1996, MARFY began advocating for a uniform outcomes evaluation system that would measure and distinguish the gains made by children in out-of-home placements. This advocacy led to the passage of HB 1146 (2005) and SB 177 (2007) and the development and implementation of the ***Children's Services Outcomes Measurement System (CSOMS)*** on July 1, 2008. On July 2, 2009, participation in CSOMS will be expanded to include treatmentf foster care. With the enactment of SB 690/HB 713, the requirement to participate in outcomes evaluation will be further expanded to include regular foster care administered by DHR/Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) and to all committed facilities operated by DJS.

### **Funding and Rate Setting**

Ensuring that funding for member agency programs and services is sufficient to meet regulatory standards and to provide quality services for children and families remains among MARFY's highest priorities. This is an arduous task given the state of the economy in Maryland and nationally. We have advocated consistently and aggressively for funding for child welfare services, juvenile services, and children's health and mental health services. Growth in the State budget for these services is reported in our analysis of the FY 2010 budget.

A provision in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act froze rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee (IRC) for FY 2010 at the level approved for FY09. Had rates not been frozen, increases would have been limited to the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the year ended in December 2008 which was one-tenth of one percent. Our objections to the rate freeze were tempered because of the limited impact and because many other social services programs were hit much harder.

Over a period of months in 2008/09, we successfully challenged a DHR decision not to grant increases in the foster care board rate to Treatment Foster Care (TFC), instead limiting the increase to foster parents supported by LDSS. This resulted in an acknowledgement that DHR had not complied with a provision in regulations which requires the Department to "negotiate" Difficulty of Care Stipends with individual providers providing TFC. At the Department's invitation, we are currently working to develop a methodology or guidelines which the Department can use for this purpose.

Preserving the integrity and functionality of the Interagency Rate Committee rate setting system has been a longstanding goal. At this time, there is strong acceptance of the IRC system and methodology and not apparent threats. Our advocacy extends to strengthening and preserving a role for the IRC Advisory Council which we have chaired since it was first formed. Beginning in June 2009, Bruce Anderson, CEO for San Mar will begin his tenure as Chair of the Advisory Council. Provider members of the Council include Donnell Phillips, Maryland Director for Presley Ridge and Brenda Boyd, CEO for Tuttle's Place.

At its most recent meeting, the Council addressed the impact that the rate reduction initiated in FY 2009 and the freeze on rates imposed in the FY 2010 budget will have on private sector programs and in a letter to the IRC asked how this issue is being addressed, encouraged the IRC to proactively develop a strategy or methodology to measure and compensate for the gap between real and unavoidable program costs and lagging reimbursements and also encourage the use allowable costs reported by providers in their fiscal year 2010 budgets and rate requests as a baseline upon which to add rate increases for fiscal year 2011.

The Council recommended that the practice of granting rate increases to non-preferred providers when they experience cost increases to comply with licensing and monitoring requirements. Rate increases are limited on average to an amount equal to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and increases granted to non-preferred providers take away from the pool of funds that are otherwise available for increases for all other providers.

The development of alternative indicators of the reasonableness of provider rates to reduce the singular reliance on levels of intensity remains to be done.

## *The 2009 General Assembly Session Wrap Up*

The 426<sup>th</sup> Session of the Maryland General Assembly ended on April 13, 2009 amidst a worsening financial crisis that had a profound impact on the State's fiscal year 2010 operating and capital budgets and on legislation with any significant price tag attached. We supported 36 bills including 15 that were cross filed in both the House and Senate. Of these, 21 were enacted, 13 failed, and 2 were withdrawn. Three of the bills we supported, SB 531, HB 1202, and SB857/HB 1223, died in the Senate or the House in the last hours of the session when time for final action ran out. Only two of the nine bills we opposed were enacted. (See Attached Synopsis for Details).

Following are summaries of legislation<sup>1</sup> enacted and signed into law by the Governor:

**HB 510 - Health Occupations - Licensure of Social Workers** - As introduced, HB 510 would have altered requirements for a waiver of examination requirements for applicants who provide evidence that they meet qualifications comparable to those required by Maryland law, are currently licensed or registered in another state and have been licensed or registered in good standing in another state for at least two years before the date the applicant submitted an application to the Board, striking from current law "under requirements substantially equivalent to the requirements of this title." This would have removed a barrier to the prompt licensing of social workers currently licensed in good standing in other states when they relocate to Maryland. As enacted, HB 510 requires the Board of Social Work Examiners, when reviewing an application for licensure to practice social work, to notify each applicant whether he or she has been approved to take the licensure exam within 60 days after the application was submitted. In addition, the bill requires the board to establish a workgroup of interested stakeholders to examine licensure and reciprocity issues and report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Matters Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by January 1, 2010.

**HB 580 - Foster Kids Coverage Act** - As enacted, HB 580 requires the Maryland Medical Assistance Program (Medicaid), subject to the limitations of the State budget and as permitted by federal law, to provide coverage for "independent foster care adolescents" who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid benefits and who have annual household incomes up to 300% of federal poverty guidelines (FPG). Independent foster care adolescents are individuals younger than age 21 who, on their eighteenth birthday, were in State foster care. **One to celebrate**

**HB 788 - Baltimore City and Baltimore County - Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program – Extension**, reauthorizes funding and extends to June 30, 2013 the termination date of the Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. The bill requires the Governor to include a general fund appropriation of \$250,000.00 for the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) in fiscal 2011, 2012, and 2013 to continue funding the pilot program. **Another one to celebrate**

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<sup>1</sup> (Descriptions of the purpose and effect of legislation is drawn for Fiscal Notes and Analysis prepared by the Department of Legislative Services, an arm of the General Assembly.)

**HB 1227 - Juvenile Proceedings - Expungement of Criminal Charge Transferred to Juvenile Court** – This heavily amended legislation requires a court to grant a petition for expungement of a criminal charge that was transferred to the juvenile court. The bill repeals current statutory requirements pertaining to the time after which a person may file such a petition. **An important victory for children charged as adults whose cases are waived to the Juvenile Court**

**HB 1382 - Juvenile Law - Juvenile Records – Disclosure** – As introduced, this overly broad legislation would have allowed the Department of Juvenile Services to share juvenile records, without any limitations or expurgation with all 49 States and the District of Columbia. It would also have permitted DJS to share juvenile records with DHR to facilitate treatment and to enable recovery of Title IV E funding for eligible children in DJS custody with few limitations. As enacted, HB 1382 creates limited exceptions to the general rule of confidentiality of juvenile records. The bill authorizes the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) to provide access to and the confidential use of a treatment plan of a child by an agency in the District of Columbia or a State agency in Virginia if the agency: (1) performs the same functions in its jurisdiction as DJS does in Maryland; (2) has a reciprocity agreement with Maryland; and (3) has custody of the child. A shared record may only provide information that is relevant to the supervision, care, and treatment of the child. DJS is liable for an unauthorized release of a court record and must adopt regulations to implement the bill. The bill also allows access to and confidential use of a court record by the Department of Human Resources (DHR) for the purpose of claiming Title IV-E funds. DHR is liable for the unauthorized release of a court record under the bill’s provisions. This departmental bill authorizes a state or federal agency that performs the same function in its jurisdiction as the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) does in Maryland to access the court records or fingerprints of a child. An officer or employee of any State or local government agency is also authorized to access the court records or fingerprints of a child if the officer or employee is acting in an official capacity and the disclosure is necessary to administer public assistance, medical assistance, social services, juvenile services, or other child welfare services programs. **This bill did not go as far as it should have to allow record sharing between DJS and DHR, but more important, it preserved reasonable juvenile record confidentiality protections, particularly when records are shared with another state or the District of Columbia.**

**HB 1526 - Workforce Development - Maryland Workforce Corporation** – HB 1526 establishes the Maryland Workforce Corporation (MWC) as an instrumentality of the State. With amendments successfully offered by MARFY, the State Department of Education and the Department of Juvenile Services were added to the list of state agencies that make up the Corporation’s board of directors and stripped from the bill a provision that would have exempted the Corporation from compliance with the Open Meetings Act. MWC’s purpose is to:

- Work with State agencies to develop a plan and framework for innovative, demand-driven workforce development and training programs;
- Secure public and private funds for the programs;
- Administer the programs it develops in accordance with its plan;
- Provide grants and other assistance to support its programs;
- Contract with training providers to conduct education and skills training programs;

- Act as a research and development resource in finding solutions for new and emerging workforce issues; and
- Evaluate the effectiveness of the programs it develops.

The bill establishes eligibility, terms, and conditions for membership on MWC’s board, and authorizes the board to select and pay a president. Employees of the corporation are State employees subject to the Public Ethics Law, but they are not included in the State Personnel Management System or the State Retirement and Pension System. The corporation is exempt from State procurement law, but is subject to the Public Information Act and the Open Meetings Act. However, the corporation must develop procurement rules that reflect the overall goals and objectives of State procurement law. The corporation’s debts, claims, liabilities, and obligations belong only to the corporation and not to the State.

MWC may not offer or provide educational or skills training unless it determines that there are no other training providers available. The Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation may allocate funds to the corporation for its expenses, as provided in the State budget. State agencies and county governments are authorized to work with the corporation. DHR was included in the legislation as it was introduced, primarily because of the need to train and create job opportunities for adults who are dependent on public assistance. **By including DJS and MSDE on the Board of the MWC (our amendment), there will be opportunities to focus on the training and employment opportunity needs of youth transition from DJS and DHR/LDSS supported care and services. This requires follow up.**

**SB 241/HB 660 Education - Suspension and Expulsion Procedures - Attendance-Related Offenses** –This simple and straightforward legislation prohibits a student from being suspended or expelled from school solely for attendance-related offenses. There is an exception for in-school suspensions. **This bill has positive implications for students served by our members.**

**SB 372/HB 538 - Foster Care - Tuition Exemption - Expanded Eligibility**, expands eligibility for tuition and mandatory fee waivers for public institutions of higher education in Maryland to younger siblings of foster care recipients who have been adopted by the same family. To be eligible, the foster care children must share one or both parents before the adoption and be adopted from an out-of-home placement, at the same time, by the same family. The bill also expands eligibility to foster care recipients who were adopted from an out-of-home placement after their thirteenth, rather than fourteenth, birthday. **This is a change in the law that will affect only a small number of children but it is nevertheless a significant win!**

**SB 413/HB 244 - Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families - Repeal of Sunset**, repeals the termination date for the Joint Committee on Children, Youth and Families permanently and establishes the Joint Committee as a standing committee. **We supported this legislation and MARFY should capitalize on its support to influence the issues that the Joint Committee undertakes.**

**SB 690/HB 713 - Programs for Children in Out-of-Home Placement - System for Outcomes – Evaluation**, requires the Governor’s Office for Children to measure the effectiveness of “treatment foster care homes” based on the existing “systems for outcomes evaluation” process

currently used for residential child care programs; and, beginning July 2011, this requirement will expand to include residential programs operated by or under contract with the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS) and foster care homes approved by a local department of social services. **The enactment of this legislation is a capstone to a MARFY initiative that began more than a decade ago. It is a significant victory for children in out-of-home care and for the quality programs that serve them and their families.**

**SB 874/HB 415 - Mental Hygiene Administration - Rights of Individuals with Mental Disorders in Facilities**, allows an individual in a mental health facility to designate an advocate to participate in the treatment and discharge planning process except when the individual is a child or disabled adult whose legal guardian has requested in writing that a specific advocate not participate. The bill requires an individual in a mental health facility to receive treatment in accordance with his or her advance directive and clarifies use of restraints. Finally, the bill places conditions on advocate participation and prohibits the bill's provisions from being construed to grant certain authority not otherwise in law or limit authority established elsewhere in law. **This legislation was targeted primarily to State hospitals and long-term care facilities serving adults with chronic and acute mental illness. It does however, apply to children in Residential Treatment Centers licensed or operated by the Mental Health Administration.**

**SB 933/HB 1337 - Family Law - State Citizens Review Board for Children and Local Boards of Review – Duties**, alters existing duties of the State Citizens Review Board for Children (CRBC) and local boards of review. The bill repeals a requirement for the CRBC to report its findings and recommendations at in-person or electronic community forums. Instead, CRBC must continue to provide for public outreach and comment and must make available to the public systemic findings and recommendations of CRBC. The bill repeals certain requirements for local boards reviewing children in out-of-home care in accordance with regulations adopted by CRBC and DHR. The most significant change provides that regulations must require that the local boards review cases based on priorities agreed upon by the local department and CRBC as stated in a memorandum of agreement. The immediate shift in emphasis requires the CRBC to report on: 1) identification of barriers to achieve timely permanency; 2) whether the child is receiving appropriate services to achieve the stated permanency goal; and 3) any reasonable efforts made towards promoting the child's relationship with individuals who will play a lasting, supporting role in the child's life.

A provision is also repealed that authorized CRBC case reviews to include questions designed to meet certain quality assessment goals for casework services. **This change in the law will have an effect on the conduct of reviews for children in residential group care and treatment foster care.**

### ***The Fiscal Year 2010 State Operating Budget***

On January 21, 2009 Governor Martin O'Malley delivered his \$31.6 billion FY 2010 Operating Budget to the General Assembly. At the time the budget was presented, Maryland was facing a projected \$2.4 billion revenue shortfall, and the picture continued to worsen throughout the course of the 2009 General Assembly Session. After all deliberations were completed including action on the Governor's supplemental budget, the House and Senate agreed on reductions

equaling \$866.5 million. The budget includes \$2.5 billion in federal stimulus funds made available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and uses more than \$1.4 billion of these federal funds in lieu of State general funds largely offsetting the projected loss in state general fund revenue.

The FY 10 budget combines spending cuts, significant one time fund transfers and the Federal Stimulus funds referenced above. In this instance, the General Assembly acted on a budget that includes substantial sources of one-time funding adding to concerns about growth in the structural deficit that will affect the State's ability to keep pace with growth in future years.

Although in hard numbers, the budget proposed by the Governor grows by 2.3% to \$31.6 Billion. It included significant cuts in anticipated growth in spending for a range of initiatives, limited growth in spending for education and social programs, and it eliminated several hundred state jobs.

**Major Changes Include:**

- Higher Education, UP \$25 M
- Public Safety and State Police, UP \$13 Million
- The Judiciary, UP \$30 Million
- Funding for local governments, DOWN \$21 M
- Medical assistance, DOWN \$262 M (This reduction will be replaced by an increase in federal funding)
- State Jobs DOWN \$30 MILLION - Way Down - approximately 700 lay-offs (There will be approximately 1700 fewer state employees compared with July 2007. There has already been a reduction of 550 jobs thus far in FY 09. The FY 10 budget abolishes more than 1800 positions including a large number that have not been funded because of hiring freezes. The budget does not include pay raises for State employees or funds to match employee's deferred compensation contributions.

**Impact on the Private Sector (MARFY Members)**

There are several budget decisions that will affect MARFY members and all private sector providers. Language in the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) of 2009 (SB166/HB101) stipulates "that no amounts may be expended in fiscal year 2010 to pay increases over the rates in effect on January 21, 2009, for providers with rates set by the Interagency Rates Committee. This follows on the 1% reduction in rates for most residential group care providers which became effective on January 1, 2009. Although rate increases would have been limited to 0.1% on average based on the CPI for the 12 months ended on December 31, 2009, were this prohibition not in place, there would be the possibility of rate increases on a selective basis. This language prohibits any increase including adjustments to difficulty of care rates for treatment foster care.

Rates for private sector residential treatment centers (RTC's) are also frozen at current levels. Because of the way in which RTC rates are set, there will be upward adjustments in the future. In the short term however, this adds substantially to cash flow problems for the RTC's. Rates for community-based mental health programs and programs serving individuals with disabilities will

be allowed to increase by 0.9%, however, this is only about half of the amount by which these rates were cut in August 2008.

For nonpublic school there will be a change in the funding formula that will significantly shift the cost for nonpublic school payments to strapped local school systems. Language in the BRFA changes the cost share formula on the additional cost of non-public placements above the base local school system cost from 80/20 State and local share to 70/30 State and local share. It is estimated that this will save the state \$16,110,024.

### **Department of Human Resources – Child Welfare**

The DHR Budget increases by 5.6% to \$1.876 billion over FY 09. State general fund are increased by a paltry \$1.7 million. The budget includes \$51.5 million in Strategic Energy Investment Funds (Special Funds) that will not impact child welfare or other services. Federal fund increase by net \$48.8 million however an increase of \$85.5 million for food stamps is offset by reductions of foster care, Title IVE, \$8 million; Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), \$5.3 million; Child Support Enforcement, \$3.1 million; and Low Income Energy Assistance, \$20.1 million.

The General Assembly did not cut funding for any of the services provided by the Department or Local Departments of Social Services. It did cut funding for DHR Administration by an additional \$5,599,950 (\$3,962,813 in General Funds and \$1,637,137 in Federal Funds. The Budget Committees also cut funding for the Maryland Children's Electronic Social Services Information Exchange (CHESSIE) modifications and enhancements by \$4.36 million

After 13 years, TANF funding has dried up. In FY 2009, the TANF fund balance is \$13 million in the hole. This has an effect in FY 10 and well into the future unless federal allocations increase.

The budget as introduced abolishes 200 vacant positions in DHR and Local Departments of Social Services saving an estimated \$3.8 million. The elimination of deferred compensation affecting more that 7000 employees will save another \$4.1 million.

Other significant cost reduction measures include a \$5.8 million reduction in unspecified contracted services and \$8.4 million in savings resulting from freezing provider rates. Funding for foster care increases by 1.9% from \$360.2 million in FY09 to \$367.1 in FY 10, however, this includes an anticipate FY 09 foster care deficiency of \$7.8 million effectively eliminating the increase. State general funds are increased by 5% to offset the loss of Federal Funds. At the same time, the Department anticipates in increase in the average daily foster care census from 14,377 to 15,120 which would result in a cost increase of \$18.6 million offset by a decrease of \$11.7 million resulting from a reduction in the average payment from \$2,088 to \$2,023 per month per child brought about by a shift in the overall mix of placements.

The General Assembly adopted budget language providing that all appropriations provided for Child Welfare Services are only to be used for those purposes and cannot be transferred to any service or function and that Foster Care Maintenance Payments also cannot be transferred to any other service except Child Welfare Services which includes child welfare caseworker positions.

In light of the position reduction initiatives undertaken in FY 09 and FY 10 as part of cost containment and uncertainties regarding the adequacy of the number of positions that will be available to the Department of Human Resources (DHR) in fiscal 2010, the budget committees elected not to add budget language to the Child Welfare Services budget setting filled caseworker and supervisor targets. However, the budget committees continue documented their concern noting that “maintaining an adequate child welfare workforce is essential to improving outcomes for children entering the State’s care.” The budget committees asked that DHR, on December 1, 2009, and March 1, 2010, report to the committees on the actual number of cases and filled positions assigned, by jurisdiction, for 13 child welfare related caseloads, e.g., Child Protective Services, Foster Care, Adoption, etc.

### **Department of Juvenile Services (DJS)**

The DJS budget will grow by 3.4% from \$268.2 million in FY 09 to \$277.3 million in FY 10. With consideration for the FY 09 deficiency appropriation the budget for FY 10 is actually reduced by \$1.7 million or 0.6%. The budget includes \$4.3 million to address FY09 shortfalls in per-diem placements. Federal funds were decreased by \$1.1 million (9.7%) According to the Administration, “the budget continues to support expansion of EBP’s” without reference to current or projected levels of spending. 4.6 FTE DJS staff positions which were unfilled were abolished. This follows a two year period in during which there has been substantial growth in DJS staffing.

The budget presentation has obscured information reporting of the numbers of youth who are placed in state operated facilities, state owned privately operated facilities, community-based purchase of care placements, and out-of-state placements. The budget combines all categories of out-of-home placements and shows an anticipated decrease in the numbers of youth to be served in out-of-home placements. Nevertheless, the budget does show an increase in funding for DJS operated facilities of \$103.7 million (26.3 percent) from FY 07 – FY 10.

The number of children referred to intake continues to drop from a one-time high of approximately 55,000 to 32,998 in 2008 and an estimated 32,500 in 2009. At the same time:

- Admissions to detention centers have risen from 6,302 in 2007 to an estimated 6,883 in 2009.
- The number of youth admitted to committed programs (presumably programs operated by the Department) has dropped from 1,725 in 2007 to an estimated 1,500 in 2009.
- The number of children in out-of-state placements is reported to have dropped from 121 in 2008 to an estimated 100 in 2009 although data in reports generated by the Governor’s office for children suggest that the actual number is higher. The Department projects that the number will drop to 50 in FY 10.
- The number of children in DJS custody referred for DJS funded Evidence-Based Programs increased from 163 in 2008 to 420 in 2009 and will increase to 519 in FY 10 (This is somewhat misleading since a majority of youth counted are receiving services

paid for under a community compact in Baltimore County that is funded by grants that may not be renewed).

- The number of children admitted to shelter programs (including DJS operated and contracted structured shelter care and DHR licensed shelters) has increased from 2,116 in 2007 to an estimated 1,820 in 1009.
- The number of youth admitted to secure committed facilities has dropped from 57 in 2007 to an estimated 50 in 2009.
- The number of youth admitted to non secure committed placements (presumably including community-based per-diem residential programs) has dropped from 2,139 in 2007 to an estimated 2,000 in 2009 and is expected to drop to 1,900 in FY 2010. This is the number that holds the greatest significance for private providers of community-based residential services that contract with DJS.

The Budget Committees adopted language expressing the intent of the General Assembly that the upgrading and enhancing of the DJS Automated Statewide Support and Information System (ASSIST) be considered a Major Information Technology Development Project. This means that any general fund included in the DJS budget for that purpose have to be transferred to the Major Information Technology Development Project Fund which is under the control of the Department of Budget and Management. Any funds not used for any other purpose which means that they will revert to the General Fund.

The Budget Committees concluded in budget language formally adopted that DJS “continues to struggle to meet its own standards for community caseloads and facility staffing” and notes that “Recent revisions to the facility staffing standards exacerbate those struggles.” The committees have asked DJS to provide a full description of community caseload and facility staffing standards by caseload type and facility and the basis for those standards including references to best practices.

#### **The Governor’s Office for Children (GOC), Local Management Boards (LMB) and the Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund**

Funding for the GOC is reduced by \$40 K (1.4%) from \$2.9 million in FY 09 to \$2.88 million in FY 10. This decrease is accounted for in the reduction of 1 FTE position reducing staffing from 20.5 to 19.5 FTE’s.

By contrast, the Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund was reduced by 14.6% from \$48 million in FY 09 to \$40.9 million in FY 10. This follows a 14.3% reduction last year. The Budget Committees to an additional \$3.5 million, reducing funding for the Rehab Option Program targeted at children not in the State’s care deciding that the initiative should be continued, but at a lesser level of funding and leaving \$3,000,000 from what was originally \$15 million.

Although the performance measures by which LMB’s are measured do not change, the reduction in the Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund is shared among the LMB’s and significantly reduces the funds they have available to meet performance goals. This comes at a time when local

governments are least likely to add to available funds either for the administration of the LMB's or for the services they coordinate and provide.

To facilitate an evaluation to determine whether or not Maryland's family preservation programs are stemming the flow of children from their homes, the Children's Cabinet agencies, DHR, DJS, DHMH, and MSDE are required to prepare and submit to the budget committees, a joint report on out-of-home placements containing data on the total number of out-of-home placements and entries by jurisdiction over the previous three years and similar data on out-of-state placements. The report is to provide information on the costs associated with out-of-home placements, the reasons for new placements, and an evaluation of data derived from the application of the North Carolina Family Assessment Scale (This scale is only used by DHR and LDSS). In developing the report, the agencies are required to collect data concerning indicated findings of child abuse and neglect occurring while families are receiving family preservation services or within one year of case closure. The report is to include a three-year funding history of family preservation efforts listing funding by agency and program. The report is due to the Budget Committees by December 1, 2009. *MARFY should obtain a copy of this report as soon as it is available.*

#### **Health and Mental Hygiene, CHIP, Medicaid, Mental Health Administration (MHA) and Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA)**

The Governor's Budget for DHMH was increased by 4.9% from \$8.055 billion in FY 09 to \$8.54 billion in FY 10. The budget includes allowances for more than \$140 million in FY 09 deficiencies largely related to increased Medicaid enrollment/expansion and other cost over runs that can be attributed to the State's declining economy. Several notable deficiencies include: Women, Infants and Children's (WIC) Program, \$15.2 M; Mental Hygiene Administration, \$1.8 M; Medicaid expansion/increased enrollment, \$85 M; and Community Family Health, \$1.7 million. In spite of the increase in Community Family Health spending, the allowance for FY 10 will be reduced by more than \$10 million.

The Budget Committees cut \$3.85 Million from the Mental Hygiene Administration Budget however the Governor added \$20 Million in a supplemental budget. The committees reduced the Medicaid budget by \$57.7 Million.

The FY 10 budget abolishes 200 FTE positions reducing expenditures by \$5.144 million. This follows a reduction of 250 FTE positions in FY 09. Without specific reference to the number of contractual positions, the budget anticipates a reduction in spending for contractual employees of \$1.66 million. The budget also anticipates a reduction of 7.3 million from "contractual renegotiations." The budget preserves existing coverage, including the FY 09 expansion of Medicaid for low-income parents.

The Mental Hygiene Administration budget will grow by 4.3% from \$924.8 million to \$964.9 million. Within this budget, the allowance for community services will increase by 4.1% from \$637.2 M to \$663.5 M. There continues to be a roughly 50/50 ratio in funding for children and adults, although FY 10 allocations shift the balance slightly to adult services.

Funding for the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program (MCHIP) will decrease by a little more than 1% from \$194.1 M to \$193 M, in spite of an increase in enrollment from 110,562 to 112,000 enrollees.

The Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) budget will increase by 6.5% from \$785 million in FY 09 to \$816 million in FY 10. Within this budget, the allowance for community services will increase by 6.4 % from \$714 M to \$760 M. In spite of this increase, funding for community support services for foster children with disabilities aging out of foster care is at continued risk as DDA strives to reduce its waiting list.

### **State Department of Education (MSDE), Aid to Education and Funding for Nonpublic Schools**

At first glance it would appear that the MSDE budget, funded at the statutorily mandated level, would grow by 2.5% from \$6.56 billion in FY 09 to \$6.74 billion in FY 10. However, after accounting for FY 09 deficiencies and FY10 contingent reductions, the budget will grow by only \$62 million or 0.9%. The "Geographic cost-of-education" Index, which is intended to provide additional funds to high-cost school systems, will be funded at \$38 million. This is approximately 1/3 of the recommended amount. There is also legislation pending that would reduce the MSDE budget by \$102.3 million. The budget will abolish 8 FTE positions and 6.4 contractual positions. Some Specifics:

- Funding for programs to meet the special educational needs of educationally deprived children is reduced by 3.5% from \$204.9 million in FY 09 to \$197.8 million in FY 10
- Funding for services for students at risk for dropping out is reduced by 4% from \$20.8 million in FY09 to \$19.9 million in FY10.
- The allowance for supplements to local per pupil cost for students in out-of-county placements increases by 15.6% from \$5.1 million in FY 09 to \$5.9 million in FY 10.
- Funding for the Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS) will increase by 3.9% from \$9.1 million in FY 09 to \$9.4 million in FY 10, however, the allowance for client services will decrease by 4.6% from \$36.1 million in FY 09 to \$34.4 million in FY 10.

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<a href="#"><u>SB 58</u></a>	Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 350	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee(s) (By Request - Departmental - Human Resources)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Family Law - Termination of Parental Rights <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><u>SB 59</u></a>	Status as of April 11, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Judiciary	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee(s) (By Request - Departmental - Human Resources) and Senators Brochin, Forehand, Haines, Jacobs, Mooney, Muse, Raskin, Simonaire, and Stone	
<b>Entitled</b>	Child Abuse and Neglect - Disclosure of Information <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENT</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><u>SB 83</u></a>	Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 360	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Finance Committee(s) (By Request - Departmental - Human Resources)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Human Services - Child Welfare Workforce <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	Senate: Finance House: Appropriations	


<a href="#"><u>SB 121</u></a>	Status as of March 16, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Unfavorable Judicial Proceedings	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Kelley et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Child Protection - Mandatory Reporting of Children Regularly in Contact with Persons Convicted of Child Sexual Abuse <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	


<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings
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<a href="#"><u>SB 218</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 5, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 524</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Frosh, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Criminal Procedure - Offender Registry – Minors <b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><u>SB 340</u></a>	<b>Status as of February 16, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Re-referred Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Pugh, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Education - High School Diploma - GED Options Program <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs and Finance	


<a href="#"><u>SB 531</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 13, 2009: Bill is in the House - Favorable with Amendments Judiciary</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Zirkin, Frosh, Jacobs, Mooney, Muse, and Stone	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Services - Programming - Private Facilities <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENTS</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><u>SB 577</u></a>	<b>Status as of February 11, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Finance</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Garagiola, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Maryland Covers All Children Act of 2009 <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Finance and Budget and Taxation	


<a href="#"><u>SB 640</u></a>	<b>Status as of March 26, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Unfavorable Judicial Proceedings</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Kittleman, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Family Law - Rights of Foster Parents	

	<b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings

<a href="#"><u>HB 201</u></a>	Status as of April 7, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 662	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Frush	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Law - Juvenile Justice Alternative Education Program <b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><u>HB 510</u></a>	Status as of April 14, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 87	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Nathan-Pulliam, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Health Occupations - Licensure of Social Workers <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT W/AMENDMENT</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	House: Health and Government Operations Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	


<a href="#"><u>HB 580</u></a>	Status as of April 3, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 681	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Mizeur, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Foster Kids Coverage Act <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	House: Health and Government Operations Senate: Finance	


<a href="#"><u>HB 593</u></a>	Status as of April 4, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Senate Rules	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Dumais, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Criminal Procedure - Offender Registry - Minors <b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Senate Rules	


<a href="#"><u>HB 630</u></a>	Status as of February 6, 2009: Bill is in the House - First Reading Ways and Means	
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<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Levi, et.al
<b>Entitled</b>	Restore Respect at School Act <b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>
<b>Committee</b>	House: Ways and Means


<a href="#"><b><u>HB 788</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 420</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Jones, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Baltimore City and Baltimore County - Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program – Extension <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><b><u>HB 914</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of March 16, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Judiciary</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Barkley and Heller	
<b>Entitled</b>	Family Law - Child Neglect - Maryland Student Assistance Program Referral Recommendations <b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><b><u>HB 1007</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of March 23, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Judiciary</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Conaway	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Law - Custodial Interrogation of Minor on School Premises - Recording Restrictions <b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><b><u>HB 1012</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of March 23, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Judiciary</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Conaway and Anderson	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Law - Custodial Interrogation of a Minor - Recording Restrictions <b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1093</u></a>	Status as of March 23, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Judiciary	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates McComas, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Causes - Obtaining Testimony of a Material Witness - Procedures <b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1096</u></a>	Status as of February 25, 2009: Bill is in the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Hammen	
<b>Entitled</b>	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Substance Abuse Services <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Health and Government Operations	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1201</u></a>	Status as of April 9, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Second Reading Passed	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Ramirez, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Crimes - Hate Crimes - Use of a Noose or Swastika to Threaten or Intimidate <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1227</u></a>	Status as of April 5, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 712	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Carter, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Proceedings - Expungement of Criminal Charge Transferred to Juvenile Court <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT W/ EXTENSIVE AMENDMENTS</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1295</u></a>	Status as of April 13, 2009: Bill is in the House - Withdrawn Health and Government Operations	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Mizeur	
<b>Entitled</b>	Kids First Coverage Incentive Act <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Health and Government Operations and Ways and Means	

<a href="#"><u>HB 1296</u></a>	Status as of March 10, 2009: Bill is in the House - Withdrawn Economic Matters	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Mizeur, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Healthy Families Healthy Workplaces Act <b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Economic Matters	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1325</u></a>	Status as of March 4, 2009: Bill is in the House - Re-referred Ways and Means	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Stukes	
<b>Entitled</b>	Education - Unexcused Student Absence - Repayment of State Costs <b>MARFY POSITION: OPPOSE</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Ways and Means	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1382</u></a>	Status as of April 10, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 486	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Judiciary Committee(s) (By Request - Departmental - Juvenile Services)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Law - Juvenile Records - Disclosure <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENTS</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1384</u></a>	Status as of March 23, 2009: Bill is in the House - Withdrawn Judiciary	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Judiciary Committee(s) (By Request – Dept. of Public Safety and Correctional Services)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Family Law - Criminal History Records Checks - Employees of Facilities and Other Individuals Who Care for or Supervise Children <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENTS</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1385</u></a>	Status as of April 10, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 723	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Judiciary Committee(s) (By Request - Departmental - Juvenile Services)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Services - Employee Criminal History Record Information - Initial Criminal History Records Check and Disclosure of New Information <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT W/AMDNEMDNTS</b>	

<b>Committees</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings
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<a href="#"><u>HB 1402</u></a>	<b>Status as of March 27, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Appropriations</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Appropriations Committee(s) (By Request - Departmental - Human Resources)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Higher Education - Waiver of Tuition and Fees - Clarifying Foster Care Recipients <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT (NOTE PASSAGE OF SB 372/HB 538)</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Appropriations	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1526</u></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 476</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Economic Matters Committee(s) (By Request - Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Workforce Development - Maryland Workforce Corporation <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT W/ AMENDMENT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Economic Matters Senate: Finance	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1558</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 11, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Sophocleus, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Student Stigma Act <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Ways and Means Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	


<a href="#"><u>SB 241</u></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 230</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Pugh, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Education - Suspension and Expulsion Procedures - Attendance-Related Offenses <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs House: Ways and Means	


<a href="#"><u>HB 660</u></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 231</b>	
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<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Kaiser, et.al
<b>Entitled</b>	Education - Suspension and Expulsion Procedures - Attendance-Related Offenses <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>
<b>Committees</b>	House: Ways and Means Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs


<a href="#"><b><u>SB 372</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 251</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Currie, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Foster Care - Tuition Exemption - Expanded Eligibility <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs House: Appropriations	


<a href="#"><b><u>HB 538</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 252</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Jones, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Foster Care - Tuition Exemption - Expanded Eligibility <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Appropriations Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	


<a href="#"><b><u>SB 413</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of April 14, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 63</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator King (Joint Committee(s) on Children, Youth, and Families) and Senators Conway, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Joint Committee(s) on Children, Youth, and Families - Repeal of Sunset <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs House: Ways and Means	


<a href="#"><b><u>HB 244</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of April 14, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 64</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Kaiser (Joint Committee(s) on Children, Youth, and Families) and Delegates Bates et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Joint Committee(s) on Children, Youth, and Families - Repeal of Sunset <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	

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<a href="#"><u>SB 421</u></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 259</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Jacobs, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Social Services Administration and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Parents Responsible for Child Abuse or Neglect - Birth of Subsequent Child <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><u>HB 144</u></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 260</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Waldstreicher, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Social Services Administration and Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Parents Responsible for Child Abuse or Neglect - Birth of Subsequent Child <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><u>SB 515</u></a>	<b>Status as of February 11, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Finance</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator Middleton	
<b>Entitled</b>	Healthy Maryland Program <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Finance and Budget and Taxation	


<a href="#"><u>HB 860</u></a>	<b>Status as of March 4, 2009: Bill is in the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Hammen	
<b>Entitled</b>	Healthy Maryland Program <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Health and Government Operations	


<a href="#"><u>SB 556</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 9, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 558</b>	
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<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Jones, et.al
<b>Entitled</b>	State Funding Accountability Act <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Budget and Taxation House: Appropriations


<a href="#"><b>HB 1192</b></a>	<b>Status as of April 10, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 559</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Conway, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	State Funding Accountability Act <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Appropriations Senate: Budget and Taxation	


<a href="#"><b>SB 563</b></a>	<b>Status as of February 19, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Madaleno, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	State Budget - Modifications - Reporting <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Budget and Taxation	


<a href="#"><b>HB 1073</b></a>	<b>Status as of February 18, 2009: Bill is in the House - First Reading Appropriations</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Jones	
<b>Entitled</b>	State Budget - Modifications – Reporting <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Appropriations	


<a href="#"><b>SB 613</b></a>	<b>Status as of April 6, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 567</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Gladden, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	CINA, Guardianship, Adoption, Custody, and Visitation - Disability of Parent, Guardian, Custodian, or Party <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings House: Judiciary	

<a href="#"><u>HB 689</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 5, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 568</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Rosenberg, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	CINA, Guardianship, Adoption, Custody, and Visitation - Disability of Parent, Guardian, Custodian, or Party <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><u>SB 690</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 9, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 591</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Kelley, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Programs for Children in Out-of-Home Placement - System for Outcomes Evaluation <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs House: Health and Government Operations	


<a href="#"><u>HB 713</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 2, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 592</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Jones, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Programs for Children in Out-of-Home Placement - System for Outcomes Evaluation <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Health and Government Operations Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	


<a href="#"><u>SB 857</u></a>	<b>Status as of March 23, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Unfavorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Pugh and McFadden	
<b>Entitled</b>	Education - Public High Schools and Public High School Students - Revisions and Requirements <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1223</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 13, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Favorable Education Health and Environmental Affairs</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Braveboy	
<b>Entitled</b>	Education - Public High Schools and Public High School Students - Data Collection System <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	


<b>Committees</b>	House: Ways and Means Senate: Education Health and Environmental Affairs
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<a href="#"><u>SB 860</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 14, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 105</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator Pugh	
<b>Entitled</b>	Maryland Not-For-Profit Development Center Program - Qualifying Not-For-Profit Entity Assistance <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Finance House: Economic Matters	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1193</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 14, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 106</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Hecht, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Maryland Not-For-Profit Development Center Program - Qualifying Not-For-Profit Entity Assistance <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committee(s)</b>	House: Economic Matters Senate: Finance	


<a href="#"><u>SB 862</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 14, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 107</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator Pugh	
<b>Entitled</b>	Child Fatality Review - Child Death Review Case Reporting System <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Finance House: Health and Government Operations	


<a href="#"><u>HB 705</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 14, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 108</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Pena-Melnyk and Ivey	
<b>Entitled</b>	Child Fatality Review - Child Death Review Case Reporting System <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Health and Government Operations Senate: Finance	

<a href="#"><u>SB 874</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 7, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 620</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Exum and Pugh	
<b>Entitled</b>	Mental Hygiene Administration - Rights of Individuals with Mental Disorders in Facilities <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Finance House: Health and Government Operations	


<a href="#"><u>HB 415</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 1, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 621</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Kullen, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Mental Hygiene Administration - Rights of Individuals with Mental Disorders in Facilities <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Health and Government Operations Senate: Finance	


<a href="#"><u>SB 933</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 10, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 629</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator Kelley	
<b>Entitled</b>	Family Law - State Citizens Review Board for Children and Local Boards of Review - Duties <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT W/AMENDMENT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1337</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 8, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 630</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Branch	
<b>Entitled</b>	Family Law - State Citizens Review Board for Children and Local Boards of Review – Duties <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT W/AMENDMENT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><u>SB 952</u></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 331</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator Middleton	
<b>Entitled</b>	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Substance Abuse Services <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	


<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Finance House: Health and Government Operations
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<a href="#"><b><u>HB 739</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 332</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Hammen, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Substance Abuse Services <b>MARFY POSITION: SUPPORT</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Health and Government Operations Senate: Finance	


<a href="#"><b><u>SB 67</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 355</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee(s) (By Request - Departmental - Assessments and Taxation)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Corporations and Associations - Proof of Good Standing for Foreign Business Entities <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings House: Economic Matters	


<a href="#"><b><u>SB 194</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of March 2, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Unfavorable Judicial Proceedings</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Kelley, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Criminal Law - Electronic Harassment of a Minor <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><b><u>SB 238</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of February 16, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Unfavorable Judicial Proceedings</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Kelley, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Civil Actions - Child Sexual Abuse - Statute of Limitations <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><b><u>HB 57</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of February 23, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Judiciary</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Rosenberg, et.al	


<b>Entitled</b>	Child Abuse and Neglect - Referral to Family Planning Services <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>
<b>Committee</b>	House: Judiciary


<b><u>HB 70</u></b>	<b>Status as of April 3, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 656</b> 
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Morhaim, et.al
<b>Entitled</b>	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Commissions, Programs, and Reports - Revision <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>
<b>Committees</b>	House: Health and Government Operations Senate: Finance


<b><u>HB 499</u></b>	<b>Status as of March 3, 2009: Bill is in the House - Withdrawn Health and Government Operations</b> 
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Robinson, et.al
<b>Entitled</b>	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Health Care Facilities - Database of Terminated Employees <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>
<b>Committee</b>	House: Health and Government Operations


<b><u>HB 570</u></b>	<b>Status as of March 16, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Judiciary</b> 
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Judiciary Committee(s) (By Request - Departmental - Human Resources)
<b>Entitled</b>	Family Law - Adoption - Child's Age of Consent <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>
<b>Committee</b>	House: Judiciary


<b><u>HB 651</u></b>	<b>Status as of April 2, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Economic Matters</b> 
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Chair, Economic Matters Committee(s) (By Request - Departmental - Labor, Licensing and Regulation)
<b>Entitled</b>	Labor and Employment - Shift Breaks <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>
<b>Committee</b>	House: Economic Matters


<a href="#"><u>HB 683</u></a>	Status as of May 7, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 411	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Ivey, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Post Adoption Support Services Pilot Program <a href="#">MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</a>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1108</u></a>	Status as of March 23, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Judiciary	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates McComas, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Law - Taking Child into Custody - Arrest Warrant <a href="#">MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</a>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Judiciary	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1183</u></a>	Status as of April 5, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 710	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Simmons	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Law - Hearings <a href="#">MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</a>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1222</u></a>	Status as of March 23, 2009: Bill is in the House - Withdrawn Ways and Means	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Murphy, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Sales and Use Tax - Nonprofit Charitable Organizations <a href="#">MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</a>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Ways and Means	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1321</u></a>	Status as of April 7, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 718	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Conway, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Juvenile Law - Truancy Reduction Pilot Program - Repeal of Sunset <a href="#">MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</a>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Judiciary Senate: Judicial Proceedings	

<a href="#"><u>HB 1539</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 11, 2009: Bill is in the House - Withdrawn Health and Government Operations</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Rudolph	
<b>Entitled</b>	Task Force to Study Merging the Cecil County Health Department, Social Services Department, and Senior Services & Community Transit Department <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Health and Government Operations	


<a href="#"><u>HB 1549</u></a>	<b>Status as of March 9, 2009: Bill is in the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Hixson, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Education Funding - Thornton Formula – Evaluation <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: House Rules and Executive Nominations	


<a href="#"><u>SB 166</u></a>	<b>Status as of February 18, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The President (By Request - Administration)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2009 <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Budget and Taxation	


<a href="#"><u>HB 101</u></a>	<b>Status as of April 8, 2009: Became Law – Chapter 487</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	The Speaker (By Request - Administration)	
<b>Entitled</b>	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2009 <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Appropriations Senate: Budget and Taxation	


<a href="#"><u>SB 286</u></a>	<b>Status as of March 2, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Unfavorable Judicial Proceedings</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator Munson	
<b>Entitled</b>	Criminal Law - Buying of Minors – Prohibition <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	


<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings
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<b><a href="#">HB 35</a></b>	<b>Status as of February 16, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Judiciary</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Serafini	
<b>Entitled</b>	Criminal Law - Buying of Minors - Prohibition <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Judiciary	


<b><a href="#">SB 393</a></b>	<b>Status as of February 11, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Madaleno, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Managing for Results - Evidence-Based Practices <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Budget and Taxation	


<b><a href="#">HB 383</a></b>	<b>Status as of February 4, 2009: Bill is in the House - First Reading Appropriations</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Jones, Bronrott, Gaines, Hubbard, and Mizeur	
<b>Entitled</b>	Managing for Results - Evidence-Based Practices <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Appropriations	


<b><a href="#">SB 564</a></b>	<b>Status as of March 16, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Unfavorable Finance</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Madaleno, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Health Insurance - Habilitative Services - Required Coverage <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Finance	


<b><a href="#">HB 468</a></b>	<b>Status as of March 3, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Health and Government Operations</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Bronrott, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Health Insurance - Habilitative Services - Required Coverage <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	


<b>Committee</b>	House: Health and Government Operations
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<a href="#"><b><u>SB 806</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of April 14, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 100</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Colburn and Brinkley	
<b>Entitled</b>	Business Regulation - Charitable Organizations - Audits and Reviews <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Judicial Proceedings House: Economic Matters	


<a href="#"><b><u>HB 452</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of April 14, 2009: Became Law - Chapter 101</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Haddaway, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Business Regulation - Charitable Organizations - Audits and Reviews <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	House: Economic Matters Senate: Judicial Proceedings	


<a href="#"><b><u>SB 881</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of February 11, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Finance</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator Pinsky	
<b>Entitled</b>	Maryland Health System Act of 2009 <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Finance	


<a href="#"><b><u>HB 1186</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of March 4, 2009: Bill is in the House - First Reading Health and Government Operations</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegates Montgomery, et.al	
<b>Entitled</b>	Maryland Health Security Act of 2009 <b>MARFY POSITION: MONITOR</b>	
<b>Committee</b>	House: Health and Government Operations	

<a href="#"><b><u>SB 191/ HB 18</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of March 4, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation</b>	
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senators Frosh, et.al & Delegate Bronrott	
<b>Entitled</b>	Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - National Center for Children and Families	

	Youth Activities Center <b>MEMBER BOND BILL - SUPPORT <u>Funded with the passage of HB 102 Providing for grants in the amount of \$250,000</u></b>
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Budget and Taxation & House Appropriations

<a href="#"><b><u>SB 254/HB 341</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of March 4, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - First Reading Budget and Taxation</b> 
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator Della & Delegate McHale, et.al
<b>Entitled</b>	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Chesapeake Center for Youth Development <b>MEMBER BOND BILL - SUPPORT</b>
<b>Committee</b>	Senate: Budget and Taxation & House Appropriations

<a href="#"><b><u>SB 923/HB 1311</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of March 4, 2009: Bill is in the Senate - Re-referred Budget and Taxation</b> 
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Senator Kasemeyer & Delegates DeBoy and Malone
<b>Entitled</b>	Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore County - Good Shepherd Center <b>MEMBER BOND BILL - SUPPORT <u>Funded with the passage of HB 102 Providing for a grant in the amount of \$75,000</u></b>
<b>Committees</b>	Senate: Budget and Taxation & House Appropriations

<a href="#"><b><u>HB 1301</u></b></a>	<b>Status as of April 6, 2009: Bill is in the House - Unfavorable Appropriations</b> 
<b>Sponsored By</b>	Delegate Taylor
<b>Entitled</b>	Creation of a State Debt - Montgomery County - Aunt Hattie's Place <b>MEMBER BOND BILL - SUPPORT</b>
<b>Committee</b>	House: Appropriations