

Legislative Tracker as of 3/23/20

Bill Number/ Cross file	Bill Title	Sponsors	Voting/Hearing status	Bill Synopsis	Considerations
SB 237 /no cross file	Vehicle Laws- Protective Headgear Requirement for Motorcycle Riders- Exemption	Senators Hough , Bailey , Carozza , Carter , Cassilly , Eckardt , Edwards , Gallion , Kramer , Ready , Reilly , Salling , Serafini , Simonaire , and Smith	Unfavorable Report in Senate Judiciary Committee	Providing that the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain protective headgear does not apply to an individual at least 21 years old who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 2 years, has completed a certain motorcycle safety course, or is a passenger on a motorcycle operated by a driver who has been licensed for at least 2 years or has completed a certain motorcycle safety course.	-concerns about increase in severity of injuries in motorcycle accidents -concerns about cost to Medicaid/Medicare for long-term services and support as a result if more severe injuries -impact on families -accidents may be a result of conditions outside of the control of a motorcycle rider where experience would not prevent a crash.
SB 305 / HB 607	Public Safety- Crisis Intervention Team Center for Excellence	Senators Augustine and Smith Delegates Charkoudian , Bartlett , Carr , Crutchfield , Cullison , D.M. Davis , Kelly , Moon , Shetty , Solomon , and Stewart	SB 305 passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor	Establishing the Crisis Intervention Team Center of Excellence in the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to provide technical support to local governments, law enforcement, public safety agencies, behavioral health agencies, and crisis service providers and to develop and implement a crisis intervention model program; requiring the Office to appoint certain	-This may be an opportunity to advocate for training in brain injury to be included in best practices promoted by a "Center for Excellence".

				coordinators to the Center; requiring the Center to take certain actions; requiring a certain annual report; etc.	
HB 460 /no cross file	Department of Human Services-Child Abuse Prevention-Online Course	Delegates Shetty, Arian, Atterbeary, Bartlett, Bridges, Cardin, Conaway, Cox, Crutchfield, D.M. Davis, Ebersole, W. Fisher, Grammer, Griffith, Haynes, Henson, Hill, J. Lewis, R. Lewis, Lierman, Lopez, Love, Malone, McComas, Moon, Mosby, Palakovich	Passed the House, Hearing in Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee canceled, no further action taken.	Requiring the Department of Human Services to post on its website a free online course on the identification, prevention, and reporting of child abuse.	-consider symptoms of brain injury that are otherwise unexplained and the long-term implication of a brain injury as a result of child abuse -this may be an opportunity include brain injury in educational materials.

		Carr, Pippy, Reznik, Terrasa, Valentino-Smith, Washington, Williams, and Wilson			
HB 453	Education- Public Schools and Youth Sport Program- Tackle Football	Delegate Walker	Passed the House, hearing canceled in the Senate Health, Education, and Environmental Affairs Committee, no further action taken	Limiting a certain tackle football season to the months of August through December; prohibiting a county board of education or school from offering, approving, or sponsoring tackle football games during the months of January through July; prohibiting a youth sports program from providing tackle football games to youth athletes during the months of January through July; etc.	-potential to reduce concussions and cumulative impacts sustained by youth paying football. -significant outreach to athletic programs would need to be done prior to July 1, 2020 effective date -Potential opportunity to provide additional BI education as part roll out of this law, if it passes
SB 530/HB 231	Housing Opportunities Made Equal	Many sponsors on both Senate and House sides. See link to the bills for sponsor list.	Both versions passed opposite chambers, sent to Governor	Expanding the housing policy of the State to include providing for fair housing to all citizens regardless of source of income; stating the Act seeks to deconcentrate poverty by providing additional opportunities for tenants utilizing public subsidies to live in certain neighborhoods; prohibiting a person from refusing to sell or rent a dwelling to any person because of source of income;	-This legislation increases options for housing available to BI Waiver participants transitioning from residential service to independent housing through-out the state. -Baltimore County, Prince Georges, Montgomery Co, Frederick County, Howard and Anne Arundel Counties have already passed similar legislation,

				<p>establishing qualifications and limitations on the prohibition against discrimination in housing based on source of income; etc.</p>	<p>as well as the cities of Annapolis, Baltimore and Fredrick.</p> <p>-Brain Injury often leads to reduced income for people living with a BI and their families either long term or short term which can mean that they need a subsidy (housing voucher, rental assistance, etc) to afford housing.</p>
<p>SB 549/HB 675</p>	<p>Education – Public Schools – Seizure Action Plans (Brynleigh Act)</p>	<p>Senators Young, Feldman, and Klausmeier</p> <p>Delegate Kerr</p>	<p>Hearing on 3/3 in Senate, no further action taken</p> <p>Hearing 2/21 House Way and Means Committee- Canceled</p>	<p>Requiring a county board of education and authorizing a nonpublic school, beginning in the 2021-2022 school year, to require at least two school employees to be trained in recognizing the signs and symptoms of a seizure, administering first aid for a seizure, and administering or assisting with the administration of seizure medication and performing manual vagus nerve stimulation; etc.</p>	<p>-seizure disorders are common after brain injury</p> <p>-includes requirement for collaboration to have individualize plans for children with known seizure disorders.</p> <p>-Seizures can lead to brain injuries, both from the seizure activity itself and falls resulting from a seizure. Early intervention can lessen the impact of a seizure long term.</p>
<p>SB 504 /HB 699</p>	<p>Office of the Attorney General-School Ombudsman</p>	<p>Senators Pinsky, Augustine, Feldman,</p>	<p>SB 504 passed both chambers and was sent to the Governor</p>	<p>Establishing the Special Education Ombudsman in the Office of the Attorney General to serve as a resource to provide information and support to</p>	<p>-Children with brain injuries are often not identified as having a brain injury which often means</p>

		Guzzone , and Zucker Delegates Washington and Ivey	HB 699 passed the House and was referred to Health Education, and Environmental Affairs Committee, no further action was taken	parents, students, and educators regarding special education rights and services; requiring the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Budget and Management, to set the salary and qualifications for the Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman to submit a report with recommendations concerning the State's special education services by July 1, 2022, and each July 1 thereafter; etc.	that they do not receive appropriate supports -Brain Injury is a diagnosis included in Federal IDEA legislation -Passing and implementing this legislation may provide addition opportunities for collaboration and data collection
SB 610 / no crossfile	Community Colleges- Supplemental Services and Supports for Students with Disabilities Grant Program	Senators King , Edwards , Elfreth , Feldman , Griffith , Guzzone , Peters , and Serafini	Hearing held 2/12 in Education, Health and Environment Committee, no further action taken	Requiring certain guidelines or regulations for a grant program for supplemental services and supports for students with disabilities in community colleges; requiring the guidelines adopted to require students to provide documentation from a licensed physician or mental health professional; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2022, that the Governor include in the annual budget bill a general fund appropriation of at least \$2,500,000 to the Commission on Higher Education to be used to award grants under the program; etc	-Fatigue, processing of language and information and memory impairments affect the way a student learns after sustaining a brain injury. - Expanding available accommodations and support can provide options for a more person centered approach to education for students living with a brain injury. -Consider opportunities for education with Maryland Higher Education Counsel about the needs of students with brain injury.

<p>HB 1385/ no crossfile</p>	<p>Education - Students With Traumatic Brain Injury - Reports</p>	<p>Delegates Turner, Boteler, Mosby, and Palakovich Carr</p>	<p>Withdrawn- Plan to revise bill language and increase outreach before the next session.</p>	<p>Requiring each county board of education to include certain questions regarding a student's history of brain injury or neurologic insult on a certain form; requiring certain questions to be developed by the State Department of Education in consultation with the State Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Board; requiring public schools to report certain information to the county board or county health department each year; requiring each county board to report certain information to the Maryland Department of Health each year; etc.</p>	<p>-TBI Advisory Board Education Subcommittee plans to rewrite for filing in the 2021 legislative session -Students with brain injuries are under identified in the school system which impacts their ability to get appropriate supports.</p>
<p>SB896/HB 1443</p>	<p>Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment</p>	<p>Senator Hester Delegates Bagnall, Cain, Chang, Feldmark, and Guyton</p>	<p>Senate Health Education and Environmental Affairs Committee hearing 3/10 at 1pm, no further action taken Hearing 3/6 at 1pm in House Ways and Means Committee, no further action taken</p>	<p>Establishing the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment; requiring the Commission to study, evaluate, update, and revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment and practices in general, including school-based health centers; requiring the Commission to make recommendations to improve current practices and revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment and to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or</p>	<p>-Significant co-occurrence of brain injury and behavioral health conditions. -Historically students with brain injury have been “emotionally disturbed” if identified at all. -Opportunity to recommend inclusion of a commissioner with brain injury experience to contribute to recommendations.</p>

				before December 1, 2020, and December 1, 2021; etc.	
SB 990/ HB 464	Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program	Senators Hettleman, Feldman, Benson, Carter, King, Lee and Washington Multiple Sponsors in House see link to bill for full list	Hearing 3/10 at 1pm in Senate Finance Committee, no further action taken Hearing 2/28 at 1pm in House Health and Governance Operations Committee, no further action taken	Authorizing the establishment of an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program by a community-based organization to provide a place for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; providing the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, two programs in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, to operate at a single location in areas with a high incidence of drug use; etc.	-Overdose cause people to stop breathing which deprives the brain of oxygen and cause anoxic and hypoxic brain injuries -opportunity to provide information about brain injury to people at high risk for overdose and staff that work with them. -Opportunity to increase awareness about the link between overdose and brain injury. -