



## Advocacy Day 2021

Please use this chart providing as guidance while discussing existing bills with elected officials.

<b>Bill #</b>	<b>Bill Title</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>MCA Position</b>	<b>Committee</b>
<a href="#"><u>SB571</u></a>	Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact	Counseling Compact: purpose of compact; requirements to participate; establishing duties of member states; eligibility of professional counselors	<b>SUPPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Give reasons from Counseling Compact Document</li> </ul>	Educational, Health, & Environmental Affairs- Senate President
<a href="#"><u>HB736</u></a>				Health & Government Operations- Speaker
<a href="#"><u>SB3</u></a>	Preserve Telehealth Access Act of 2021	Altering the circumstances under which the MD Medical Assistance Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth	<b>SUPPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Access</li> <li>Address disparity</li> </ul>	Finance- Senators Griffith, Augustine, Beidle, Eckardt, Elfreth, Ellis, Ferguson, Guzzone, Hershey, Kagan, Kelley, Ready, Washington, and West
<a href="#"><u>HB123</u></a>				Health & Government Operations- Pena-Melnyk, R. Lewis, Stein, & Wilson
<a href="#"><u>SB567</u></a>	Telehealth Expansion	Telehealth reimbursement for MD Medical Assistance Program from insurers, nonprofit health service plans, & health maintenance organizations	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Finance- President
<a href="#"><u>HB731</u></a>				Health & Government Operations- Speaker
<a href="#"><u>SB557</u></a>	Suicide Treatment Improvements Act	Adds improvements to patients seeking and/or receiving treatment for suicide. Removes copays creating financial barriers. Mandatory training to promote humane treatment by all staff in facility. Improved policing procedures responding to suicide call.  [The above and...] Requires training from the MD Department of Health	<b>SUPPORT</b> w/recommendations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For section 10-701(D)(j)(k) I recommend adding (1) grant the advocate the right to request a second opinion from a physician not on staff at the</li> </ul>	Finance- Sen. Young
<a href="#"><u>HB442</u></a>				Health & Government

		for identified staff who assist callers on certain hotline to ensure staff are able to provide certain counseling	<p>facility.  <i>How is physician being defined? Is this a psychiatrist or is any MD included in the definition? Are psychologists included in this definition?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Article-Insurance 15-802(d)(2)(v) <b>in support</b> as it removes financial barriers to treatment.</li> <li>○ Article-Public Safety 3-207(J)(2) <b>recommendation</b> regarding the wording to make it less subjective and on an objective basis to at least have an objective review if needed. <i>Additionally inquiring how this will be addressed in training:1.)</i> Person has visible weapon- Are the officers to use excessive force if there is a visible weapon or if the visible weapon is being used to harm? 2.) De-escalation measures - are there clear deescalation measures outlined in training and procedure protocols?</li> </ul>	Operations- K. Young
<a href="#">SB568</a>	Health Care Practitioners - Telehealth - Out-of-State Health Care Practitioners	Counseling Compact	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Educational, Health, & Environmental Affairs- Sen. Carozza
<a href="#">HB732</a>				Health & Government Operations-Speaker
<a href="#">SB555</a>	Criminal Procedures- Victims of Sexuality	Mandating States Attorney office to meet with victims of sexual	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Judicial Proceedings- Sen. Young

<a href="#">HB270</a>	Assaultive Behavior-Required Meeting	assault when charges are going to be dropped or not charged	w/recommendations important as it demonstrates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Validation</b> that the person matters during a vulnerable time in life</li> <li>• <b>Visibility</b> knowing someone cares enough to reach out and inform status of case and reasons</li> <li>• <b>Completion</b> of procedures with the State's Attorney's office</li> </ul> <b>recommend additional language</b> to the bill to encourage a more comprehensive contact. The recommendation is for <b>11-1009(C)</b> , adding the person meeting with the victim must provide resources for counseling services. This can be subsection (1) of 11-1009(C). The necessity of this language is to ensure the victim has been provided options to further pursue healing from the sexual victimization and aftermath endured.	Judiciary- K. Young
<a href="#">SB134</a>	Civil Actions-Child Sexual Abuse-Definition & Statute of Limitations	Expanded the definition and removed the statute of limitations	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Judicial Proceedings-Sen. Hettleman
<a href="#">HB263</a>				Judiciary-Wilson
<a href="#">SB646</a>	Alcohol & Drug Counseling-Alcohol & Drug Trainees-Practice Through Telehealth	Authorizing certain individuals to practice clinical drug and alcohol counseling without a license and drug and alcohol counseling without certification through telehealth if the individuals are working as trainees under the supervision of certain approved supervisors while completing certain experiential or course of study requirements.	<b>SUPPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Removes barriers to internships as well as acquiring supervision hours</li> </ul>	Health, Education, & Environmental Affairs- Carozza, Kagan
<a href="#">HB1287</a>				Health & Government Operations- R. Lewis

<a href="#">SB74</a>	Public officers- Mental Health- Employee Assistance Programs	Requiring each law enforcement agency to provide confidential access to an Employee Assistance Program or a mental health program to address the mental health issues of police officers stemming from personal and work-related concerns.	SUPPORT- the bill mentions counseling yet does not state by whom (i.e. licensed practitioners), it specifies EAP as well as Mental Health Program and states who needs to be included: counseling services, crisis counseling, stress management counseling, and peer support services for police officers	Judicial Proceedings- Sen. Washington
<a href="#">HB88</a>		Requiring each agency provide all its officers with voluntary mental health consultation or counseling following certain incidents		Judiciary- Delegates Brooks, Bagnall, Cox, C. Jackson, R. Lewis
<a href="#">SB42</a>	Public Safety- Police Officers- Screening for Violent Behavior, Aggressive Behavior, & Bias	Psychological screening by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist for: law enforcement employment; violent or overly aggressive behaviors; bias; every 5 years; when convicted; will receive training to detect above every 3 years; and reasons for termination.	<p><b>SUPPORT w/ recommendations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A) Identify the level of psychological testing to properly indicate the licensed professionals who can administer the assessments</li> <li>D-1) Which professionals are eligible to provide the training?</li> </ul>	Judicial Proceedings- Sen. Young
<a href="#">SB250</a>	Criminal Law- Sexual Crime- Repeal of Spousal Defense	Repealing prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense	<b>SUPPORT</b>	Judicial Proceedings- Sen. Lee & Waldstreicher
<a href="#">HB147</a> <a href="#">votes</a>				Judiciary- Delegates Crutchfield, Arian, Bartlett, Charkoudian, Dumais, Feldmark, Forbes, R. Lewis, Love, Smith, and Terrasa