



## 2020 Lobby Day Legislative Priorities

Thursday, February 27

### Overdose Prevention Site Program Authorization: [HB 464/SB 990](#)

Sen. Shelly Hettleman | House Health and Government Operations Committee & Senate Finance Committee

**Description:** This bill authorizes up to six Overdose Prevention Sites in Maryland, where people can use substances with immediate access to life saving interventions, medical care, emotional support and non-judgmental, therapeutic relationships. The sites would be authorized in two urban areas, two suburban areas and two rural across Maryland.

*“There’s a lot of stigma associated with substance use, and this bill will break some of that stigma.”*  
—Tammy Montague, LMSW, Connect Therapist Case Manager

### Housing Opportunities Made Equal (HOME) Act: [HB 231/SB 530](#)

Del. Brooke Lierman & Sen. Will Smith | House Env. & Transp. Committee & Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

**Description:** Local versions passed in 2019, including in Baltimore City and Baltimore County, and it's time to make it state-wide. This bill prohibits landlords and other property owners from discriminating against someone seeking housing based on their source of income.

*“HOME Act puts people in a position to be hopeful about things they once thought were impossible.”*  
—David Hunter, Community Health Worker

### Minors’ Right to Consent to Shelter and Services: [HB 206/SB 207](#)

Del. Carol Krimm & Sen. Mary Washington | House Appropriations Committee & Sen. Education, Health & Environmental Affairs Committee

**Description:** Last year our advocacy resulted in a workgroup dedicated to this issue. This year’s bill incorporates that workgroup's recommendations—allowing an unaccompanied minor experiencing or at risk of homelessness (as well as the minor’s child or children) to consent to admission to an emergency shelter or housing program and receive related services.

*“This bill will make a big difference for the young people we serve—helping make them less vulnerable.”*  
—Dr. Iris Leviner, Director of Pediatric and Family Medicine

### Expungement Expansion: [HB 1343](#)

Del. Nick Mosby | House Judiciary Committee

**Description:** Similar to the Expungement Expansion bill we supported last year, this version will expand the misdemeanors and felonies eligible for expungement and add eligibility for certain additional charges.

*“No one should be marked for life. Expungement Expansion really helps reduce barriers.”*  
—David Dexter, Development Writer

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