

# Interagency Council on Homelessness – 2/6/20

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Only bills that have been introduced so far in the General Assembly are listed in this document. There will still likely be several hundred house bills added in the next 48 hours. This list is compiled by Marylanders Against Poverty (MAP) and highlights bill related to the work of the ICH, but is not exhaustive of all of the bills that intersect with homelessness and poverty.

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SB 207 (HB 206)	Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter and Supportive Services <i>Washington</i>	Wed 2/5 @ 2	Senate- Hearing 2/05 at 2
		<i>EHEA</i>	

Authorizing a certain unaccompanied minor in need of shelter to consent to shelter and supportive services if the service provider believes the minor understands the risk, benefits, and limits of certain services and can communicate an informed consent; authorizing a unaccompanied minor who is a parent in need of shelter to consent to shelter and supportive services for the minor's child;

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SB 452 (HB 559)	Family Investment Program - Temporary Cash Assistance - Funding <i>McCray</i>	Wed 2/12 @ 2	Senate- Hearing 2/12 at 2
		<i>Budget and Taxation</i>	

Requiring the Governor to provide sufficient funds in the budget to ensure that the value of temporary cash assistance, combined with federal food stamps, is equal to at least 61% of the State minimum living level for fiscal year 2021, increasing to at least 71% of the State minimum living level by fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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HB 559 (SB 452)	Family Investment Program - Temporary Cash Assistance - Funding <i>Valentino-Smith</i>	Tue 2/18 @ 1	House- Hearing 2/18 at 1
		<i>Appropriations</i>	

Requiring the Governor to provide sufficient funds in the budget to ensure that the value of temporary cash assistance, combined with federal food stamps, is equal to at least 61% of the State minimum living level for fiscal year 2021, increasing to at least 71% of the State minimum living level by fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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SB 564 (HB 754)	Education - High School Graduation Requirements - Students in Foster Care or Homeless Youth <i>Washington</i>	Tue 2/18 @ 1	Senate- Hearing 2/18 at 1
		<i>EHEA</i>	

Requiring a county board of education to waive high school graduation requirements established by the county board that are in addition to high school graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education for a student in foster care or who is a homeless youth if while in grade 11 or 12 the youth transfers into the local school system from a different system in the State or transfers between high schools in the local school system; prohibiting a county board from waiving certain requirements; etc.

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HB 754 (SB 564)	Education - High School Graduation Requirements - Students in Foster Care or Homeless Youth <i>Guyton</i>	Wed 2/19 @ 1	House- Hearing 2/19 at 1
		<i>Ways and Means</i>	

Requiring a county board of education to waive high school graduation requirements established by the county board that are in addition to high school graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education for a student in foster care or who is a homeless youth if while in grade 11 or 12 the youth transfers into the local school system from a different system in the State or transfers between high schools in the local school system; prohibiting a county board from waiving certain requirements; etc.

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HB 679 (SB 717)	Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children - Eligibility <i>Wilkins</i>	Thu 2/20 @ 1	House- Hearing 2/20 at 1
		<i>Ways and Means</i>	
Expanding the eligibility of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim the credit; providing that the amount of the credit that may be claimed by certain individuals is adjusted for inflation each year; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.			
HB 680 (SB 719)	Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children - Calculation and Refundability <i>Wilkins</i>	Thu 2/20 @ 1	House- Hearing 2/20 at 1
		<i>Ways and Means</i>	
Altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; allowing certain individuals to claim a refund of the credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.			
HB 746	Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program - Established <i>Qi</i>	Tue 2/25 @ 1	House- Hearing 2/25 at 1
		<i>Appropriations</i>	
Establishing the Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program in the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization to provide funds to nonprofit organizations to establish or expand mobile laundry services for the homeless; requiring the Division to award funds through certain grants to establish certain mobile laundry services; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to evaluate the effectiveness of the pilot program and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2023; etc.			
HB 698	Food Supplement Employment and Training Program - Benefits and Funding <i>Rosenberg</i>	Thu 2/27 @ 1	House- Hearing 2/27 at 1
		<i>Appropriations</i>	
Requiring a certain food supplement program to include the Food Supplement Employment and Training Program; requiring the food supplement program to provide Food Supplement Employment and Training Program benefits to eligible individuals for whom federal funding is not available; requiring the Governor to include \$1,000,000 in the annual budget for fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter.			
SB 539 (HB 839)	Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program - Establishment <i>Hayes</i>	Thu 2/27 @ 1	Senate- Hearing 2/27 at 1
		<i>Finance</i>	
Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2021, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2022, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.			
SB 568 (HB 815)	Workgroup on Funding for a Low- or No-Interest Mortgage Program <i>Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness</i>	Thu 2/27 @ 1	Senate- Hearing 2/27 at 1
		<i>EHEA</i>	
Establishing the Workgroup on Funding for a Low- or No-Interest Mortgage Program within the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; providing for the composition of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to explore options for providing State funding to provide low- or no-interest mortgages for families that spend not less than 30% of income on housing and that do not make more than a set amount of income, and to explore similar low- or no-interest mortgage programs in other jurisdictions; etc.			

SB 973 (HB 1031) Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness - Thu 3/5 @ 1 Senate- Hearing 3/05 at  
Reports on Housing Status 1  
*Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness EHEA*

Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Department of Labor, and the Department of Human Services to make certain reports to the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness on or before November 15, 2020, and November 15, 2021.

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HB 206 (SB 207) Unaccompanied Minors in Need of Shelter Tue 1/28 @ 1 House- Hearing 1/28 at  
and Supportive Services 1  
*Krimm Appropriations*

Authorizing a certain unaccompanied minor in need of shelter to consent to shelter and supportive services if the service provider believes the minor understands the risks, benefits, and limits of certain services and can communicate an informed consent; authorizing an unaccompanied minor who is a parent in need of shelter to consent to shelter and supportive services for the minor's child;

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HB 208 Public Schools - Provision of Menstrual Thu 1/30 @ 1 House- Hearing 1/30 at 1  
Hygiene Products  
*Reznik Ways and Means*

Requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the restrooms at the school; requiring a public school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least two restrooms on or before October 1, 2020, and in all restrooms on or before August 1, 2024;

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HB 231 (SB 530) Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act Tue 2/4 @ 2 House- Hearing 2/04 at  
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*Lierman E&T*

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; establishing qualifications and limitations on the prohibition against discrimination in housing based on source of income; etc.

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HB 464 (SB 990) Public Health - Overdose and Infectious House- First Reading Health  
Disease Prevention Services Program and Government  
Operations  
*Hettleman HGO*

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.

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HB 815 (SB Workgroup on Funding for a Low- or No- House- First Reading  
568) Interest Mortgage Program Appropriations  
*Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness Appropriations*

Establishing the Workgroup on Funding for a Low- or No-Interest Mortgage Program within the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; providing for the composition of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to explore options for providing State funding to provide low- or no-interest mortgages for families that spend not less than 30% of income on housing and that do not make more than a set amount of income, and to explore similar low- or no-interest mortgage programs in other jurisdictions; etc.

HB 839 (SB 539) Labor and Employment - Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program House- First Reading Economic Matters

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*Economic Matters*

Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2021, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2022, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.

HB 1031 (SB 973) Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness - Reports on Housing Status House- First Reading Appropriations

*Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness*

*Appropriations*

Requiring the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Maryland Department of Labor, and the Department of Human Services to make certain reports to the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness on or before November 15, 2020, and November 15, 2021.

SB 530 (HB 231) Housing Opportunities Made Equal Act Tue 2/4 @ 1 Senate- Hearing 2/04 at 1

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*Judicial Proceedings*

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;

SB 715 Housing and Community Development - Affordable Housing Development Credit Senate- First Reading Budget and Taxation

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*Budget and Taxation*

Establishing the Affordable Housing Development Credit Program within the Division of Development Finance of the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain owners of certain low-income housing projects certain tax credits for a certain number of years; authorizing an owner or a developer of a low-income housing project to submit a certain application to the Department to enroll;

SB 717 (HB 679) Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children - Eligibility Senate- First Reading Budget and Taxation

*Griffith*

*Budget and Taxation*

Expanding the eligibility of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim the credit; providing that the amount of the credit that may be claimed by certain individuals is adjusted for inflation each year; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

SB 719 (HB 680) Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children - Calculation Senate- First Reading Budget and Taxation

*Griffith*

*Budget and Taxation*

Altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; allowing certain individuals to claim a refund of the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

SB 787      Family Investment Program - Temporary  
Cash Assistance - Eligibility

Senate- First Reading  
Finance and Budget and  
Taxation

*Klausmeier*

*Finance; B&T*

Prohibiting reducing or terminating temporary cash assistance for certain individuals under certain circumstances; prohibiting reducing or terminating temporary cash assistance for certain individuals because of good cause as determined by the Secretary of Human Services; requiring local departments of social services to provide a conciliatory period of 30 days to certain individuals who are not in compliance with the Family Investment Program; requiring 25% of funding be withheld upon certain acts of noncompliance; etc.

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SB 990 (HB      Public Health - Overdose and Infectious  
464)      Disease Prevention Services Program

Senate- First Reading  
Finance

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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 that the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, with two in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, that operate at a single location in an area with a high incidence of drug use; etc.

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