

2018 Legislative Session – Bills Related to the Work of the ICH
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Safety Net Programming				
HB 1615 (SB 1231)	Valentino-Smith/Madaleno	Human Services - Temporary Disability Assistance Program	Passed and Approved by the Governor-Chapter 408	SUPPORT
Establishing the Temporary Disability Assistance Program in the Department of Human Services; requiring the Family Investment Administration to be the central coordinating and directing agency of the Program; requiring the Program to be administered by the local departments of social services in a certain manner; specifying the requirements for entitlement to assistance under the Program; requiring the monthly allowable assistance under the Program to equal at least \$215 in fiscal year 2020; etc.				
SB 284	Middleton	Maryland Medical Assistance Program – Dental Coverage for Adults – Pilot Program	Passed – Waiting on Governor	SUPPORT
Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply, by September 1, 2018, to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to a certain waiver to implement a pilot program to provide limited dental coverage to certain individuals; requiring the Department to administer the program under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the status of a certain application on or before December 1, 2018; etc.				
HB 1729 (SB 1164)	Valentino-Smith/Madaleno	Family Investment Program - Temporary Cash Assistance - Funding	Died in Committee	SUPPORT
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 certain percentages of the State minimum living level for certain fiscal years.				
HB 1273 (SB 513)	Parrott/Waugh	Food Stamp Program - Time Limit Waiver - Prohibition	Died - Unfavorable Report by Appropriations	OPPOSE
Prohibiting the State from applying for or implementing a federal waiver of the time limit on the receipt of benefits under the food stamp program by an able-bodied adult without dependents who does not meet certain work requirements.				
SB 886 (HB 1477)	Washington County Senators/Parrott	Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Work and Community Engagement Requirements - Waiver	Died - Unfavorable Report by Finance	OPPOSE
Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on or before October 1, 2018, to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a waiver under a certain provision of federal law to implement a certain demonstration project establishing work or community engagement requirements on certain enrollees in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; requiring a certain application to include certain information; and requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018.				

SB 1034	Hough	Human Services – State Public Assistance Eligibility – Arrest Warrant	Died in committee	OPPOSE
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Prohibiting an individual from being eligible for public assistance funded by the State under certain programs during a month in which the individual is the subject of an arrest warrant.

Food Insecurity

HB 315	Hixson	State Department of Education - Breakfast and Lunch Programs - Funding (Maryland Cares for Kids Act)	Passed and Approved by the Governor-Chapter 560	SUPPORT
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Repealing the requirement that the State Board of Education adopt and publish standards for the administration of a subsidized feeding program; authorizing a nonpublic school that participates in the Federal School Breakfast Program or the National School Lunch Program to participate in the State free feeding program; requiring the State to be responsible for reimbursing certain nonpublic schools; requiring the State to be responsible for reimbursing a county board or a participating nonpublic school for the student share of costs; etc.

SB 818 (HB 1235)	Madaleno/McIntosh	Education - Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program - Eligibility and Annual Appropriation	Passed and Approved by the Governor-Chapter 562	SUPPORT
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Authorizing certain schools to remain eligible to participate in the Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$7,550,000 for the Program in the annual budget bill; and defining "secondary schools" to include middle schools and high schools.

Children and Youth

SB 379 (HB 430)	King/Jones	Education - Child Care Subsidies - Mandatory Funding Levels	Passed and Approved by the Governor-Chapter 564	SUPPORT
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Requiring the Governor to include in the State budget a certain appropriation to the Child Care Subsidy Program each fiscal year; requiring the Governor to appropriate, from all fund sources, funds in the State budget to increase the Child Care Subsidy Program reimbursement rates to a certain amount in certain fiscal years; etc.

HB 547 (SB 373)	Barron/Currie	Education – Head Start Program – Annual Appropriation (The Ulysses Currie Act)	Passed and Approved by the Governor-Chapter 555	SUPPORT
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Requiring the Head Start Program in the State to be referred to as the Ulysses Currie Head Start Program; and requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of at least \$3,000,000 for the Ulysses Currie Head Start Program in each annual budget submission.

HB 856 (SB 647)	Hixson/Madaleno	Earned Income Tax Credit – Individuals Without Qualifying Children – Repeal of Minimum Age Requirement	Passed and Waiting on Governor	SUPPORT
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Altering the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without certain qualifying children to claim the credit; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; and making the Act contingent on the taking effect of another Act.

HB 431 (SB 308)	The Speaker	Foster Care Recipients and Unaccompanied Homeless Youth - Employment Program (Fostering Employment Act of 2018)	Passed and Approved by the Governor-Chapter 379	SUPPORT
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Establishing the Fostering Employment Program to provide employment opportunities for foster care recipients and unaccompanied homeless youth; requiring the Department of Human Services, in coordination with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, to develop and implement the Program and coordinate with local human services and employment entities; providing that a foster care recipient or an unaccompanied homeless youth who is not exempt from paying tuition is eligible to receive funding under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 1218 (HB 1224)	Smith	Ending Youth Homelessness Act of 2018	Passed and Waiting on Governor	SUPPORT
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Establishing the Ending Youth Homelessness Grant Program to focus on preventing and ending youth homelessness in the State and addressing disparities based on race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, and gender identity; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the Program; establishing the Ending Youth Homelessness Grant Fund; requiring, in and after the third year of funding, the Department to allocate 50% of the money appropriated to the Fund for certain housing programs; etc.

HB 524 (SB 291)	Moon/Madaleno	Family Law - Protecting the Resources of Children in State Custody	Passed – Waiting on Governor	SUPPORT
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Requiring the Department of Human Services to identify a representative payee or fiduciary for a child in the Department's custody; requiring the Department, when serving as the representative payee or in any other fiduciary capacity for a child, to provide certain notice to the child, through the child's attorney, of certain actions taken with respect to certain benefits for the child; etc.

Other Bills Related to Homelessness

HB 664 (SB 543)	Hettleman/Madaleno	Labor and Employment - Payment of the Minimum Wage Required (Fight for Fifteen)	Died in Committee	SUPPORT
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Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for certain time periods; increasing, except under certain circumstances, the State minimum wage rate based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area; specifying the tip credit amount that is in effect for certain time periods; prohibiting an employer, beginning July 1, 2026, from including the tip credit amount as part of the wage of certain employees; etc.

HB 1092 (SB 703) Rosenberg Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program – Establishment **Passed and Approved by the Governor-Chapter 209** SUPPORT

Establishing the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program to provide funds to local jurisdictions to establish and expand community behavioral health crisis response systems; requiring that, for certain fiscal years, the Governor include in the budget bill certain appropriations for the Program; authorizing certain uses of funds distributed under the Program; requiring the Department, by December 1 each year, beginning in 2020, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly certain data regarding the Program; etc.

HB 1797 Glenn Task Force to Improve Baltimore City Homeless Transitions From Low-Barrier Shelters to Permanent Housing **Died in Rules Committee** MONITORED

Establishing the Task Force to Improve Baltimore City Homeless Transitions from Low-Barrier Shelters to Permanent Housing; providing for the composition of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study certain matters related to low-barrier shelters and make certain recommendations on volunteering; requiring the Task Force, by December 31, 2018, to report its findings and recommendations to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Baltimore City Council, the Governor, and the General Assembly; terminating the Act; etc.
