



## Public Policy Meeting Summary

February 14, 2018

### **State Budget Update**

The Department of Early Childhood Education budget hearings were held on February 8 in the Senate and February 12 in the House. The [budget analysis](#) and Maryland Family Network's [budget testimony](#) are available for review. During the budget hearings, we learned more about the egregious underspending in the Child Care Subsidy Program. Budget figures for the past three fiscal years show more than \$55 Million in underspending. We continue to work to find out more information and to advocate for the passage of legislation that would begin to address the budget woes of the Child Care Subsidy Program. The Governor did include an \$8 Million increase in his budget, which according to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE), would raise reimbursement rates to the 20th percentile, far below the level recommended by the federal government.

### **Federal Update**

The Bipartisan Budget Agreement included three pieces of good news for early childhood advocates. Reauthorization at the federal level of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) included an historic \$5.8 billion increase over two years. This amount doubles current discretionary spending. Our national partners estimate this could mean an additional \$36 million for Maryland. This is a preliminary estimate and more will be known when the appropriations process is completed, which we expect to be on or about March 23. Other good news included the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program reauthorization for five years and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) for ten.

### **Legislative Update**

The Committee reviewed the status of all priority bills. A list follows below.

### **Other Announcements**

MSDE has announced the opening of the Child Care Subsidy Wait List, effective February 1, 2018. All eligible families should be encouraged to apply.

Our next meeting will take place on February 28 at 10:00 at Arundel Child Care Connections.



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## Public Policy Meeting Agenda February 14, 2018

Welcome/Introductions	Clinton Macsherry (10:00 - 10:10)
Review Legislation	Clinton Macsherry (10:10 – 11:00)
Budget Update	Clinton Macsherry (11:00– 11:15)
Federal Update	Jennifer Iverson (11:15 – 11:25)
New Business/Announcements/ Future Meetings	(11:25 - 11:30)

Upcoming Meeting Dates  
Arundel Child Care Connections  
44 Calvert Street, Annapolis MD 21401

February 28, 2018	10:00 a.m.
March 14, 2018	10:00 a.m.
March 28, 2018	10:00 a.m.

## 2018 Priority

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 23	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0010	State Lottery - Unclaimed Prizes - Public Prekindergarten Programs	Delegate Walker	Hearing 1/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/17/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0057	Large Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers - Green Product Cleaning Supplies - Regulations	Delegate Angel	Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 1/23/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0068	Income Tax Credits - Employer Child Care Center and Employer-Provided Child Care Services	Delegate Angel	Hearing 1/17 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 1/17/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0228	Child Care Centers - Definition of Child Care	Delegate Rey	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0430 (SB0379)	Education - Child Care Subsidies - Mandatory Funding Levels	Delegate Jones	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 2/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0519 (SB0422)	Income Tax - Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses - Income Eligibility	Delegate Kelly	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/14/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0547 (SB0373)	Education - Head Start Program - Annual Appropriation	Delegate Barron	Hearing 2/08 at 2:00 p.m.	Appropriations 2/8/2018 - 2:00 p.m.
HB0573	Income Tax - Earned Income Tax Credit - Eligibility Awareness Campaign	Delegate Platt	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/14/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0775 (SB0859)	State Employees - Parental Leave	Delegate Kelly	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 2/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0856 (SB0647)	Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children - Expansion	Delegate Hixson	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/28/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0879 (SB0544)	Health Occupations – Advanced Practice Dental Hygiene	Delegate Cullison	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0883	Income Tax Credits - Employer Child Care Center and Employer-Provided Child Care Services	Delegate Queen	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0941	Child Care Subsidy Program – Unemployment – Eligibility	Delegate Queen	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 2/27/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1415	Education - Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education	Speaker	First Reading Ways and Means and Appropriations	Ways and Means Appropriations

HB1476	Education - Supplemental Prekindergarten Grant - Eligibility	Delegate Valentino-Smith	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1610	State-Occupied Buildings – Child Care Centers – Requirements and Renovations	Delegate Queen	First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations
SB0373 (HB0547)	Education - Head Start Program - Annual Appropriation	Senator Currie	Hearing 2/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/7/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0379 (HB0430)	Education - Child Care Subsidies - Mandatory Funding Levels	Senator King	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/14/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0422 (HB0519)	Income Tax - Credit for Child and Dependent Care Expenses - Income Eligibility	Senator King	Hearing 2/14 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/14/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0544 (HB0879)	Health Occupations - Advanced Practice Dental Hygiene	Senator Conway	Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs 2/15/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0647 (HB0856)	Earned Income Tax Credit - Individuals Without Qualifying Children - Expansion	Senator Madaleno	Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/27/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0859 (HB0775)	State Employees – Parental Leave	Senator Ferguson	Hearing 2/15 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/15/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0912	Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund (Thrive by Three Fund)	Senator Ferguson	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 3/1/2018 - 1:00 p.m.

## Budget

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 8	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0160 (SB0185)	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2019)	Speaker	First Reading Appropriations	Appropriations
HB0161 (SB0187)	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2018	Speaker	Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 3/2/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0348 (SB0293)	Commonsense Spending Act of 2018	Speaker	Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 3/2/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1339 (SB0213)	State Budget - Mandated Appropriations - Reductions	Delegate McKay	Hearing 2/15 at 3:00 p.m.	Appropriations 2/15/2018 - 3:00 p.m.
SB0185 (HB0160)	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2019)	President	First Reading Budget and Taxation	Budget and Taxation

SB0187 (HB0161)	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2018	President	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/28/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0213 (HB1339)	State Budget - Mandated Appropriations - Reductions	Senator Waugh	Unfavorable Report by Budget and Taxation	Budget and Taxation 1/30/2018 - 1:30 p.m.
SB0293 (HB0348)	Commonsense Spending Act of 2018	President	Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/21/2018 - 1:00 p.m.

## Availability & Quality of Child Care

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 1	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
SB0095	Condominiums and Homeowners Associations – Voting, Records, and Conflicts of Interest	Senator Benson	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 3/1/2018 - 1:00 p.m.

## Economic Self-Sufficiency & Family Support

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 2	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0098 (SB0135)	Paid Leave Compromise Act of 2018	Speaker	Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Economic Matters 3/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0135 (HB0098)	Paid Leave Compromise Act of 2018	President	First Reading Finance	Finance

## Education

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 5	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0315	State Department of Education – Breakfast and Lunch Programs – Funding (Maryland Cares for Kids Act)	Delegate Hixson	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.

HB1235 (SB0818)	Education - Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program - Eligibility and Annual Appropriation	Delegate McIntosh	Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m. (Ways and Means)	Ways and Means 3/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m. Appropriations
SB0590	Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners - Education Trust Fund - Allocation to Establish Judy Centers	Senator Robinson	Hearing 2/28 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 2/28/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0818 (HB1235)	Education - Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program - Eligibility and Annual Appropriation	Senator Madaleno	Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m.	Budget and Taxation 3/7/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB1092 (HB1415)	Education - Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education	President	First Reading Senate Rules	Rules

## Health & Safety

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 10	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0070	Maryland Dentistry Act - Scope of Practice and Penalties for Violations	Delegate Angel	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0084	Public Health - Child Care Products Containing Flame-Retardant Chemicals - Prohibition	Delegate Angel	Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/13/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0306	State Personnel - Rights and Protections for Nursing Mothers	Delegate Krimm	Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m.	Appropriations 2/6/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0652	Health Occupations - Violations of the Maryland Dentistry Act - Penalties and Cease and Desist Orders	Delegate West	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0716 (SB0266)	Maryland Health Care Commission - Mortality Rates of African American Infants and Infants in Rural Areas - Study	Delegate Lewis, R.	Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.	Health and Government Operations 2/20/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0851	Medicaid and the Maryland Children's Health Program - Home and Community-Based Providers - Funding	Delegate Reznik	First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations
HB1164	Vehicle Laws - Rear-Facing Child Safety Seats - Requirement	Delegate Adams	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 3/1/2018 - 1:00 p.m.

HB1389	Home Sprinkler and Fire Safety Assistance Fund - Pilot Program	Delegate Sample-Hughes	Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.	Environment and Transportation 3/2/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1501	Hospitals - Education - Child Safety Seat Requirements	Delegate Lam	First Reading Health and Government Operations	Health and Government Operations
SB0266 (HB0716)	Maryland Health Care Commission – Mortality Rates of African American Infants and Infants in Rural Areas – Study	Senator Nathan-Pulliam	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Finance 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.

## Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect

Number / Chapter (Cross File / Chapter) Total: 8	Title	Primary Sponsor	Status	Original House Committee(s) and Hearing Dates
HB0081	Family Law - Child Abuse and Neglect - Mental Injury	Delegate Angel	Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 1/25/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0500 (SB0132)	Crimes - Child Abuse and Neglect - Failure to Report	Delegate Sanchez	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0600 (SB0131)	Child Abuse and Neglect - Training	Delegate McComas	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB0838 (SB0584)	Child Protection - Reporting - Threat of Harm	Delegate Valentino-Smith	Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m.	Judiciary 2/22/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
HB1571	Education - Child Sexual Abuse Prevention - Employment Process	Delegate Wilson	Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m.	Ways and Means 3/1/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0131 (HB0600)	Child Abuse and Neglect - Training	Senator Zirkin	Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 1/23/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0132 (HB0500)	Crimes - Child Abuse and Neglect - Failure to Report	Senator Zirkin	First Reading Judiciary	Judicial Proceedings 1/23/2018 - 1:00 p.m.
SB0584 (HB0838)	Child Protection - Reporting - Threat of Harm	Senator Ramirez	Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m.	Judicial Proceedings 2/8/2018 - 1:00 p.m.

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Dear Home Visiting Partners:

**We are so pleased to report that the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives passed the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 which includes a five-year reauthorization of the Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECHV) program.**

For the past 18 months, you have called, e-mailed and visited your members of Congress, held interviews with the media, engaged in social media, responded to numerous alerts to the field, attended countless meetings and strategy calls and put your heart and soul into nurturing and protecting MIECHV for the thousands of children and families it serves today and those it will help become healthy and prosperous adults in the years to come. Thank you for your commitment to children and families and for your tenacity in never giving up despite challenging circumstances. This hard-fought victory belongs to you.

In the coming weeks, we will work to thank members of Congress and their dedicated staffs who spearheaded MIECHV's reauthorization and who worked closely with us to ensure that MIECHV remains a strong and effective program. We will also work to lay the groundwork for the release of the national evaluation of MIECHV which is due to be released later this year. I am sure that this community of national and state advocates will come together as needed to do what is best for this important program.

For now, let's take a moment to celebrate this important victory. Congratulations to everyone!

The Home Visiting Coalition





## Breaking: Senate Deal Includes \$5.8 billion Increase for Child Care

Included in the Senate's bipartisan budget agreement announced today, is a historic \$5.8 billion increase for the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) over two years. This amount, which doubles current discretionary funding, would expand child care assistance to nearly 230,000 children. This hard-fought victory is a chance to realize the opportunities included in the 2014 reauthorization of CCDBG to improve the quality of child care for our most vulnerable children. It would provide much-needed resources to states to fully implement CCDBG's health and safety provisions, quality improvements, and reforms to provide more stable and continuous care for families.

CLASP applauds efforts in the Senate to lift up the importance of child care assistance for working families. We also thank the advocates, organizers, providers, and parents who have worked so hard to ensure that members of Congress understand the importance of CCDBG.

The Senate's action is a step in the budget process for fiscal year 2018 (FY 2018). Congress is currently operating under a Continuing Resolution for FY 2018, which began October 1. The House and Senate must come to an agreement and pass a spending bill by the end of Thursday in order to keep the government open.

While CLASP is heartened by this important investment in child care, Congress still has significant work to do in protecting vulnerable children. In particular, we stand firmly with our allies in the immigration community in calling for a permanent path to citizenship for young immigrants who are losing their protections because of President Trump's decision to rescind the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.