



UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE
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The University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB) is a tremendous resource for the people of Maryland. Our role as a public university is most apparent every January as the Maryland General Assembly convenes its legislative session. But our status manifests itself in two ways: on the one hand, through the legislative process, UMB receives a considerable amount of state funding. On the other, our faculty experts, administrative leaders – and even our students – provide information and conduct advocacy on key bills, influencing law and public policy.

This report captures both those aspects of our public role. It begins with an overview of actions by the legislature on our operating and capital budgets. The second half outlines key bills and shares excerpts of testimony provided by University faculty and staff, to show how their advocacy framed some of the most important issues the General Assembly considered.

I. State Funding

a. USM Operating Budget

The General Assembly approved state support for the University System of Maryland (USM) totaling \$1.34 billion, coming from the General Fund and the Higher Education Investment Fund. This is an increase of \$75 million — or approximately 6 percent — over the FY 2016 budget, revised for increased health cost deficiency funding (\$16.5 million).

The increases will add up to approximately \$92 million to fund several top priorities across USM: \$38 million for merit pay increases; \$42 million toward increased health care and retirement expenses; \$5 million for a 1 percent “tuition buy down” for in-state, undergraduate students; and almost \$7 million targeted to improving college completion. In return, USM will hold the tuition increase for in-state, undergraduate students to a very modest 2 percent. In addition, through cost cutting and reallocation actions driven by the ongoing Effectiveness and Efficiency (E&E) efforts, USM will provide at least \$17 million in added savings to ensure the fiscal year 2017 budget is balanced. At the conclusion of the 2016 legislative session, the General Assembly did not transfer any USM fund balance as in previous sessions.

Chancellor Robert L. Caret, PhD, the Board of Regents, and USM presidents made compelling arguments to maintain Governor Hogan’s allocation for mandatory costs, and the enhancement package focused on college completion. USM’s mandatory costs will increase by about \$123 million in the coming fiscal year driven by merit pay increases, higher health care benefit costs, and increased costs associated with retirement benefits.



b. UMB Operating Budget

Throughout this process, University leadership, faculty, staff, and students were active in Annapolis, meeting individually with legislators and testifying before committees to stress the importance of state funding to our mission.

In mid-February, President Jay A. Perman, MD, testified on the University's FY17 budget in front of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee's Subcommittee on Education, Business and Administration and the House Appropriation's Subcommittee on Education and Economic Development. As part of his presentation to the committees, Dr. Perman highlighted UMB's 21st Century approach to health care in Prince George's County, great advances in community engagement and support in West Baltimore, and a critical investment in innovation and revitalization for the entire state.

Speaking in support of Governor Larry Hogan's FY17 budget for higher education, Perman reminded members of both committees that UMB confers the majority of public health, law, and human services professional practice doctoral degrees awarded in Maryland. *"We train the students who will soon serve as Maryland's front-line practitioners," he said. "So we must ensure that their education prepares them for the challenges of caring for Maryland's people — especially those in underserved communities and those with chronic disease."*

The FY 2017 governor's allowance for UMB includes \$227.3 million in general funds and higher education investment funds — an increase of \$11.9 million over our FY 2016 appropriation. The allowance also includes tuition and fee income of about \$126.4 million — an increase of \$2.4 million over last year. This allowance will fund increases in employee benefits, bond debt service, financial aid and facilities renewal. Also included is the approved merit increase by the General Assembly of \$6.7 million (estimated). The FY17 allowance maintains funding for new initiatives through *MPowering the State*, established in the FY14 budget.

c. Other Operating Funding Items of Interest to UMB

- **\$11.6 million for the University of Maryland Cancer Research Program** - Funding of this program through the Cigarette Restitution Fund (CRF) has allowed us to protect, preserve, and grow the University of Maryland Greenebaum Cancer Center (UMGCC) as a leader in cancer prevention and treatment in the nation. In 2000, the General Assembly created the CRF program using funding from the 1998 Master Tobacco Settlement Agreement with the tobacco industry. The goal of the program is to implement strategies to reduce the burden of tobacco-related disease in Maryland, emphasizing tobacco use prevention and cessation, in addition to cancer prevention, early detection, and treatment.
 - o \$10,400,000 for the UM Cancer Research Grant
 - o \$1,212,000 for the UM-Baltimore City Public Health Grant



- **\$285,000 Grant for the Governor’s Wellmobile Program** - The FY17 budget continues \$285,000 funding for this grant, run by the University of Maryland School of Nursing, in the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) budget.
- **\$4.8 million – Maryland Innovation Initiative** – Provides, through MD Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO), funding to promote and accelerate the rate of commercializing research conducted in five Maryland research universities (Hopkins, Morgan, UMCP, UMB, and UMBC). During FY15, UMB received \$828,625 from this program.
- **\$8.5 million – Maryland E-nnovation Initiative** – Provides matching funds to nonprofit institutions of higher education to create research endowments. In 2015, UMB received two awards for a total of \$2.1 million.
- **\$9.09 million - Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund** – Provides funding through TEDCO to support stem cell research and development grants for Maryland research institutions and private companies. During FY15, UMB received \$1.7 million from this program.
- **\$4.7 million - Technology Commercialization Fund** – TEDCO awards seed funding to early-stage companies that partner with universities or federal labs in Maryland or to companies that are tenants in technology incubators.
- **\$15 million – University of Maryland Medical System** – \$15 million for each fiscal year from 2018 to 2020 and \$5 million for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 to provide an operating grant to the Board of Directors of the University of Maryland Medical System to assist in the transition to a new Prince George’s County Regional Medical System.
- **\$600,000 –Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Schools** – Provides funding for six planning grants to establish six P-TECH schools in the state of Maryland. P-TECH schools will provide a course of study leading to a high school diploma and an associate’s degree or approved certificate in six years. Baltimore City already has been designated to have two schools, one of which will be a P-TECH school specializing in allied health careers. JHU, Kaiser Permanente, and UMB will be serving as the corporate partners for that school.
- **\$13.2 million to Program M00Q01.03 Medical Care Provider Reimbursements** – Provides additional funding to increase primary and specialty physician evaluation and management rates to 96 percent of Medicare effective July 1, 2016. Funding increase will have impact on the University of Maryland Faculty Physicians, Inc. (FPI), which coordinates and supports the clinical activities of the University of Maryland School of Medicine.



- **\$880,000 to Program M00Q01.10 Medicaid Behavioral Health Provider Reimbursements** – Provides additional funding to increase psychiatrist evaluation and management rates to 96 percent of Medicare effective July 1, 2016. Funding increase will have impact on the University of Maryland Faculty Physicians, Inc. (FPI), which coordinates and supports the clinical activities of the School of Medicine.

d. Capital Funding

- **\$81 million for Health Sciences Facility (HSF) III** – Provides \$81 million in capital funds to continue construction of a new \$305 million research facility for the Schools of Medicine, Pharmacy, and Dentistry. The University is committed to funding \$14.15 million in FY17. Approximately one-third of the building will be used for functions currently in the Medical School Teaching Facility (MSTF). The remaining two-thirds of the facility will address critically needed research space. Capital budget bill includes a final pre-authorization of \$3.6 million for FY18 to complete construction of HSF III.
- **\$4 million for Central Electric Substation and Electrical Infrastructure Upgrades** – \$4 million in capital funding to acquire property and begin design of an electrical substation and electrical infrastructure upgrades for UMB campus.
- **\$2.675 million for UMB Facilities Renewal** – \$2.675 million in capital funding for electrical distribution system upgrades, façade stabilization, roof replacement, and mechanical infrastructure upgrades.
- **\$3 million for University of Maryland Sports Performance and Academic Research Building** – \$3 million for the continuation of design and construction of a new University of Maryland Center for Sports Medicine, Health and Human Performance on the University of Maryland, College Park (UMCP) campus. The project will enable the growth of clinical and research programs in sports medicine and occupational health in partnership with the University of Maryland School of Medicine in Baltimore.
- **\$350,000 for Lexington Market** – \$350,000 in matching state funds to the Board of Directors of Lexington Market for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Lexington Market, located in Baltimore City. The renovation of Lexington Market is a key component in revitalizing the area around UMB.



II. Key Bills of 2016

This section of the *2016 Legislative Session Impact Report* focuses on bills of particular interest to UMB and its faculty experts. For a look at all of the major bills affecting higher education in general, we recommend the excellent [USM 2016 Legislative Session Report](#) prepared by our colleagues at the Office of Government Relations of the University System of Maryland.

a. Economic Development & Law Enforcement

One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credits - Business Incubators, Enterprise Zones, and Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zones ([SB 560](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill expands the applicability of the One Maryland economic development tax credit to include a “business incubator” that establishes or expands in a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) Zone or in an Enterprise Zone. The current One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credit has been critical to the growth of companies such as Under Armour in Baltimore City. However, in order to take full advantage of the tax credit in its current form, a company typically needs to create 100 jobs. This is a very high threshold. Many companies don't survive long enough to meet it. SB 560 helps to create incubators that will nurture dozens of companies in environments conducive to their long-term survival and growth.

“At UMB, SB 560 will help us to attract \$100 million of private investment to build a 250,000-square-foot building in the University of Maryland BioPark. This building will house a 100,000-square-foot incubator that we estimate will create over 900 jobs. These jobs will be created immediately adjacent to UMB in Southwest Baltimore, a neighborhood that is both one of the poorest in the state and one that has great potential to thrive.”

Written and Oral Testimony

By James Hughes, MBA, chief enterprise and economic development officer and vice president University of Maryland, Baltimore

State Retirement and Pension System - Private Equity and Venture Capital Investments ([SB 982](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill authorizes the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to enter into an agreement with TEDCO or another entity to make and manage investments on behalf of the board in private equity and venture capital in the state. The investments or recommendations made by TEDCO or another entity must include a goal of investments or recommendations for



the investment of 50 percent of the available funds in commercialization of technology sponsored or created by a university in the state.

“Through UM Ventures, UMB is helping to facilitate an increase of this type of entrepreneurial activity. UM Ventures is a joint initiative of the MPowering the State program, bringing the University of Maryland, Baltimore and University of Maryland, College Park together to commercialize discoveries, and create economic impact by engaging partners in industry and social ventures. Through UM Ventures, UMB and UMCP are able to make investments that aid in commercializing technologies developed at the universities. . . . We believe that this legislation that allows TEDCO to make investments into private equity and venture capital in the state is well-positioned to be the next natural step among the funding pipeline for startup companies after receiving funding from such programs as UM Ventures.”

Written and Oral Testimony

By James Hughes, MBA, chief enterprise and economic development officer and vice president University of Maryland, Baltimore and director, UM Ventures

Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Lexington Market ([HB 1044](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Included in budget bill

The renovation of Lexington Market is a key component in revitalizing the area around UMB. The University currently owns a dozen buildings heading up to Lexington Market, targets of further redevelopment.

“As Lexington Market is remade, I envision this block as a vital, energetic corridor binding UMB and the market more tightly to Baltimore’s downtown. Our plan is to replicate these corridors—to the Bromo Arts district, to emerging residential development on the city’s Westside, and to the University of Maryland Medical Center.”

Written Testimony

By President Jay A. Perman, MD

Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund ([HB 1400/SB 1172](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill establishes a Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund within the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to provide grants and loans to “anchor institutions” for community development projects in “blighted areas” of the state. DHCD must administer the fund, which consists of money appropriated in the state budget, investment earnings of the fund, and any other money accepted from any other source for the benefit of the fund. For fiscal year 2018 through 2022, the governor must include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5 million to the fund. To be eligible for a grant or loan, an



anchor institution must provide evidence of matching funds from a private source. Grants and loans must be awarded on a competitive basis.

“Working together with the Southwest Partnership, a coalition of seven neighborhood associations and six anchor institutions in Southwest Baltimore, we have already identified several projects that could be prime candidates for possible Seed funding. One such project could be the renovation of Hollins Market to turn the Market back into a destination and a resource for the community. This funding could also assist UMB in leveraging private funding for developing a new Community Engagement Center, which would offer West Baltimore residents an easy place to access services and to partner with the University in building healthier, wealthier, more vibrant neighborhoods.”

Written Testimony of Support

By President Jay A. Perman, MD

Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Schools Act of 2016 ([HB 464/SB 376](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) schools are public schools that offer grades 9 through 14 and that integrate high school, college courses, and the workplace. The result is a seamless pathway that enables students to graduate with a high school diploma, an associate’s degree or certificate, and relevant professional experience. One of the goals of P-TECH schools, which distinguishes them from other early college programs, is for students to earn a credential and workplace skills that are aligned with industry needs and expectations.

A fiscal 2016 deficiency appropriation of \$600,000 is allocated to provide funds for planning grants to establish six P-TECH schools in the state: two in Baltimore City, one to be located at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School, and one at Carver Vocational-Technical High School; two in Prince George’s County; one on the Eastern Shore; and one in Western Maryland. The fiscal 2017 budget includes \$104,000 in operating funds for P-TECH schools that submitted a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) by March 15, 2016, and execute a MOU that meets specified conditions by July 1, 2016, i.e., the two Baltimore City schools that will open in the 2016-2017 school year.

“UMB is proud to partner with Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland Medical System, Kaiser Permanente, BCCC, and the Baltimore City Public Schools to submit an application for an allied health school in Baltimore City based on the P-TECH model. . . . This program will serve as the next natural step in the student development pipeline we’re establishing with the UMB CURE Scholars program, launched in 2014 with a grant from the National Cancer Institute.”

Written Testimony of Support

By President Jay A. Perman, MD

**Income Tax - Angel Investor Tax Credit Program ([HB 471/SB 622](#))**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill creates a tax credit against the state income tax for investors that make qualified investments in Maryland innovation businesses. The credit is equal to 50 percent of the qualified investment, not to exceed \$50,000 for an individual or \$100,000 for married couples that file a joint return or a pass-through entity. The taxpayer can carry forward any unused credit for up to four succeeding tax years.

The Maryland Economic Development and Business Climate Commission recommended an increase in state funding in order to support entrepreneurial activity. One recommendation specifically suggested increasing the availability of venture capital through matching investments. Another recommendation dealt with increasing technology transfer from our state's higher education institutions. The Angel Investor Tax Credit would specifically address both of these recommendations.

“A program like the Angel Investor Tax Credit can provide the additional investment needed for entrepreneurs to stay in Maryland, commercialize their own research and start businesses here. . . . HB 471 becomes another tool in the toolbox to help universities like UMB to transfer technology into the marketplace.”

Written Testimony of Support

By Office of Government Affairs on behalf of UMB

Weapon-Free Higher Education Zones ([HB 1002/SB 906](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

The original draft of this legislation prohibited the carrying or possession of firearms, knives, or deadly weapons on the property of public institutions of higher education. As amended, the bill limits the definition of deadly weapon to “firearm” and requires universities to post signage at their main entrance alerting campus visitors of the firearms prohibition.

“Safety is a fundamental factor in the educational environment at colleges and universities. This need obligates government, university, and public safety actors at all levels to ensure that education is accessible and safe for all. UMB and other public universities in the state of Maryland work to maintain educational environments that are safe and conducive to learning HB 1002 will provide important clarification and consistency for all public universities throughout the state of Maryland and send a strong message that deadly weapons will not be tolerated on our campuses.”

Written and Oral Testimony of Support with Amendment

By Antonio Williams, MS, associate vice president for public safety and chief of police
University of Maryland, Baltimore

**Baltimore City - Procurement by Public Institutions of Higher Education - Preference for Local Bidders or Offerors ([HB 1405/SB 1169](#))**

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

This legislation would have created a 5 percent price preference on bids/offers received from firms whose principal offices are located in Baltimore City on procurement contracts issued by higher education institutions located in Baltimore City. The bill's provisions would apply to procurements from three USM institutions: University of Maryland, Baltimore; Coppin State University; and the University of Baltimore. It also would apply to Morgan State University and Baltimore City Community College.

“UMB is supportive of efforts to grow the city’s economy and develop its workforce. As an anchor institution, we are committed to promoting and leading an economic inclusion agenda that would allow state universities to direct their spending toward Baltimore City businesses. A key facet of our community engagement effort is to support local businesses, create jobs, and employ community residents by focusing our significant institutional hiring, purchasing, and investment power. . . . We understand that this bill, as written, has the potential for unintended consequences, and yet we believe it also has the potential to empower businesses in Baltimore to create wealth and opportunity for city residents.”

Written Testimony of Support

By President Jay A. Perman, MD

University of Maryland, Baltimore

b. Academic and Research Policy**University of Maryland Strategic Partnership Act of 2016 ([SB 1052](#))**

UMB Position: Support with Amendments

Final Status: Passed

Senate Bill 1052 formalizes a strategic partnership between the University of Maryland, College Park and the University of Maryland, Baltimore. The bill was amended in both chambers to produce a final version that contains the following provisions:

University of Maryland Strategic Partnership

Defines that the University of Maryland is a strategic partnership between the following two distinct campuses within the University of Maryland: the University of Maryland, College Park campus and the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus. The bill further states that the President of each campus shall have the responsibility for that campus within the University of Maryland. In addition to the powers and duties established in the bill, the presidents have the powers and duties conferred to the presidents of the constituent institutions of USM.



States that the University of Maryland Strategic Partnership is a formal strategic alliance that leverages the resources of each campus within the University of Maryland to benefit the state through improving and enhancing the academic programs and experiences for students, research programs, technology transfer and commercialization for economic development, public service, and the commitment to community development.

Instructs the presidents of University of Maryland to jointly develop and implement a plan that encourages and promotes alignment, cooperation, and collaboration between the College Park campus and the Baltimore campus. The plan shall identify all undergraduate and graduate academic and research programs that may benefit from alignment and collaboration between the campuses, identify aspirational competitor state peers for the University of Maryland to be used in the funding guidelines for each campus, and promote the effectiveness and efficiencies between the campuses, including potential savings in human resources, procurement, and information technology.

Language was added naming the University of Maryland, Baltimore County as one of the state's research institutions.

The bill states that the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus professional schools or their administrative functions may not be relocated out of Baltimore City. However, there must be collaboration with the professional schools located in Baltimore City; professional school courses may be offered at a location other than Baltimore City. Nothing in the strategic partnership may be construed to prevent or restrict collaboration or coordination between UM and other institutions. By Dec. 1, 2016, the presidents of the UM campuses must study and recommend to the chancellor mechanisms that would permit the joint reporting for national university rankings of the UM campuses, including reporting under a unified federal identification number.

The presidents of the UM campuses and other campuses serving the Baltimore metropolitan region shall develop a joint plan to advance employment levels in Baltimore City, including the creation of entry-level employment opportunities for individuals that includes a plan for on-the-job skills training that will result in a measurable employment skill, certification, or license.

In addition to current items required, the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) must include a summary of current efforts and future plans to increase commuter access between the campuses of UM, including easing traffic congestion and use of mass transit.

University of Maryland Joint Steering Council

The council consists of members appointed by the president of UM College Park campus and the president of UM Baltimore campus. The council must make various recommendations related to the creation of UM, including those related to joint faculty appointments.



The council is the successor group to *MPowering*, the State Steering Committee established by the presidents of UMB and UMCP. The council must carry out the programs and policies established under the *MPower* program as directed by the presidents.

Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures at the University of Maryland

The bill establishes the Center for Maryland Advanced Ventures at the University of Maryland (CMAVUM), which must be located in Baltimore City on the University of Maryland, Baltimore campus. CMAVUM must:

- Pursue grant funding for UM, including interdisciplinary grant funding;
- Develop and implement guidelines for the transfer of technology developed by UM to the private sector, including a process to identify research projects that may be viable for commercialization; and
- Facilitate the transfer of technology from UM to commercial industries using specified techniques.

The center also must provide these services related to interdisciplinary grant funding and transfer of technology to any public institution of higher education that requests the services. Funding for the center was included.

University of Maryland Center for Economic and Entrepreneurship Development

The bill establishes the University of Maryland Center for Economic and Entrepreneurship Development (UMCEED), which must be located on UM College Park campus. Funding was included for the center.

Following all state law, regulations, and processes for program review and approval, UMCEED must advance the education of students by developing degree and credential programs in the following fields of study: virtual and augmented reality; neurosciences; biomedical devices; data analytics; and cybersecurity.

University System of Maryland Corporate Headquarters

USM corporate headquarters must be located in Baltimore City by July 1, 2017

Language was added directing the chancellor to develop a plan for moving the corporate headquarters to Baltimore City and that the chancellor shall submit that plan including cost estimates to Senate Budget and Taxation and House Appropriations committees by Dec. 1, 2016.

The bill provides flexibility to USM to retain additional satellite offices at other locations determined by the Board of Regents.



Enhanced Funding Guideline Attainment

For each year from fiscal 2018 through 2021, the governor must appropriate in the annual budget at least an additional \$4 million to University System of Maryland Office for the purpose of increasing the estimated funding guideline attainment levels of the primarily residential institutions in USM with the lowest estimated funding guideline attainment levels in fiscal 2016. USM must allocate the funds each year in a manner that brings the primarily residential institutions with the lowest estimated funding guideline attainment levels in fiscal 2016 — as close as possible to an estimated 64 percent funding guideline attainment level by fiscal 2021. The general funds distributed under this requirement are in addition to the annual appropriation for each institution, and they must be included in each institution's base budget for all fiscal years after the distribution. Thus, general fund expenditures increase by \$4 million in fiscal 2018, \$8 million in fiscal 2019, \$12 million in fiscal 2020, and \$16 million in fiscal 2021 and in each year thereafter.

Language was added to the bill directing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland with the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee to develop a multiyear strategy to enhance the funding guideline attainment for all institutions within the University System of Maryland and submit a progress report on Sept. 15, 2016, with a final report due before Dec. 1, 2016.

Community Development

The presidents must report annually to the USM Board of Regents and the chancellor of USM regarding collaboration with the city of Baltimore, Prince George's County, and the city of College Park in the area of community development. The General Assembly finds that, because of their position as major anchor institutions and employers in their respective communities, the UM campuses in Baltimore City and Prince George's County have a responsibility and an opportunity to provide collaborative leadership, as well as intellectual and policy support in the development of their respective communities. It is the intent of the General Assembly, therefore, that the UM campuses in Baltimore City and Prince George's County focus their community development priorities in the respective communities in the areas of health care, housing and development, transportation, public safety, public education, and sustainability.

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories ([HB 699/SB 700](#))

UMB Position: Support with Amendments

Final Status: Held in Committee

The bill requires the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to identify, locate, and collect relevant public health and safety information from each biosafety level 3 (BSL-3) laboratory in the state that (1) does not work with federally regulated biological select agents and toxins or their products and (2) is either a commercial or for-profit laboratory or is owned or is part of a teaching hospital or an institution of postsecondary education. Each affected BSL-3



laboratory must report required information to DHMH and is subject to fine and penalty provisions for failing to do so.

Johns Hopkins, UMB, and UMCP expressed their concerns that some reporting provisions of the bill are extremely vague and would be burdensome to implement and therefore suggested amendments that specified the kind of information to be submitted to DHMH. The House Health and Government Operations Committee amended the House version to require DHMH to develop a standardized form with specific informational requests.

“UMB, UMCP, and Johns Hopkins take containment laboratory security seriously, and we have processes in place to ensure that our labs are safe. UMB and UMCP review all research conducted at BSL-3 containment through its institutional biosafety committee. The state currently uses the MD Biological Agents Registry (BAR) to collect similar information regarding laboratories within the state that receive, store, or perform work with Federal Select Agents and Toxins. While we support the purpose of HB 699 to establish a statewide registry of BSL-3 laboratories for emergency public health and security purposes, Johns Hopkins, UMB, and UMCP are concerned that some provisions of the bill are extremely vague and would be burdensome to implement.”

Joint Written Testimony of Support with Amendments

By Office of Government Affairs on behalf of UMB, UMCP, and Johns Hopkins

State Board of Physicians - Distribution of Fees by Comptroller - Loan Assistance Repayment for Physicians and Physician Assistants ([SB 217](#))

UMB Position: Monitor

Final Status: Passed

Senate Bill 217 repeals the requirement that the board contribute a portion of its fees to the Health Personnel Shortage Incentive Grant Program (HPSIG) and caps the board's required contribution to the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Physicians and Physician Assistants (MLARP) at \$550,000 in fiscal 2017 and 2018 and at \$400,000 in each fiscal year thereafter. The State Board of Physicians (MBP) funds the HPSIG and the MLARP. The HPSIG provides grants to eligible institutions of higher education that have programs leading to licensure, certification, or registration in health personnel shortage areas. The MLARP provides loan repayment assistance in exchange for certain service commitments to help ensure underserved areas of the state have sufficient numbers of primary care physicians and physician assistants.

Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices - Right to Try Act ([HB 56/SB 63](#))

UMB Position: Letter of Concern

Final Status: Unfavorable Report by Committee

This legislation would have permitted a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product, or device to provide an investigational treatment to an “eligible patient” in any



discretionary manner in regards to compensation and cost. An “investigational drug, biological product, or device” is one that has “successfully completed Phase I of a clinical trial but has not yet been approved for general use by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and remains under investigation in an FDA-approved clinical trial.”

In a letter of concern, UMB joined Johns Hopkins Medicine, MedStar Health, and the University of Maryland Medical System to voice collective apprehension that despite the bill’s intent, ***“HB 56 would actually make it more difficult and complicated for patients to receive potentially life-saving investigational treatments.”*** The research institutions strongly urged the Health and Government Operations Committee to consider the bill’s impact on the existing process: 1) it weakened existing state insurance coverage mandates; 2) it disqualified patients from receiving hospice care; and 3) it conflicted with strict federal law and regulations that only permit access to investigational treatments through a clinical trial or the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s expanded access program.

“We respectfully urge the committee to examine these concerns as you consider HB 56 – Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices – Right to Try Act. It is critical that efforts to improve access to investigational drugs, biological products, and devices will not further complicate the existing process, making it more difficult for patients to obtain these life-saving drugs.”

Joint Written Testimony of Support with Amendments

By Office of Government Affairs on behalf of UMB, UMMS, MedStar Health, and JHU

Criminal Law - Synthetic Cannabinoids – Prohibition ([HB 99](#))

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Unfavorable Report by Committee

House Bill 99 would have prohibited a person from deliberately using, ingesting, possessing, or inhaling a certain synthetic cannabinoid in an amount that causes certain effects on the brain or nervous system. Penalties for violating this prohibition will include imprisonment not exceeding one year, a fine not exceeding \$500, or both. Johns Hopkins and UMB were both concerned that there was not a research exemption in the legislation. Without the research exemption, researchers at these institutions, as well as other researchers in the state, will have to discontinue federally funded research on synthetic cannabinoids and forfeit any related grant awards

“HB 99 will prohibit researchers in Maryland from conducting research on synthetic cannabinoids because this bill does not have appropriate protections for academic research. Such research is essential to develop antidotes for overdose from illicit use, as deaths from illicit drug use is a public health crisis. These studies have proven invaluable in the area of opioids, allowing the development of naloxone as a treatment for heroin (and prescription) drug overdose.”

Joint Written Testimony of Opposition

By Office of Government Affairs on behalf of UMB and JHU

**Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2016 ([HB 594](#))**

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill requires a “research facility” in which dogs or cats are used for “scientific research purposes” to take reasonable steps to provide for the adoption of a dog or cat that is no longer needed by (1) establishing a list of animal rescue organizations that are willing to take a dog or cat from the research facility and (2) offering the dog or cat to the organizations identified in the list. The House Health and Government Operations Committee amended the bill to establish a new regulatory reporting requirement in the Maryland Department of Agriculture.

UMB and JHU opposed the bill because the added reporting requirements duplicated current reporting requirements in federal law for research facilities that use cats and dogs in research. UMB and JHU were also very concerned that the driving force behind House Bill 594, the Beagle Freedom Project, has publicly acknowledged that their ultimate goal is to prohibit the use of ALL animals in medical research. Studies using animals have led to treatments, drugs, and procedures for nearly every type of disease and condition, many that also effect dogs and cats. Medical advances that are taken for granted today would not have occurred without research using animals.

Both institutions were deeply concerned that the amended version expands sources of personal information that potentially put faculty, staff, and individuals who adopt retired research animals at risk to those who are willing to employ harassment and sometimes violence to advance their cause to halt all animal research.

“As chair of a research-intense department in a major research medical school, I am responsible for the recruitment of the next generation of outstanding research faculty who will drive future discoveries in biomedicine. These young investigators recognize that animal work is essential for therapy development and as I work to recruit these talented individuals to our campus, I am always asked about the animal research outlook in the state of Maryland. These investigators do not want to be marked in a list that is available to outside organizations because history indicates that this leads to harassment of these individuals and their families.”

Oral Testimony of Opposition

By Richard Eckert, PhD, chair of the Research Affair Advisory Committee, University of Maryland School of Medicine

Environment - Radiation Machines - Registration Fees and Inspections ([HB 1339/SB 717](#))

UMB Position: Oppose

Final Status: Unfavorable Report by Committee

This bill would have required the Maryland Department of the Environment to adopt regulations related to the licensing and registration of specified radiation machines that, based on the anticipated cost of monitoring and regulating sources of radiation, establish (1) a fee schedule for



general and specific licenses and other sources of radiation and (2) a rate for the registration of radiation machines that is uniform across professions for similar machines. The bill also repeals specific statutory provisions regarding the fee schedule and inspection policies for radiation machines or other sources of radiation at dental facilities. Furthermore, the bill repealed an exemption from registration fees for the accredited dental school in the state.

The School of Dentistry was concerned about both the increase in fees and the repeal of the fee exemption from the code since the School of Dentistry currently operates 100 radiation machines.

“The additional costs of this legislation will need to be paid out of the Dental School’s clinical operations budget which will have a direct impact on the cost of patient care which would ultimately result in increased costs to the patients, many of which are under-served citizens of Maryland.”

Written Testimony of Opposition

Dean Mark A. Reynolds, DDS, PhD, MA, University of Maryland School of Dentistry

c. Regulation of the Professions

Income Tax - Credit for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages ([HB 1494/SB 411](#))

UMB Position: Support

Final Status: Passed

This bill incentivizes preceptorship in areas with health care workforce shortages by creating a nonrefundable tax credit against the state income tax for licensed physicians or nurse practitioners serving as preceptors in specified programs. To qualify, the bill requires that the “licensed physician or nurse practitioner must have worked at least three rotations with each rotation consisting of 160 hours of community-based clinical training and in an area that [Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH)], in consultation with the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board, has identified as having a health care workforce shortage.” The bill states that for every student enrolled in the approved preceptorship program, the licensed physician or nurse practitioner will receive a credit certificate of \$1,000 from DHMH (not to exceed \$10,000 per individual physician or nurse practitioner and not to exceed \$100,000 per year for each credit category). The bill requires the “Board of Nursing to assess a \$15 fee for the renewal of an advanced practice registered nurse certificate to be paid to the Nurse Practitioner Tax Credit Fund to offset the costs of the nurse practitioner preceptor tax credit.”

Richard Colgan, MD, professor and vice chair for medical student education and clinical operations at the School of Medicine, presented oral testimony in favor of the bill that highlighted why we need to incentivize preceptorship in underserved areas.



“Studies have shown a significant shortage of primary care providers in the U.S, most notably in underserved areas. This is true in Maryland where a large portion of the state is considered medically underserved. Compounding this problem is the fact that Maryland ranks last in the country for graduate medical education graduates who are likely to go on to become generalists. That’s last. We need more physicians to serve in underserved areas. So to increase the pipeline of medical students choosing primary care and particularly care for the underserved, we need to expose them to the challenges and joys of working in these parts of our state.”

Oral Testimony

By: Richard Colgan, MD, vice chair for medical student education and clinical operations, Department of Family and Community Medicine at the School of Medicine

Originally, the bill excluded nurse practitioners from this tax credit program, however, writing on behalf of the University of Maryland School of Nursing, Dean Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Associate Dean Shannon Idzik, DNP, CRNP, FAANP, of the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) Program, offered their support for the bill with important amendments that would include nurse practitioners:

“Our position is that if nurse practitioners were included, the bill would be very valuable to the residents of Maryland and the expense would serve the state well. Without that amendment, this bill has that potential to decrease clinical training opportunities for nurse practitioners, have a detrimental effect on Maryland nursing schools and, in the long term, decrease access to health care.”

Letter of Support with Amendments

By: Dean Jane M. Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, and Associate Dean Shannon Idzik, DNP, CRNP, FAANP, on behalf of the University of Maryland School of Nursing

State Board of Pharmacy - Licensure Requirements for Pharmacists - Proof of Proficiency in English ([HB 117/SB 469](#))

UMB Position: School of Pharmacy Supports

Final Status: Passed

These bills modify the pharmacy practice act to establish an alternate means to fee-based testing as proof of oral English competency, a requirement for licensure with the State Board of Pharmacy. Prior to the bill, the board required all applicants to undergo a proficiency interview that measured the active oral communicative ability of an individual in a potential workplace environment. The bill provides, however, that applicants graduating from a recognized English-speaking professional school accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education are exempt from this fee-based proficiency interview. Dean Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, on behalf of the School of Pharmacy, offered a letter of support urging the committee to support the pharmacy act modification.



“The University of Maryland School of Pharmacy supports HB 117 State Board of Pharmacy – Licensure Requirements for Pharmacists – Proof of Proficiency in English. This bill aligns the pharmacy practice act with our peers in the medical and nursing professions and reduces unnecessary costs and time for doctoral trained pharmacy students (PharmD) to become licensed in Maryland. . . . Earning a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy requires a mastery of a coherent body of knowledge, application of that knowledge to relate appropriately to patients, health care professionals, and to other ancillary personnel. This bill provides a reasonable alternative to the fee-based oral test . . . [.]”

Letter of Support

By Dean Natalie D. Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy

d. Bills of Interest to University Experts

Criminal Law - Synthetic Cannabinoids – Prohibition ([HB 346/SB 1037](#))

Position: Maryland Poison Center of the School of Pharmacy Supports

Final Status: Held in Committee

The bill would have added the definition of “synthetic cannabinoid” to Title 5 of the Maryland Criminal Law Article, in addition to adding synthetic cannabinoid products to the list of existing Schedule I controlled dangerous substances (CDS). The bill hoped to address growing concerns surrounding the popularity and availability of these substances and the difficulties with criminal enforcement of sale and possession. Synthetic cannabinoids, while structurally similar to natural cannabinoids in marijuana, are “man-made, mind-altering chemicals that are sprayed on dried plant material to be smoked or are vaporized and inhaled in e-cigarettes and other devices” and may “produce different and sometimes profound effects in humans,” such as symptoms of psychosis.

Bruce Anderson, PharmD, DABAT, associate professor at the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy and director of the Maryland Poison Center (MPC), provided written testimony in support of this bill raising concerns that there has been a surge in the number of synthetic cannabinoid-related calls to the poison center.

“[W]e have seen an increase in exposures to synthetic cannabinoids reported to the MPC between 2013 and 2015. We also appear to be experiencing more serious effects in 2015 compared to the previous two years. The experience that we have had with these agents has shown that individuals routinely develop clinical effects that lead to evaluation and treatment in a hospital emergency department. These substances have no known legitimate clinical use and use of these substances has resulted in significant harm. The MPC supports the proposed legislation.”

Letter of Support

Bruce Anderson, PharmD, DABAT, associate professor at the School of Pharmacy and director of the Maryland Poison Center

**Health Occupations - Dental Hygienists - Administration of Nitrous Oxide ([HB 470/SB 825](#))**

Position: School of Dentistry Dental Hygiene Program Supports

Final Status: Passed

The bill modifies the definition of “practice dental hygiene” in the Maryland health occupations code to expand the dental hygienist’s scope of practice. While dental hygienists were previously authorized to monitor nitrous oxide levels in patients to whom nitrous oxide is being administered, the bill now authorizes certified dental hygienists to administer nitrous oxide under the supervision of a licensed dentist on the premises. As a result, the bill requires the State Board of Dental Examiners to update regulations regarding the prerequisite certification needed for dental hygienists to administer nitrous oxide, such as required education, training, evaluation, and examination standards.

Marion C. Manski, RDH, MS, director of dental hygiene at the University of Maryland School of Dentistry, and past president of the Maryland Dental Hygienists’ Association, provided a letter of support to the Health and Government Operations and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs committees detailing the benefits of the bill. Her testimony highlighted that the prerequisite training needed to administer nitrous oxide is already included in the University of Maryland’s dental hygiene curriculum. She emphasized that not only is the course available but that it is already approved by the Maryland State Board of Dental Examiners (MSBODE).

“I believe the competency standards set by the MSBODE approved course qualifies hygienists to administer nitrous oxide sedation to an anxiolytic level for dental procedures. The dentist, as the administrator of the dental practice, should have the option to allow their dental hygienist to administer nitrous oxide in their dental practice. Dentists should be able to work collaboratively with dental hygienists if they so choose. . . .Thirty-four states and D.C. currently allow dental hygienists to administer and monitor nitrous oxide in their practice. The passage of this bill will expand scope of practice so that Maryland hygienists will be able to perform seamless care to patients and work in a collaborative, team practice with their colleague dentists.”

Letter of Support

Marion C. Manski, RDH, MS, director of dental hygiene at the School of Dentistry

Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release ([HB 1046](#))

Position: Carey School of Law Faculty Expert in Support

Final Status: Held in Committee

The bill would have modified the Maryland Criminal Procedure Law governing pretrial release. Currently, the pretrial release system allows the release of a defendant based on personal recognizance or money bailment. However, the proposed bill would have created additional standards, such as: “requiring a judicial officer to, depending on the charges involved, order the pretrial release of a person (1) on personal recognizance, on nonfinancial conditions, or on execution of an unsecured appearance bond in a certain amount under certain conditions or (2)



subject to the least restrictive condition(s) that will reasonably assure the appearance of the person as required and the safety of any other person and the community.”

Faculty expert from the University of Maryland Carey School of Law, Professor Douglas Colbert, JD, expressed his sincerest support for the bill in a letter to the Judiciary Committee stating that the proposed bill provides a “legally sound, cost-saving, fair, non-discriminatory, and balanced alternative to Maryland's current pretrial release system's reliance on money bail, corporate surety [bondsmen] and collateral bond.” He emphasized that the bill would not only be taking an important step toward “evening the playing field” for those accused with limited or no financial resources, but would also save “taxpayers the substantial expense of unnecessary pretrial incarceration.”

“HB 1046 promotes the public’s interest in the administration of a just and efficient pretrial release system. It avoids depriving people of liberty solely because they lack financial resources and limits pretrial incarceration only to people who represent a significant danger or flight risk. By encouraging judicial officers to make greater use of non-financial conditions and unsecured bonds, HB 1046 places responsibility on the individual defendant: either comply or face prosecution, jail or financial debt to the state. That’s a sensible, reliable, non-discriminatory and less onerous approach and represents policy that adds public confidence to the integrity of our state’s justice system.”

Letter of Support

Professor Douglas Colbert, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law

Public Health - Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program for Food Service Facilities ([HB 1418/SB 898](#))

Position: The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the Carey School of Law
Supports

Final Status: Held in Committee

The bill would have established a new program in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) that authorized certified individuals in “Food Service Facilities” to “obtain, store, and, when medical services are not immediately available, administer auto-injectable epinephrine to individuals experiencing anaphylaxis.” As part of the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program, an individual must: “(1) own or operate a food service facility and (2) successfully complete, at the individual’s expense, an educational training program approved by DHMH.” Additionally, the bill would have established “legal immunities for certificate holders or their agents, prescribing physicians, and pharmacists acting in compliance with the program[,]” in addition to reporting requirements for certificate holders to DHMH.

The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the Carey School of Law provided a letter of support to the Health and Government Operations Committee emphasizing the importance of expanding access to the potentially life-saving device through passage of this bill.



“House Bill 1418 seeks to protect those who suffer from food allergies by encouraging food service facilities to obtain, store, and, when necessary, administer auto-injectable epinephrine, commonly called an EpiPen. By establishing the Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program for Food Service Facilities in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene [DHMH], this bill aims to expand access to the potentially life-saving device. . . . This new legislation seeks to take a step beyond the walls of our public schools and into our food service facilities to strengthen education on anaphylaxis, expand the public’s awareness, and minimize avoidable food allergy deaths.”

Letter of Support

The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

Vehicle Laws - Prohibition Against Smoking in Vehicle Containing Young Child ([HB 1431](#))

Position: The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the Carey School of Law

Supports

Final Status: Unfavorable Report by Committee

This bill would have prohibited the driver or passenger of a motor vehicle from smoking a tobacco product inside a vehicle when in the presence of a child who is 8 years old or younger. The proposed bill stated that anyone in violation of the new law would be guilty of a misdemeanor, subject to a maximum penalty of \$50, however, would not be subject to a moving violation or the assessment of points. The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the Carey School of Law provided a letter of support to the Environment and Transportation Committee emphasizing the importance of the bill. The letter provided public health data and detailed the justifications for imposing this ban.

“This bill purposefully targets motor vehicles containing children under the age of 8 for two primary reasons. First, children under 8 experience a higher rate of brain and lung development than older children, making this younger age group particularly vulnerable to neurological and respiratory development disorders. Second, children under 8 spend more time in the car with their parents or other adult drivers than older children and are less likely to ask the parent or driver to stop smoking. . . . [Finally, c]hildren are more susceptible to absorbing nicotine and other chemicals from SHS, which leads to an increased risk of sudden infant death syndrome [SIDS], asthma, bronchitis, and pneumonia[, in addition to] . . . several adverse long-term health effects . . .[.]”

Letter of Support

The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law



Task Force to Study Restorative Justice Discipline Practices in Maryland Public Schools ([HB 1466](#))

Position: Mediation Clinic and the Center for Dispute Resolution at the Carey School of Law
Supports

Final Status: Unfavorable Report by Committee

This bill would have established a Task Force to Study Restorative Justice Discipline Practices in Maryland Public Schools. According to the proposed bill, the state superintendent of schools, or “designee,” would be responsible to chair the task force, while the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) would be responsible to staff the task force. The goals of the task force would have been to “(1) study and analyze current disciplinary practices in Maryland public schools; (2) investigate potential implementation of restorative justice discipline practices; (3) examine national best practices for training school security personnel; and (4) examine national best practices for training teachers and principals in restorative justice discipline practices.”

“While restorative practices are not a new philosophy, the systemic implementation of these strategies across the entire state would place Maryland schools at the forefront of educational discipline and conflict resolution. Statistically, the restorative approach is supported by consistent and ample data that demonstrate its universal effectiveness in addressing victim harm while simultaneously rehabilitating the offender and preventing future conflict.”

Letter of Support

Submitted on Behalf of the Mediation Clinic and the Center for Dispute Resolution at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

Other Tobacco Products - Local Laws for Sale and Distribution - Intent of the General Assembly ([HB 1485](#))

Position: The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the Carey School of Law
Supports

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have abrogated the holding of the Court of Appeals of Maryland’s decision in *Altadis U.S.A., Inc. et al. v. Prince George’s County, Maryland*, 431 Md. 307 (2013), which found a Prince George’s County’s ordinance restricting the sale of cigars to be pre-empted by Title 16.5 of the Business Regulation Article. Thus, the proposed bill was meant to express the intent of the General Assembly that, “except for the issuance of licenses and the regulation of licensees under Title 16.5 of the Business Regulation Article or the imposition of taxes on other tobacco products (OTP) under Title 12 of the Tax-General Article, a county or municipal corporation may enact and enforce local laws relating to the sale and distribution of OTP if the local laws are at least as stringent as the provisions of Title 16.5 of the Business Regulation Article.”

“This bill would reverse the Court of Appeals decision, *Altadis v. Prince George’s County*, 431 Md. 307 (2013), which found implied preemption of a tobacco control ordinance passed by the



Prince George’s County Council in 2009. Broadly, abrogating Altadis will 1) demonstrate the General Assembly’s respect for and continued support of local police powers; 2) assure home rule counties that they may legislate to the full extent permitted by the Maryland Constitution and the Maryland Annotated Code; and 3) prevent future attacks on local legislation. More specifically, passing House Bill 1485 will allow local jurisdictions to continue the important and effective work they have done to curb tobacco use in their communities.”

Letter of Support

Kathleen Hoke, JD, director of the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law

Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Distribution of Tobacco Products to Minors - Prohibition and Enforcement ([HB 1504](#))

Position: The Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the Carey School of Law

Supports

Final Status: Held in Committee

This bill would have established “civil penalties for persons who distribute tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, or coupons redeemable for tobacco products to minors,” in addition to authorizing “county health officers and specified designees of county health officers to issue civil citations for violations.” Currently, the restrictions surrounding the sale of tobacco products, paraphernalia, and coupons for tobacco products to minors is covered under the provisions of the Maryland Criminal Law Article. However, under the proposed bill, violators would have been subject to a civil penalty of “up to \$300 for a first violation, up to \$1,000 for a second violation that occurs within 24 months after the first violation, and up to \$3,000 for each subsequent violation occurring within 24 months after a preceding violation.”

“While the sale or distribution of tobacco products is already illegal under state law, Criminal Law Article § 10-107, House Bill 1504 offers a more efficient means of enforcement with more appropriate penalties. This bill creates a substantively identical prohibition on the distribution of tobacco to a minor as found in the Criminal Law Article, but will reduce the penalty from a criminal to a civil citation. HB 1504 will also enable local enforcement officials to access the name and address of each licensed tobacco retailer in their jurisdiction. Currently, the license information is collected by the Comptroller’s Office and the Office of the Clerk in each county, but no established or consistent process exists for local law enforcement to access it. Finally, the bill will authorize the Health Officer or a trained civil enforcement officer to act as the enforcement agent, thereby reducing the burden on the local police agencies that are required to enforce the existing criminal statute.”

Letter of Support

Kathleen Hoke, JD, director of the Legal Resource Center for Public Health Policy at the University of Maryland Carey School of Law



Testimony and briefings at the 2016 legislative session of the Maryland General Assembly of interest to the University of Maryland, Baltimore community.

Date	Committee	Subject	Individual
1/28	Health and Government Operations	HB 117 State Board of Pharmacy - Licensure Requirements for Pharmacists - Proof of Proficiency in English	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Natalie Eddington, PhD, FAAPS, FCP, Dean, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support ❖ Lisa Lebovitz, JD, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support ❖ Bahareh Ghorashi, Student, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support ❖ David Tran, Student, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support ❖ Bob Pang, Student, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support
1/28	Finance	SB 63 Investigational Drugs, Biological Products, and Devices - Right to Try Act	❖ Kevin P. Kelly, Esq., University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Letter of Concern
2/2	Judiciary	HB 99 Criminal Law - Synthetic Cannabinoids – Prohibition	❖ Kevin Kelly, UMB-Oppose
2/9	Judiciary	HB 346 Criminal Law - Synthetic Cannabinoids - Prohibition	❖ Bruce Anderson, PharmD, DABAT, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support
2/11	Health and Government Operations	HB 470 Health Occupations - Dental Hygienists - Administration of Nitrous Oxide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Marion Manski, RDH, MS, University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD)-Support ❖ Deborah Cartee, RDH, MS, University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD)-Support
2/11	Appropriations Education and Economic Development Subcommittee	SB 190 Operating Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ Jay A. Perman, MD, President, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support



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2/15	Budget and Taxation Education, Business and Administration Subcommittee	SB 190 Operating Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖ Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support
2/16	Ways and Means	HB 471 Income Tax - Angel Investor Tax Credit Program	❖ Kevin Kelly, UMB-Support
2/17	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 469 State Board of Pharmacy - Licensure Requirements for Pharmacists - Proof of Proficiency in English	❖ Natalie Eddington, UMSOP-Support ❖ Deborah DeWitt, JD, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support ❖ Lisa Lebovitz, UMSOP-Support ❖ Lauren Haggerty, Student, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP)-Support ❖ Bahareh Ghorashi, Student, UMSOP-Support ❖ David Tran, Student, UMSOP-Support ❖ Bob Pang, Student, UMSOP-Support
2/18	Appropriations Health and Human Resources Subcommittee	HB 150 Operating Budget - DHMH Prevention and Disease Control - Cigarette Restitution Trust Fund	❖ Kevin Cullen, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
2/22	Budget and Taxation Health and Human Services Subcommittee	SB 190 Operating Budget DHMH Prevention and Disease Control - Cigarette Restitution Trust Fund	❖ Kevin Cullen, UMSOM-Support



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2/24	Budget and Taxation	SB 560 One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credits - Business Incubators, Enterprise Zones, and Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zones	❖ James Hughes, MBA, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)-Support
2/24	Budget and Taxation	SB 411 Income Tax - Credit for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages	❖ Jane Kirschling, PhD, RN, FAAN, Dean, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)-Support with Amendments ❖ Shannon Idzik, DNP, CRNP, University of Maryland School of Nursing (UMSON)-Support with Amendments ❖ Richard Colgan, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
2/24	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 494 State Department of Education - Community-Partnered School Behavioral Health Services Programs - Reporting System and Report (School Behavioral Health Accountability Act)	❖ Sharon Stephan, PhD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support ❖ Nancy Lever, PhD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support ❖ Brittany Parham, PhD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
2/25	Ways and Means	HB 464 Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Schools Act of 2016	❖ Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support
3/1	Budget and Taxation	SB 1052 University of Maryland Strategic Partnership Act of 2016	❖ Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support with Amendments



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3/1	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 717 Environment - Radiation Machines - Registration Fees and Inspections	❖ Mark Reynolds, DDS, PhD, MA, Dean, University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD)- Oppose ❖ Jeffrey Price, DDS, MS, University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD)-Oppose
3/1	Appropriations	HB 1002 Weapon - Free Higher Education Zones	❖ Antonio Williams, MS, University of Maryland, Baltimore (UMB)- Support with Amendment
3/1	Judiciary	HB 1046 Criminal Procedure - Pretrial Release	❖ Douglas Colbert, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
3/2	Judiciary	HB 1491 Courts and Judicial Proceedings - Consumer Debt Collection Actions - Restrictions	❖ Michael Millemann, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
3/2	Economic Matters	HB 1159 Consumer Protection - Debt Buyers and Collectors - Restrictions	❖ Michael Millemann, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support
3/2	Environment and Transportation	HB 1339 Environment - Radiation Machines - Registration Fees and Inspections	❖ Mark Reynolds, UMSOD-Oppose ❖ Jeffrey Price, UMSOD-Oppose
3/2	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 376 Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) Schools Act of 2016	❖ Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support
3/2	Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations	HB 1504 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Distribution of Tobacco Products to Minors - Prohibition and Enforcement	❖ Kathleen Hoke, JD, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support



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3/2	Economic Matters	HB 1485 Other Tobacco Products - Local Laws for Sale and Distribution - Intent of the General Assembly	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support
3/3	Ways and Means	HB 1466 Task Force to Study Restorative Justice Discipline Practices in Maryland Public Schools	❖ Shanda Crowder, JD, University of Maryland School of Social Work (UMSSW)-Support ❖ Barbara Grochal, MAT, MBA, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support
3/4	Environment and Transportation	HB 1431 Vehicle Laws - Prohibition Against Smoking in Vehicle Containing Young Child	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support
3/8	Health and Government Operations	HB 1267 Poly-Morphone-Assisted Treatment Pilot Program - Harm Reduction Act of 2016	❖ Christopher Welsh, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support
3/8	Health and Government Operations	HB 1212 Public Health - Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Safer Drug Use Facility Program	❖ Christopher Welsh, UMSOM-Support
3/8	Judicial Proceedings	SB 866 Criminal Procedure - Postconviction Review - Conviction of Human Trafficking Victim	❖ David Gray, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL), Representing Self-Support
3/8	Health and Government Operations	HB 1418 Public Health - Emergency Use Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Program for Food Service Facilities	❖ Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support



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3/8	Judiciary	HB 775 Criminal Law - Tobacco Products - Minimum Age	❖Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support
3/8	Environment and Transportation	HB 1400 Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund	❖James Hughes, UMB-Support
3/9	Budget and Taxation Capital Budget Subcommittee	SB 191 Capital Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support
3/9	Judicial Proceedings	SB 906 Weapon-Free Higher Education Zones	❖Antonio Williams, UMB-Support with Amendment
3/9	Health and Government Operations	HB 1405 Baltimore City - Procurement by Public Institutions of Higher Education - Preference for Local Bidders or Offerors	❖Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support with Amendments
3/9	Budget and Taxation	SB 622 Income Tax - Angel Investor Tax Credit Program	❖Kevin Kelly, UMB-Support
3/9	Economic Matters	HB 1498 Maryland Healthy Vending Machine Act	❖Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support
3/9	Finance	SB 898 Public Health - Auto-Injectable Epinephrine - Certification for Emergency Administration	❖Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support
3/10	Budget and Taxation	SB 982 State Retirement and Pension System - Private Equity and Venture Capital Investments	❖James Hughes, UMB-Support



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3/10	Judiciary	HB 623 Criminal Procedure - Postconviction Review - Conviction of Human Trafficking Victim	❖David Gray, UMCSOL, Representing Self-Support
3/10	Finance	SB 602 Maryland Healthy Vending Machine Act	❖Kathleen Hoke, UMCSOL-Support
3/10	Health and Government Operations	HB 699 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene – Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories	❖Kevin Kelly, UMB-Support with Amendments
3/10	Finance	SB 700 Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Biosafety Level 3 Laboratories	❖Kevin Kelly, UMB-Support with Amendments
3/12	Budget and Taxation	SB 798 Creation a of State Debt - Baltimore City - Lexington Market	❖Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support
3/12	Appropriations	HB 1044 Creation of a State Debt - Baltimore City - Lexington Market	❖Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support
3/14	Appropriations Health and Human Resources Subcommittee	Community Services Budget M00L01.02 Maryland Center of Excellence for Prevention and Treatment	❖Kevin Kelly, UMB-Support
3/14	Health and Government Operations	HB 594 Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2016	❖Kevin Kelly, UMB-Oppose
3/21	Appropriations Capital Budget Subcommittee	SB 191 Capital Budget University of Maryland, Baltimore	❖Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support



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3/22	Appropriations	SB 1052 University of Maryland Strategic Partnership Act of 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support with Amendments ❖ Jane Kirschling, UMSON-Support with Amendments ❖ Donald Tobin, JD, Dean, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL)-Support with Amendments ❖ E. Albert Reece, MD, PhD, MBA, Dean, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support with Amendments ❖ Gary Fiskum, PhD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Support with Amendments ❖ Robert Ernst, PhD, University of Maryland School of Dentistry (UMSOD)-Support with Amendments ❖ Geoffrey Heinzl, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP) and UMB SGA President-Support with Amendments ❖ Collin Wojciechowski, Student, University of Maryland Carey School of Law (UMCSOL) and former USM Student Regent-Letter of Concern ❖ Sarah Michel, PhD, University of Maryland School of Pharmacy (UMSOP) and UMB Faculty Senate Chair-Oppose
3/23	Budget and Taxation	HB 1400 Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ James Hughes, UMB-Support



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3/23	Budget and Taxation	SB 1172 Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund	❖ James Hughes, UMB-Support
3/24	Ways and Means	HB 713 State Department of Education - Community-Partnered School Behavioral Health Services Programs - Reporting System and Report (School Behavioral Health Accountability Act)	❖ Sharon Stephan, UMSOM-Support ❖ Nancy Lever, UMSOM-Support ❖ Brittany Parham, UMSOM-Support
3/24	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	SB 1169 Baltimore City - Procurement by Public Institutions of Higher Education - Preference for Local Bidders or Offerors	❖ Jay A. Perman, President, UMB-Support
3/29	Ways and Means	HB 1494 Income Tax - Credit for Preceptors in Areas With Health Care Workforce Shortages	❖ Jane Kirschling, UMSON-Support with Amendments ❖ Shannon Idzik, UMSON-Support with Amendments
3/29	Education, Health and Environmental Affairs	HB 594 Humane Adoption of Companion Animals Used in Research Act of 2016	❖ Louis DeTolla, MD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Oppose ❖ Richard Eckert, PhD, University of Maryland School of Medicine (UMSOM)-Oppose ❖ Kevin Kelly, UMB-Oppose
3/29	Appropriations	SB 982 State Retirement and Pension System - Private Equity and Venture Capital Investments	❖ Kevin Kelly, UMB-Support



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4/7	Ways and Means	SB 560 One Maryland Economic Development Tax Credits-Business Incubators, Enterprise Zones, and Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zones	❖James Hughes, UMB-Support



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