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BILL NO.: **SB 453**

TITLE: Behavioral Health Administration - Children With Mental Disorders - List of Available Services

SPONSOR: Senator Pinsky

COMMITTEE: Finance

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 18, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 453 - Behavioral Health Administration - Children With Mental Disorders - List of Available Services. This bill would require the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) to maintain and update a list of certain services available to a child in the State with a mental disorder.

Maryland's Behavioral Health Administration has proven to be an indispensable resource for children with mental disorders by providing psychiatric rehabilitation, care coordination, home health aide, and therapeutic services. These low-cost options are not only essential to the health and well-being of young residents in need of mental health assistance, but are life-changing for the families that lack the professional experience these programs provide.

By providing a consistently updated list of services available from the BHA, this legislation furthers the interests of Baltimore County by promoting accessibility to essential government services and provides further assistance to children with mental disorders.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 453. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, 443-900-6582.