



Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill Number: House Bill 293
Title: Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund
Hearing Date: February 2, 2022
Position: Support

The Maryland Nurses Association (MNA) supports *House Bill 293 – Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund*. This bill creates a trust fund to support the implementation of the 9-8-8 system.

As we are reaching the end of the second year of the pandemic, we are seeing an epidemic of mental health issues. The 9-8-8 system, similar to 2-1-1, will connect people to behavioral health resources in their community. We need to make it as easy as possible for Marylanders to connect to behavioral health programs and advocacy organizations.

We urge a favorable report this legislation. If we can provide any further information, please contact Scott Tiffin at stiffin@policypartners.net.