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**Committee:** House Health and Government Operations Committee

**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 168 – Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council - Establishment

**Hearing Date:** March 21, 2023

**Position:** Support

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The Coordinating Center supports *Senate Bill 168 – Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council – Establishment*. The bill codifies the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council as an independent state agency.

The Coordinating Center has worked with the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council, as we provide care coordination services for individuals, including those with developmental disabilities, served under Medicaid’s home and community-based waivers. The Council, which is led by people with developmental disabilities and family members of people with developmental disabilities, serves an important role in advising State agencies about disabilities policy. We support the legislation because the Council should have a permanent place in State government.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information that is helpful, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net) or (443) 926-3443.