



# Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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**Committee:** Senate Budget and Taxation

**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 419

**Title:** Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program – Funding -Alteration

**Hearing Date:** January 31, 2024

**Position:** Support

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The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports Senate Bill 419 – *Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program – Funding Alterations*. The bill makes the annual funding level of \$3.7 million into a permanent requirement. Under current statute, the Governor is only required to fund the program through fiscal 2025.

Occupational therapy practitioners are committed to early interventions for young children whose daily functioning is affected by developmental delays, physical disabilities, or behavioral health challenges. The Therapeutic Child Care Program supports partnerships between child care centers and health programs to provide effective early interventions for children. These partnerships are critical to supporting families seeking to ensure their children can integrate into educational, family, and social settings.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at [relliott@policypartners.net](mailto:relliott@policypartners.net).