



# Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Senate Budget and Taxation Committee</b>
<b>Bill Number:</b>	<b>House Bill 185</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program – Funding -Alteration</b>
<b>Hearing Date:</b>	<b>March 27, 2025</b>
<b>Position:</b>	<b>Support</b>

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The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *House Bill 185 – Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program – Funding Alterations*. The bill adds funding of \$1.5 million for fiscal years 2027 through 2029.

Occupational therapy practitioners are committed to early intervention 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 intervention 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 Michael Paddy at [mpaddy@policypartners.net](mailto:mpaddy@policypartners.net).