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House Bill 1095 / Senate Bill 669

In Support Of

Public Health Prescription Drug Affordability Board and Fund *House Health and Government Operations Committee*

Hearing: March 5, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate Finance Committee

Hearing: March 4, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

The Legislative Committee of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association (MRSPA) requests a favorable report on HB 1095/SB 669 Public Health Prescription Drug Affordability Board and Fund.

The proposed legislation would:

- Repeal provisions of the law requiring the Drug Affordability Board to determine a certain funding source on a certain date
- Require the Board to collect a fee from certain persons in a certain manner
- Require the Board to determine the amount of the fee, which would be payable on or before October 1 of each year
- Establish the Prescription Drug Affordability Fund as a special, non-lapsing fund

MRSPA fully supports the concept of the Drug Affordability Board and supported the enabling legislation last year. We believe that our members and all Marylanders will benefit from the work of this Board. This legislation will enable the Board to meet and do this beneficial and important work which could allow for lower cost prescription medications.

On behalf of the almost 14,000 members of the Maryland Retired School Personnel Association, we strongly request a favorable report on HB 1095/SB 669.

Sincerely,

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