



Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee: House Health and Government Operations Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 5

Title: Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities

Hearing Date: March 23, 2021

Position: Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *Senate Bill 5 – Public Health – Implicit Bias Training and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities*. This requires all licensed and certified health care providers to complete implicit bias training; establishes annual funding for the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities; and established requirements for the collection and reporting of data.

Occupational therapy practitioners work in a variety of settings and with a multitude of populations groups. This includes education settings working with students with disabilities, older adults in assisted living and nursing homes, and children and adults of all ages in hospitals and outpatient community health settings. With this, we understand the importance of continuing education courses focused on implicit bias and support the efforts of this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of our testimony, and we urge a favorable vote. If we can provide any further information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net or (443) 926-3443.