



House Bill 1226 - Economic Development - Nonprofit Sustainability Fund - Establishment

House Appropriations Committee

March 9, 2023

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT

Evolve Life Centers program provides a wide range of clinically intensive treatment services, including, Partial Hospitalization, Intensive Outpatient, Outpatient, Mental Health, Medium Intensity Residential Treatment, Low Intensity Residential Treatment, Recovery Housing and DUI Education through our 12 plus locations throughout Pasadena and the surrounding area in Anne Arundel County, MD.

HB1226 establishes the Nonprofit Sustainability Fund within the Department of Commerce to provide general operating support to nonprofit organizations in Maryland. It also establishes the Nonprofit Sustainability Fund Evaluation Committee to evaluate applications from eligible nonprofit organizations for grants from the Fund. Additionally, the bill sets criteria for eligibility for a certain grant from the Fund. The aim of the bill is to provide much-needed financial support to nonprofit organizations that provide essential programs and services to Maryland residents.

Nonprofit organizations like ours provide essential services that are often underfunded and under-resourced. The Nonprofit Sustainability Fund will help address this issue by providing general operating support to organizations that offer vital programs and services to those in need. The Fund will enable us to improve our organizational infrastructure and invest in staff training, technology and the advancement of our wellness programs. This will allow us to better serve our clients and help them achieve long-term recovery and wellness.

We also appreciate that the bill includes specific criteria for eligibility for a certain grant from the Fund. This will ensure that the resources are directed towards organizations that have demonstrated a commitment to providing high-quality services and are most in need of support.

In summary, the Nonprofit Sustainability Fund would help ensure the sustainability and effectiveness of organizations like Evolve Life Centers, allowing us to continue providing critical clinical services to individuals experiencing substance abuse and mental health issues. We urge the legislature to support this bill and help ensure that nonprofit organizations can continue to provide essential programs and services to those in need.

For these reasons, Evolve Life Centers politely asks for a favorable report on HB1226.

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