

Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee: Senate Finance Committee

Bill: Senate Bill 572 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Employed

Individuals With Disabilities

Hearing Date: March 14, 2023

Position: Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) support *Senate Bill 572 - Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Employed Individuals With Disabilities*. This bill amends the requirements for the Employed Individual with Disabilities Medicaid Buy-In Program (EID) eligibility under the Maryland Department of Health.

People with disabilities face barriers to full inclusion into the community including lacking the tools and resources they need to engage with and maintain competitive employment. EID provides a much-needed resource to ensure that people with disabilities can work. We support the bill's provision which would provide greater flexibility in eligibility criteria.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at <u>relliott@policypartners.net</u> or (443) 926-3443.