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Committee:	Senate Finance Committee
Bill Number:	Senate Bill 255 – Public Health – Home and Community Based Services for Children and Youth
Hearing Date:	February 21, 2023
Position:	Favorable

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *Senate Bill 255 – Public Health – Home and Community-Based Services for Children and Youth*. The legislation seeks to modify the existing 1915(i) waiver program which provides intensive behavioral health supports for eligible children. The legislation also creates 100 slots for children at risk of out-of-home placement but who are not eligible for the 1915(i) program.

MOTA supports initiatives that allow individuals to live as independently as possible in the least restrictive settings. This legislation is particularly important as it will allow children to remain with their families and avoid out-of-home placements. We do not have enough support for children with intensive behavioral health needs. Therefore, we ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.