



**Senate Bill 558 - Recovery Residence Grant Program – Establishment**

Senate Finance Committee

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**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.

The establishment of the Recovery Residence Grant Program within the Maryland Department of Health would be a significant step towards supporting recovery residences and promoting access to recovery resources for individuals struggling with substance use disorders. At Evolve Life Centers, we understand the critical importance of recovery residences in providing safe and supportive environments for individuals in early recovery. These residences can provide critical support for individuals in recovery and can help to bridge the gap between traditional treatment and long-term recovery. However, many of these residences face financial challenges that can limit their ability to provide necessary services and support.

The Recovery Residence Grant Program proposed by SB558 would help to address these financial challenges by providing competitive grants to recovery residences to support their operations, services, and programs. The program would be a vital resource for recovery residences across the state, enabling them to continue providing critical support to individuals in recovery.

The bill also requires the Department to establish certain procedures related to the administration of the program, including criteria for determining grant recipients, reporting requirements, and program evaluation. This ensures that the program is administered in a transparent and accountable manner, with a focus on outcomes and impact. On top of all this, the \$500,000 annual budget allocation would make a significant difference in the lives of individuals in recovery and would help to promote access to recovery resources across Maryland.

**For these reasons, Evolve Life Centers politely asks for a favorable report on SB558.**

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