



"Being here for Maryland's Children, Youth, and Families"

**Testimony submitted to
House Health and Government Operations Committee**

Support

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**House Bill 1155 – Workgroup on Establishing a Youth Codesigned
Integrated Behavioral Health Model**

The Maryland Association of Youth Service Bureaus, which represents a network of Bureaus throughout the State of Maryland, supports House Bill 1155 - Workgroup on Establishing a Youth Codesigned Integrated Behavioral Health Model.

Youth Service Bureaus (YSBs) provide prevention, intervention, and treatment services for children, teens, and their families. YSBs therefore understand the importance of developing a new system for addressing behavioral health issues, given the current mental health struggles experienced by a large percentage of Maryland's young people. It makes sense to include the input of our youth in the planning process by including them in the proposed workgroup.

We urge the passage of this bill.

Respectfully Submitted:

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