



Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee:	House Health and Government Operations Committee
Bill Number:	SB 732 - Department of Disabilities - Maryland Commission on Disabilities - Membership
Hearing Date:	March 28, 2023
Position:	Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *Senate Bill 732 - Department of Disabilities - Maryland Commission on Disabilities - Membership*. The bill adds a person with traumatic brain injury (TBI) to sit on the Maryland Commission on Disabilities.

The Maryland Commission on Disabilities (MCOB) serves as the advisory body for the Maryland Department of Disabilities, which is charged with unifying and improving the delivery of services to people with disabilities. MCOB also participates in developing the State Disabilities Plan, a comprehensive multi-year strategic plan that sets performance goals for all agencies in Maryland which serve people with disabilities.

A TBI is a serious and potentially life-changing injury caused by a sudden blow to the head that damages the brain. Suffering a TBI can lead to physical and/or cognitive difficulties requiring intense rehabilitative care. It is far time Maryland recognizes that a TBI is a disability and people suffering from a TBI should have a seat at the table.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any additional information, please feel free to contact Robyn Elliott at relliott@policypartners.net.