

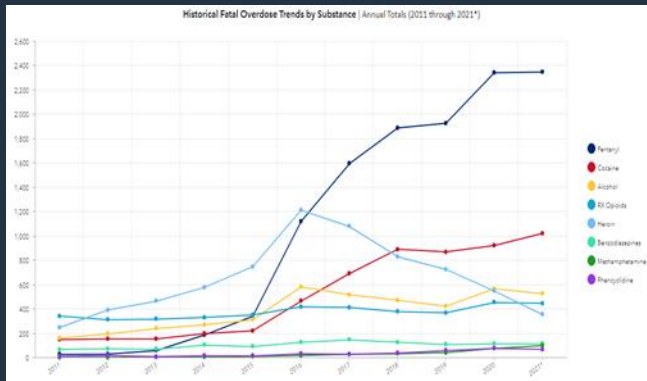
SB 546: Good Samaritan Law Expansion

Criminal Procedure – Medical Emergency - Immunity



The Problem

- Drug overdose deaths reached an all-time high during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Most overdose deaths were associated with synthetic opioids
- Maryland was one of four states with the highest rate of drug overdose deaths: 45.6 per 100,000
- Community members are still afraid to call 911 during overdoses



(Opioid Operational Command Center, n.d.)

The Solution

- Expand & clarify the legal language of the Good Samaritan Law.
- We must remove all real and perceived barriers to emergency care and allow immunity to witnesses and victims during medical emergencies.
- The loud and clear message to our community needs to be: "Don't Run, Call 911."



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The Ask: How You Can Help Us

- Pass SB 546
- paired with community education and law enforcement training will serve as harm reduction measures to decrease the number of overdose fatalities in Maryland.

DON'T RUN CALL 911

45.6 per 100,000 Deaths Overdose

in Maryland in 2020

(Kaiser Family Foundation, 2021)

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