



**MARYLAND**  
*Association of*  
**COUNTIES**

## **Senate Bill 599**

### *Developmental Disabilities – Community Providers – Federal Participation for Local Funds*

MACo Position: **SUPPORT**

To: Finance Committee

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The Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) **SUPPORTS** SB 599. This bill makes county governments eligible for supplemental funds via federal participation for local appropriations to community providers fulfilling service needs to developmentally disabled residents.

Developmental disability care and services in communities are primarily covered through a state and federal funding partnership. These are indispensable resources for community members that rely on these services. In some instances though, the county governments fund these services with allocations from the local general fund. As the funding has primarily been the responsibility of the state and federal government for disability services, when a county steps in to cover a gap or fulfill a need, they currently are not able to couple those costs with eligible federal funds. Counties appreciate the recognition of these local investments and the ability this bill provides to recover costs that are eligible for reimbursement when the state is funding them.

This bill will ensure federal funding is available to supplement the investments being made by county governments in this area. Accordingly, MACo urges a **FAVORABLE** report for SB 599.