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SB 705 - Health Insurance - Qualified Resident Enrollment Program (Access to Care Act)

Finance Committee

FAVORABLE

AFSCME Council 3 supports SB 705. This legislation expands the Affordable Care Act to all Marylanders, regardless of their immigration status by requiring MHBE to request a 1332 waiver to allow Marylanders, regardless of their immigration status to purchase insurance on the Exchange. Immigrants work and pay taxes in Maryland, and they deserve access to health care too. Without adequate health care coverage, uninsured populations can add costs to ER care that we all absorb. It's in the best interest of the state to continue reducing the uninsured rate and this legislation will help more Marylanders receive access to affordable, preventative care. It's a win-win.

For these reasons, we urge a favorable recommendation on SB 705.