



People on the Go of Maryland

HB912

Requiring, beginning in the 2026-2027 academic year, certain institutions of higher education to provide instructors with certain training on institutional obligations toward students with disabilities under certain federal laws; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop a certain model training program.

Position: Support

Date of Hearing: March 5th at 1:00 pm

Assigned to: Appropriations

Written by Cody Drinkwater, Policy Coordinator,

Honorable Chairperson, and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee: People On the Go of Maryland (POG) is a statewide self-advocacy organization, run for and by those with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities (IDD), and our mission is to promote self-advocacy throughout the state. POG respectfully offers this written testimony in support of HB912.

POG supports HB912 with amendments. We believe that the amendment should state that there should be an advisory panel of people with disabilities and other community advocacy groups like the DD Council and the Arc Maryland as well as People on the Go MD (POG) to advise on training for educators, and that the training must include people with disabilities in a lead role.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Cody Drinkwater or Mat Rice.

Thank you,

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