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Committee:	Senate Finance Committee
Bill Number:	Senate Bill 790
Title:	Maryland Department of Health - Workgroup to Implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Requirements
Hearing Date:	March 4, 2025
Position:	Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *Senate Bill 790 – Maryland Department of Health - Workgroup to Implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment Requirements*. The bill will require the Maryland Department of Health to convene a workgroup to implement Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment requirements.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) State Health published Official Letter #24–005: Best Practices for Adhering to Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnostic, and Treatment (EPSDT) Requirements for children, and the workgroup created by this bill will create a plan to implement the recommendations in the letter. This is the most comprehensive EPSDT guidance that CMS has released in a decade and provides updated and timely guidance to protect the health of our children. This includes screening, assessment, and services for behavioral health conditions in young children, a population and need area commonly addressed by occupational therapy practitioners. MOTA supports the charge of the workgroup and the guidance in the CMS letter.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Michael Paddy at mpaddy@policypartners.net.