



**House Bill 862 -- *Child Care Affordability Commission - Establishment***  
**House Ways and Means Committee**  
**February 25, 2025**  
**Support**

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, supports House Bill 862 -- *Child Care Affordability Commission - Establishment*. House Bill 862 creates the Child Care Affordability Commission to study and make recommendations regarding child care affordability.

MCCC has identified child care access and affordability as a critical economic issue that must be addressed to support both employers and employees in Maryland. Unreliable and unaffordable child care imposes significant economic costs on the state.

MCCC stresses that the need for affordable, high-quality child care was already crucial before the pandemic and has become even more urgent now. As more workers have returned to the office, child care challenges persist, hindering economic growth. The availability of quality, affordable child care is now more than ever a key factor in attracting and retaining a high-quality workforce in Maryland.

**For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce supports House Bill 862 and respectfully requests a favorable report.**

*The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), on behalf of its members, champions the growth of business opportunities, strategic infrastructure investments, and a strong workforce to position Metro Maryland as a premier regional, national, and global business location. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent, non-profit membership organization.*

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