



Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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Committee: Ways and Means Committee

Bill Number: Senate Bill 359

Title: Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program – Funding -Alteration

Hearing Date: March 19, 2025

Position: Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports Senate Bill 359 – *Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program – Funding Alterations*. The bill makes the annual funding level of \$3.7 million into a permanent requirement. Under current statute, the Governor is only required to fund the program through fiscal year 2026.

Occupational therapy practitioners are committed to early intervention for young children whose daily functioning is affected by developmental delays, physical disabilities, or behavioral health challenges. The Therapeutic Child Care Program supports partnerships between child care centers and health programs to provide effective early intervention for children. These partnerships are critical to supporting families seeking to ensure their children can integrate into educational, family, and social settings.

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