



## House Bill 919

Date: March 4, 2025

Committee: Ways and Means

**Position: Unfavorable**

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Founded in 1968, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce is the leading voice for business in Maryland. We are a statewide coalition of more than 7,000 members and federated partners working to develop and promote strong public policy that ensures sustained economic recovery and growth for Maryland businesses, employees, and families.

In addition to creating earlier sunsets for multiple tax credits, House Bill 919 (HB 919) creates an earlier sunset for tax credits related to research and development. The Maryland Chamber understands that the Maryland General Assembly must make difficult decisions during this year's budget process, but certain tax credits do provide a positive return on investment that benefits every Marylander.

For example, the research and development tax credit has consistently been utilized by companies specializing in life sciences and quantum computing, both target industries for economic growth in the State. The research and development tax credit may be utilized for important healthcare related research that protects Marylanders, and removing the tax credit could lessen Maryland's ability to be on the leading edge of healthcare research and discoveries.

Our neighbors Pennsylvania and Virginia have recognized the important role that research and development tax credits play in maintaining and attracting business. In fact, both states fund research and development tax credits at higher amounts than Maryland. By removing this critical tool, HB 919 would make Maryland less competitive with our neighboring states.

Research and development plays a critical role in the development of new technologies, which often leads to job creation and promote business expansion. Additionally, the research and development tax credit program includes a small business set aside, which is critical to fostering a productive small business environment in Maryland. For these reasons, the Maryland Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests an **unfavorable report** on **HB 919**.