



**Senate Finance Committee
March 25, 2026**

**House Bill 1485 - Public Health - Crisis Response System - Resources for
Family Members and Trauma-Informed Care Training-
Tierra's Law**

Support

NCADD-Maryland strongly supports House Bill 1485. People need to be connected to support during traumatic and vulnerable moments, including after the death, overdose, or behavioral health crisis of a loved one. When this trauma goes unsupported, it deepens isolation and increases chaotic self-medication as people attempt to cope. Bereavement is associated with increased risk for adverse physical and behavioral health outcomes.

Information about the 9-8-8 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline and state resources for supportive counseling can provide an opportunity for people to get the help they need. Few resources are readily accessible now in the aftermath of an overdose. Families must often navigate grief, trauma, and massive disruptions to their lives largely on their own.

Losing a loved one to an overdose is devastating. Providing linkages to care to survivors will help people deal constructively with their loss and find a path to healing.

We therefore urge a favorable report on House Bill 1485.