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HB0147: Nonprofit Organizations Navigator – Termination Provision – Repeal
Government, Labor, and Elections Committee
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Position: Support

The Arc Maryland is a statewide training, support, and advocacy organization that is dedicated to advancing and preserving the rights and quality of life of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We support HB0147 as it would ensure the program is allowed to continue to operate beyond 2027.

According to Maryland Nonprofits, nonprofit organizations represent one of the largest employment sectors in Maryland. These organizations employ close to 280,000 people statewide and have leveraged more than 4 billion in federal grants and awards, supplementing state and local funding for greater impact.

The Nonprofit Navigator program is a vital resource to support the sustainment and vibrancy of our nonprofit sector. The service:

- (1) provides technical assistance to nonprofit organizations in obtaining access to and applying for State grant programs;
- (2) works with nonprofit organizations and units of State government to resolve procedural complexities and delays in State grant-making processes;
- (3) collects and shares information on opportunities for federal, State, and local grants with nonprofit organizations; and
- (4) represents nonprofit organizations' interests and concerns as a member of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council established under § 2-209 of the State Finance and Procurement Article.

We are grateful for this program and the continued commitment of our state to support our vital nonprofit organizations.

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