

## 2019 Lobby Day Legislative Priorities

Thursday, March 7

### Fight for \$15: HB 166/SB 280

Del. Diana Fennell & Sen. Cory McCray | House Economic Matters Committee & Senate Finance Committee

**Description:** This bill will increase the state's minimum wage rate from \$10.10/hr to \$15/hr by 2023.

*"700,000 people would be affected by a minimum wage increase, which would allow people to maintain their housing." – Chauna Brocht, Director of Supportive Services*

### Access to Medication Assisted Treatment in Jails and Prisons: HB 116/SB 846

Del. Erik Barron & Sen. Chris West | House Judiciary Committee & Senate Finance Committee

**Description:** HB 116 expands access to medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use disorder (OUD) in jails and prisons in Maryland. The bill will mandate that all state prison facilities and local detention centers provide MAT and counseling to those diagnosed with OUD who want treatment.

*"With access to treatment in jail, people who are released from prison are almost twice as likely to stay out of prison and successfully reenter the community." – Molly Greenberg, MAT Nurse Coordinator*

### Minors' Right to Consent to Housing: HB 911

Del. Carol Krimm | House Judiciary Committee

**Description:** This bill allows an unaccompanied minor experiencing or at risk of homelessness (as well as the minor's child or children) to consent to admission to an emergency shelter or housing program and receive related services.

*"Removing parental consent would be a huge step towards providing access to services for young people at a time when they're most vulnerable." – Meredith McHugh, Behavioral Health Therapist*

### Expungement Expansion: HB 977/SB 833

Del. Nick Mosby & Sen. Jill Carter | House Judiciary Committee & Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

**Description:** This bill allows non-convictions and adult offenses that have been moved to juvenile court to be *automatically* removed from criminal records. It also expands expungement for convictions for misdemeanors, felonies and nuisance crimes.

*"People deserve a chance to have a life after they've paid their debt to society."*  
– Asha Duhart, Peer Recovery Specialist



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