

PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL YOUR STATE SENATOR AND DELEGATE AND URGE THEM TO UPHOLD ALL OF GOVERNOR HOGAN'S POLICY VETOES. IN PARTICULAR ASK THEM TO UPHOLD THE VETO ON THE FOLLOWING:

2019 BILL #	POLICY ISSUE DESCRIPTION	MESSAGE (Pick one or two reasons) PLEASE UPHOLD THE GOVERNOR'S VETO BECAUSE
HB 262/SB 537	Bill allows undocumented immigrants to pay in-state tuition rates at public 4-year colleges without first earning 60 credits at a community college. Reduces MD high-school attendance requirement from 3 years to just attending. Reduces MD income tax filing requirement for parents/student to 3 years prior to starting college classes instead of the current 3 years while in high school, plus any time between graduation and entering college.	Tuition cost at a 4-yr college is double that of a community college and costs to taxpayers are higher. There are a limited number of total student slots, and this legislation may reduce opportunity for citizen students to attend a 4-yr college at the freshman level. MD current law is generous to undocumented students granting them in-state tuition rates at community college and after earning 60 credits in-state tuition at a 4-year college. This bill reduces the time a undocumented student's family must file a MD income tax return and significantly reduces the requirement for attending a MD high school to be eligible for in-state tuition. This bill appears to be aimed at recent undocumented and not dreamers -those who were brought here as small children and lived here most of their lives. It could have the unintended result of encouraging more illegal immigration to Maryland.
HB 720/SB 830	Fishery Management Plans – Oysters. Removes the Secretary of Natural Resources from a reconstituted oyster futures consensus process to be called the Oyster Advisory Commission. The new Commission will be double in size of the Oyster Futures Group. The MD House and Senate would each have 2 voting representatives, but there would be NO voting representatives from the Governor or the Administration. Allows the Commission to meet in CLOSED SESSIONS TO DEVELOP the package of consensus recommendations for enhancing and implementing the Fishery Management Plan for Oysters that the State Department of Natural Resources must implement without any involvement or participation by the Dept.	This legislation violates the premise of Open government, bi-partisanship, transparency and accountability. It authorizes the new Commission to meet and come to a consensus on the package of recommendations without any public scrutiny or accountability. It excludes the Governor or the Dept. of Natural Resources from any participation, voice or vote on the Oyster Management Plan recommendations that the Dept. must implement. It delays for 2 additional years the implementation of several key recommendations of the original OysterFutures effort regarding the Choptank & Little Choptank rivers and delays for 2 more years a consensus package for implementation.
HB994/SB839	Labor and Employment – Criminal Record Screening Practices (Ban the Box). Requires employers of more than 15 employees to refrain from asking on an employment application about whether an individual has a criminal record until the first in-person interview. Exempts businesses that serve minors or vulnerable adults. Provides for fines up to \$300 for each violation.	This legislation puts a heavy burden on very small businesses. It complicates the hiring process. It could delay hiring if the criminal history is hidden until the interview by which time other candidates may no longer be available. It opens the company to law suits, fines and pressure to hire individuals with whom they may have safety concerns. The business may incur additional expenses for background checks or refer to an possibly outdated on-line criminal history websites to seek this information.