Women's Law Center of Maryland

Celebrating 53 Years of Advancing Justice

SB119 Gender Affirming Treatment PASSES MD State Senate 33-13!

Intersectional feminism is essential. Advancing justice for women always includes trans women. SB119 ensures meaningful access to gender-affirming treatment for over 20,000 transgender Marylanders.

PASSED MD STATE SENATE 33-13 Maryland State Senate voted 33-13, **PASSING SB119, Legally Protected Healthcare- Gender Affirming Treatment!** SB119 protects medical records of patients in MD from criminal, civil, and administrative actions related to gender-affirming care if those records are being sought in investigations in other states.

A similar bill is also being voted on in the MD House of Delegates. <u>Contact your</u> <u>Delegate</u> and urge them to vote in favor of <u>HB691</u>!

HB691 aims to protect all individuals who seek genderaffirming medical care and genderaffirming providers from civil and criminal proceedings. The goal is to ensure *equitable access* to medical care in Maryland *without fear* of *civil* or *criminal prosecution* from outside our State.

Protect Gender-Affirming care in Maryland & ensure all can access necessary healthcare without fear of legal repercussions!

Contact your Delegate Today: Urge Support of HB691!

Contact your Delegate

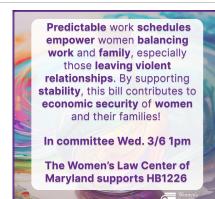
Don't forget about three other bills that need **YOUR SUPPORT.** Contact your Senator urging them to vote favorably on the following bills that impact Maryland women's physical safety, economic security, and bodily autonomy!



Contact your Senator!

Check out another incredible bill making a difference for Maryland women to be heard TODAY!

Wednesday March 6th:



HB1226 The Maryland Predictable Scheduling Act of 2024

creates the stability workers need to plan their lives. Some of the protections the law creates for workers include two weeks' notice of shift schedules, a right to decline last-minute additions or changes to scheduled shifts, and partial pay when shifts are canceled or cut at the last minute

HB1226 will be heard on Wednesday, 3/6, at 1 pm! Click below to <u>email members of the House Economic Matters</u> <u>Committee</u> and ask for a favorable vote.

Email House Economic Matters Committee Members to support HB1226

We will provide updates on these bills and others we are working on as session progresses. In the meantime, don't forget to let <u>your legislators</u> know about what issues matter most to you!

Onward together,

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Katie Curran O'Malley Executive Director

P.S. As always, if you appreciate the work we do, whether in the General Assembly or through our <u>direct legal services</u> across the State, <u>give here</u>! And if this email was forwarded to you by a friend, make sure to sign up for our legislative alerts <u>here</u>

P.P.S. <u>Get your tickets</u> for the WLC's Annual Celebration and Awards Ceremony on May 7th at 6pm at Citron!

P.P.P.S. WLC is proud to join the <u>Federal Bar Association, Maryland Chapter</u>, in hosting a webinar discussion featuring the Honorable Lynne A. Battaglia on the rich history of women lawyers in Maryland and the ongoing imperative to advocate for gender equality. When: Wednesday, March 12th, 12 pm Where: Zoom

RSVP Today & join the conversation!

Have an event you'd like to share with us? Send us aremail!

About The Women's Law Center of Maryland

The vision of the Women's Law Center of Maryland is a legal system that provides justice and fairness for women. The Women's Law Center's mission is to ensure the physical safety, economic security, and autonomy of women throughout the State. We work towards this goal by providing direct legal representation, information and referral services, and legislative advocacy. Our efforts to promote justice, fairness, and equality for women are only possible because of friends like you.

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