

2024

LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS OF MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



HEALTH & ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

- Maryland Maternal Health Act of 2024
- Prescription Drug Affordability Act
- Prostate, Breast, and Lung Cancer Screening Campaign
- Impact of Environmental Permits & State Agency Actions

HOUSING & TRANSPORTATION

- Authorize Just Cause Eviction for Lease Non-Renewals
- Ban the Box on Lease Applications
- Increase Oversight and Compliance on Eviction
- Protect Access to Transportation for Black Communities

BLACK WEALTH & BLACK BUSINESSES

- Redevelop Maryland Small Business Online Resources
- Board of Public Works MBE Accountability & Transparency
- Improvements to State Contract Forecasting
- MBE Prime Contracting Expansion

EDUCATION EQUITY

- HBCU Program Duplication Legislation from Program Duplication Workgroup
- Equitable Funding for Land Grant Institutions
- Expansion of Community Schools
- Preserve Affordability of Childcare Scholarship Program

JUSTICE REFORM & PUBLIC SAFETY

- Establish a Correctional Ombudsman Office within the AG's Office
- Expungement Expansion Bill Package
- Supporting the Success of Returning Citizens
- Protect recent policies and laws related to juvenile justice and cannabis odor, and support evidence-based and data-driven solutions to public safety and crime, including funding and supports for violence intervention & prevention