



# Maryland Occupational Therapy Association

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**Committee:** Health and Government Operations Committee  
**Bill Number:** Senate Bill 241  
**Title:** Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund  
**Hearing Date:** March 30, 2022  
**Position:** Support

The Maryland Occupational Therapy Association (MOTA) supports *Senate Bill 241 – Health Occupations – Behavioral Health Crisis Response Services - 9-8-8 Trust Fund*. This bill creates a special fund to support the implementation of the 9-8-8 system.

It is expected that federal funds will be available for states to establish 9-8-8 systems, and this bill will position Maryland to apply for those funds. Similar to 2-1-1, the 9-8-8 systems will make it easier for people to connect to behavioral health resources in their communities. Marylanders need these resources to help themselves or family members avoid behavioral health crises.

We ask for a favorable report. If we can provide any further information, please contact Scott Tiffin at [stiffin@policypartners.net](mailto:stiffin@policypartners.net).