



**IT'S THE LEGAL  
DESTRUCTION OF  
A SOUND SOCIETY**

# STATE OF MARYLAND

## SUPPORT

### HB 699

Prohibits proof of vaccination for employees and applicants for employment.

## OPPOSE

### SB 378 - WITHDRAWN

Authorizing minors under the age of 14 years to consent to vaccination.

### HB 283 - APPROVED BY GOVERNOR

Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide gender-affirming treatment in a nondiscriminatory manner (Carryover of previous SB 682 - 2022).

## CONTACT YOUR REPS

One of the most powerful ways to impact change is through awareness and making your voice heard.

Visit the link below to contact your representatives.

[www.mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebiste/](http://www.mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebiste/)

## FACT SOURCES

- [www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/the-teen-brain-7-things-to-know](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/the-teen-brain-7-things-to-know)
- <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childsexualabuse/fastfact.html>
- <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK430827/>

## THE FACTS DID YOU KNOW?

**According to the NIH, Informed Consent** is the process in which a health care provider educates a patient about the risks, benefits, and alternatives of a given procedure or intervention. Informed consent is both an ethical and legal obligation of medical practitioners in the US and originates from the patient's right to direct what happens to their body.

### Children and Informed Consent

According to the NIH, Children (typically under 17) cannot provide informed consent. As such, parents must permit treatments or interventions. In this case, it is not termed "informed consent" but "informed permission."

### According to the NIH, adolescence is an important time for brain development.

The brain finishes developing and maturing in the mid-to-late 20s. The part of the brain behind the forehead, called the prefrontal cortex, is one of the last parts to mature. This area is responsible for skills like planning, prioritizing, and making good decisions.

For more facts, data and talking points go to [www.TheUnityProject.org/Take-Action](http://www.TheUnityProject.org/Take-Action)