

# SB602 • Maryland

## Algorithmic Addiction Fund - Establishment

Introduced

Risk: Medium

Comprehensive

Last Action (Feb 09, 2026): Hearing 2/24 at 1:00 p.m.

## Summary

The bill establishes the Algorithmic Addiction Fund to address harms to children from social media algorithms, managed by the Maryland Department of Health.

## Business Impact

If you operate social media platforms in Maryland, you must contribute to the Algorithmic Addiction Fund by July 1, 2024, or face penalties.

## Key Provisions

- Establishes the Algorithmic Addiction Fund administered by the Maryland Department of Health.
- Fund consists of civil penalties from judgments or settlements related to social media harm to children.
- Requires annual reporting to the General Assembly on intervention services.

## Compliance Checklist

- Administer the Algorithmic Addiction Fund and allocate resources for intervention services. | Who: Maryland Department of Health | Penalty: Civil penalties from judgments related to algorithmic addiction.
- Submit annual report on algorithmic addiction intervention services. | Who: Secretary of Health | Penalty: Potential scrutiny from the General Assembly.

## Industries Affected

Healthcare

Social Media

Health Care

Technology

## Topics

AI Healthcare

## Bill Sponsors

Name	Party	Role
Edwards		Cosponsor
Nathan-Pulliam		Primary
Ready		Cosponsor
Cassilly		Cosponsor
Norman		Cosponsor
Simonaire		Cosponsor
Bates		Primary
Salling		Cosponsor
Serafini		Cosponsor
Hough and Zirkin		Primary
Feldman		Primary
Smith		Primary

## Roll Call Votes

Date	Description	Yea	Nay	Result
2025-03-24	On Third Reading	137	0	Passed
2025-02-18	On Third Reading	44	0	Passed

## Related Bills

- HB715 (MD)
- HB1119 (MD)
- SB739 (MD)

## Official Source

<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/Legislation/Details/SB0602?ys=2026RS>

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