

# LMSW EXAM PASSRATE DISPARITIES TIMELINE

## August 2022

- Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) releases data on pass rate disparities based on race, age, and first-language
- National conversations begin about how to address inequities, including at UMSSW

## September 2022

National Deans and Directors convenes working group with SSW leaders

## October 2022

UMSSW Convenes task force

## December 2022

SSW enhances LMSW exam study preparation and hires a well-respected Black business owner to provide services to all MSW students

## January 2023

UMSSW Taskforce report provided to Dean Postmus

## March 2023

- Bills SB0871 and SB0145 are introduced to Maryland Senate
- March 30: Hearing

## April 2023

SB0871 passes the senate with major revisions. Most significant aspect was the formation of a legislative task force to further examine the causes and potential remedies of pass rate disparities

## Summer 2023

Task force is formed via the Maryland General Assembly. First meeting scheduled for October 2023

## September 2023

Work of monitoring, advocating, and advising UMSSW is restructured within the Policy and Advocacy Subcommittee of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee

## October 2023

LMSW exam licensure preparation materials made available to all MSW students (and alumni as requested) via Advanced Social Work Solutions

## Ongoing

Continue to advocate for an equitable path to licensure by:

1. Implementing internal recommendations
2. Advocating at the legislative level
3. Collaborating across stakeholder group to increase our efficacy