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June 2012**

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**Part I**  
**Review of Legislative Committees**  
**Authorized to Function**  
**During the 2012 Interim**

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Department of Legislative Services  
Annapolis, Maryland

June 2012

# **Review of Legislative Committees Authorized to Function During the 2012 Legislative Interim**

## **Senate Standing Committees**

- Budget and Taxation
- Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
- Finance
- Judicial Proceedings

## **House Standing Committees**

- Appropriations
- Economic Matters
- Environmental Matters
- Health and Government Operations
- Judiciary
- Ways and Means

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- Substance Abuse, Special Committee on
- Ethics Reform, Special Committee on

## **House Special Committees**

- Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Special Committee on

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- Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, Joint Committee on
- Audit Committee, Joint
- BRAC, Joint Committee on
- Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Areas, Joint Committee on
- Children, Youth, and Families, Joint Committee on
- Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight, Joint Committee on
- Federal Relations, Joint Committee on
- Health Care Delivery and Financing, Joint Committee on
- Legislative Ethics, Joint Committee on
- Management of Public Funds, Joint Committee on the
- Mental Health Services, Joint Committee on Access to

- Spending Affordability Committee
- Information Technology and Biotechnology, Joint Committee on
- Transparency and Open Government, Joint Committee on
- Unemployment Insurance Oversight, Joint Committee on
- Welfare Reform, Joint Committee on
- Workers' Compensation Insurance and Benefits Oversight Committee

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- Program Open Space/Agricultural Land Preservation, Joint Subcommittee on
- State, County, and Municipal Fiscal Relationships, Joint Legislative Workgroup to Study

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**2012 Interim**

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May 25, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to you regarding the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee's 2012 interim schedule. With one special session already scheduled and with the potential for a second special session this summer, the committee has plans for a busy interim. In the fall the full committee will attend the Joint Fiscal Briefing with the Spending Affordability Committee. Also, depending on timing and resources, the committee may conduct one or two site visits. In addition, as always, if matters arise that require the immediate attention of the committee, briefings will be scheduled.

The committee is looking forward to an interesting and productive interim. As always, your input regarding our interim schedule and participation in any of the meetings is welcome.

Sincerely,

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Edward J. Kasemeyer  
Chairman  
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee

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## THE SENATE OF MARYLAND

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May 16, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chair  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in response to your request for an agenda of the proposed interim work of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. The issues set forth below will be examined during the 2012 interim.

#### **Election Law**

During the 2011 session, the General Assembly passed legislation to establish the Commission to Study Campaign Finance Law and directed the commission to examine the State's campaign finance laws; collect information on campaign financing practices and standards in other jurisdictions, including the federal government; and consider or examine various issues ranging from contribution limits to public campaign financing to enforcement of election laws. The commission began its deliberations in December 2011 and issued an interim report in January 2012 containing its initial recommendations for changes to State campaign finance laws. A final report from the commission is due in December 2012. The committee will participate in the activities of the commission and looks forward to receiving its report and a briefing on the findings and recommendations of the commission after it concludes its activities.

#### **Ethics Law**

During the 2012 session, the General Assembly passed and the Governor signed legislation that, among other things, establishes a workgroup to be appointed jointly by the Speaker of the House of Delegates and the President of the Senate to carry out a comprehensive and coordinated review of the disclosure requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Laws as they apply to State and local governments. The workgroup will include members of the General Assembly and representatives of the Maryland State Ethics Commission, State, county, municipal corporations, private-sector agencies that promote or encourage government accountability, public-sector employees' unions, and other interested parties. The workgroup will submit a report to the committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee by December 31, 2012. The committee expects to have representation on the workgroup and will monitor or work with the workgroup as it reviews these issues. The committee also expects to receive a briefing on the findings and recommendations of the commission after it concludes its activities.

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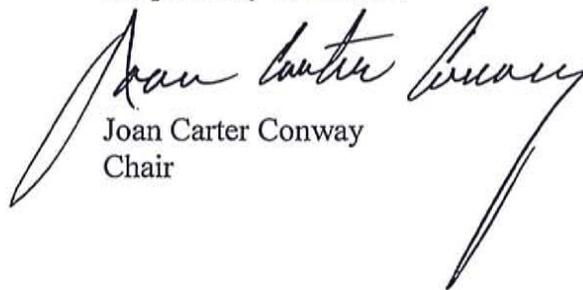
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### **Health Occupations**

Senate Bill 180 (Health Occupations – State Board of Naturopathic Medicine) would have established a State Board of Naturopathic Medicine within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). Although the bill did not pass the Senate, the committee was convinced that the issue of whether individuals who practice naturopathic medicine should be licensed in the State warrants further study. Specifically, the committee will research the scope of practice for these individuals, the licensing laws in other states for these individuals, and the existence and scope of formulary councils related to the practice of naturopathic medicine. The committee will work with DHMH, the State Board of Physicians, the State Board of Occupational Therapists, the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, and any other interested stakeholders to determine the best way to resolve this issue during the legislative session of 2013.

In addition to the issues described above, the committee may participate in site visits and consider other issues that arise during the course of the interim or are referred to it by the Legislative Policy Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Carter Conway  
Chair

cc: Ms. Lynne Porter  
Ms. Vicki Gruber  
Ms. Kristin Jones

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May 16, 2012

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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Senate Finance Committee plans to meet several times during the 2012 interim for briefings on a variety of issues. Most likely, these meetings will be held during the fall.

Among others, briefings that may be planned include:

- an update on energy issues (customer education about customer choice, electricity supply prices, electric company reliability standards and reports required under Chapter 167 of 2011, renewable portfolio standards, energy efficiency and demand response programs, proposed community energy net metering, and study on tenant payment of landlord electric bills);
- the status of Chapter 421 of 2012 which is aimed to identify uninsured motorists and of Chapter 336 of 2012 which allows a new commission structure to incentivize Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund (MAIF) producers to reach out to uninsured motorists;
- reports on workers' compensation medical presumptions, including one by a medical expert relating to the types of cancers firefighters contract in the line of duty and one by the Department of Legislative Services comparing how presumptions are handled in the State with other states;
- an update on the implementation of federal health care reform in the State, including any implications from the Supreme Court's ruling on the Affordable Care Act, proposals regarding financing mechanisms to enable the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to be self-sustaining, and the selection of the State benchmark plan by the Health Care Reform Coordinating Council;
- an update on actions taken by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) to reduce the waiting list for services, support the infrastructure of providers, improve resource coordination, restructure fiscal operations, modernize regulations and waivers, and enhance oversight of DDA operations;

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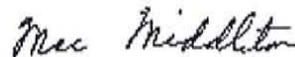
- a report by the Comptroller on the taxation and regulation of other tobacco products, as required by Senate Bill 452/House Bill 570 of 2012 (both passed);
- an update on the development of regulations, required by Chapter 418 of 2012, for a Certificate of Conformance for Cardiac Surgery and Percutaneous Coronary Intervention Services by the Maryland Healthcare Commission; and
- the status of the Maryland Health Care Commission's plans to update Certificate of Need requirements for Hospice in Maryland.

Further, in the fall, the committee anticipates visiting (1) ARINC, a provider of communications, integration, and engineering solutions, to tour its global communications center and learn about challenges the company is facing in doing business in and with the State; and (2) MAIF to learn about its Electronic Policy Administration System.

As in prior years, the members of the committee will be participating on a number of commissions, task forces, and oversight committees, including the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight, the Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee, the Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing, the Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services, the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight, the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform, the Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee, the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council, the Commission on Maryland Cybersecurity Innovation and Excellence, the Task Force to Study Maryland Insurance of Last Resort Programs, the Task Force to Study Economic Development and Apprenticeships, and the Medicaid Advisory Committee.

Please contact me or the committee staff, Tami Burt, Dave Smulski, or Patrick Carlson at (410) 946-5510 if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Very truly yours,



Thomas McLain Middleton

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cc: Ms. Lynne Porter  
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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

May 31, 2012

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The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in response to your request for an agenda of the proposed interim work of the Judicial Proceedings Committee. The committee plans to study the implications of several recent court decisions.

**Pit Bulls**

The Court of Appeals recently changed the common law rule applicable to attacks by dogs. (*Tracey v. Solesky*, No. 53, Sept. Term 2012 (April 26, 2012)). The Court held that, because pit bulls and cross-bred pit bulls are inherently dangerous, an owner of a pit bull or pit bull mix or other person who has the right to control a pit bull's presence on the subject premises (including a landlord) is strictly liable for damages caused to a plaintiff who is attacked by the dog on or from the owner's or lessor's premises, and that it is no longer necessary to prove that the owner or landlord have actual knowledge that the dog involved is dangerous.

The decision has raised concerns that owners of pit bulls may be unable to find or may be evicted from rental housing, which could result in pit bulls being abandoned and animal shelters being unable to accommodate them. Advocates fear that this could lead to euthanization of these dogs.

Members of the committee will participate in a task force appointed by the presiding officers to review the impact of *Tracey v. Solesky* and to make recommendations to resolve the issues raised by the decision.

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### **DNA Collection**

In another recent case, the Court of Appeals declared that the collection of DNA samples from arrestees by State law enforcement officials is unconstitutional (*King v. State*, No. 68, Sept. Term 2011 (April 24, 2012)). The decision struck down the 2009 Maryland DNA Collection Act, which expanded DNA collection to include those arrested for a crime of violence; a first, second, or third degree burglary; or an attempt to commit any of these crimes. The collection and analysis of DNA has served as a useful investigative tool for unsolved crimes; however, since the ruling law enforcement agencies have stopped collecting samples from arrestees.

The State has maintained a DNA database since 1994. Currently, the State's convicted offender DNA database has more than 101,000 offender samples and has been responsible for more than 2,500 positive comparisons since it began. Because of the complexity of issues and concerns that have been raised by the decision, the committee plans to hold a briefing to study these issues in greater detail.

### **Handguns**

In March of this year, Judge Benson E. Legg of the U.S. District Court for the District of Maryland issued an Opinion in *Woollard v. Sheridan* (civil case L-10-2068) in which he found portions of Maryland's handgun permit statute unconstitutional. Under current law, the Secretary of the State Police is required to issue permits for an individual to carry a handgun outside of the home, openly or concealed, but only to individuals who meet certain enumerated conditions. One such condition is that the applicant "has a good and substantial reason to wear, carry, or transport a handgun, such as a finding that the permit is necessary as a reasonable precaution against apprehended danger." The court found that the "good and substantial reason" requirement is not reasonably adapted to a substantial government interest and thus this portion of the law is unconstitutional.

The State has filed an appeal of the decision; however, since the decision, applications for handgun permits in the State have increased over 300 percent. The decision and the resulting increase in handgun permit applications have raised a number of concerns; therefore, the committee will hold a briefing to better understand the decision and, if necessary, investigate ways to address the concerns of the court while upholding the intent of the State's restrictions on permits to carry a handgun.

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If necessary, the committee may also decide to examine other issues that may arise during the course of the 2012 legislative interim and schedule meetings accordingly.

Sincerely,

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Brian E. Frosh  
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Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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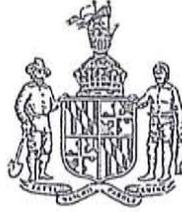
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The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to provide the 2012 interim schedule for the House Appropriations Committee and its standing subcommittees to the Legislative Policy Committee. The committee will have an active interim to prepare for the 2013 legislative session.

The committee plans to hold its traditional fiscal briefing jointly with the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and Spending Affordability Committee in the fall. Due to the special sessions, the committee will not hold a full committee site visit this interim. In lieu of a full committee site visit, each subcommittee will hold one site visit in which members of the full committee are welcome to attend. These sites include the Baltimore City correctional facilities, Prince George's County Healthcare System, and several others that have yet to be determined. The committee will conclude its interim work with a committee retreat in December to prepare for the 2013 legislative session.

I welcome any suggestions you may have for the committee's and subcommittees' work during this interim.

Sincerely,

Norman H. Conway, Chairman  
House Appropriations Committee

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The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr., Co-Chair  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to your letter requesting a tentative agenda and proposed meeting schedule of the House Economic Matters Committee. Although the committee accomplished much during the 2012 legislative session, we have identified a few issues that require further oversight during the interim.

A number of passed bills required Executive Branch agencies to study and report back to this committee on issues. In addition, the committee has asked several Executive Branch agencies to investigate and report back on other particular issues. The full committee will meet on general issues as needed. Additionally, subcommittees may meet periodically throughout the interim as matters are referred to them.

The matters in enacted bills that require further study by agencies include protection of title insurance customers, of tenants subject to termination of utility services, and of contractors obtaining security through individual and corporate sureties.

A number of bills in the area of energy and electricity raised questions that the committee believes are worthy of further exploration in consultation with the Public Service Commission, namely community energy facilities that involve deployment of renewable generation equipment on a shared basis, and sustainable energy utilities that facilitate financing and installation of renewable generation and energy-efficiency equipment in the private sector. On-bill financing for energy-efficiency equipment may also be included in the commission's review.

The Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation will review legislation during this interim to promote workforce development and career pathways at the committee's request.

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The committee is referring to the Baltimore City administration for mediation sensitive issues raised by proposed legislation that would have restricted the operating hours of certain alcoholic beverages establishments in parts of the city.

In addition to these matters, and with appropriate approvals, the interim schedule may include modest site visits and informational briefings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Dereck E. Davis  
Chair

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May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the following agenda for the Environmental Matters Committee for the 2012 interim. The committee has identified several issues for study that stem from either ongoing concerns or legislation considered during the 2012 session. In light of tight budget constraints, the committee will conduct the bulk of its work by way of subcommittee meetings and a couple site visits, starting in the late summer and throughout the fall and early winter.

In addition, the committee will continue to monitor the progress of various task forces and commissions that were created by legislation passed by this committee in recent years, several of which include committee delegates as members.

### **Subcommittee Meetings**

#### **Subcommittee on Environment**

This subcommittee will likely meet in the fall to review the findings and recommendations of a study being conducted by the Maryland Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with the Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Advisory Commission, that relates to best practices for all aspects of natural gas exploration and production in the Marcellus Shale in Maryland.

#### **Subcommittee on Housing and Real Property**

This subcommittee plans to meet in the fall to work on various issues involving management services in common ownership communities. The subcommittee will also continue to monitor the status of residential foreclosures in the State, as well as developments at the federal level concerning mortgage servicers and protections for homeowners in foreclosure.

#### **Subcommittee on Land Use and Ethics**

This subcommittee will likely meet in the fall to review developments in the sustainable communities laws enacted in the past few years and to possibly consider "flags" raised by the

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Land Use Article Review Committee to the General Assembly regarding various suggested substantive revisions to the Land Use Article that were enacted in the 2012 session.

### **Subcommittee on Motor Vehicles and Transportation**

This subcommittee will likely meet in the fall to work on various issues raised during the 2012 session, including the implementation of speed monitoring systems, the licensing of towers, the use of van accessible handicapped parking spaces, and the designation and use of historic motor vehicles. In addition, the subcommittee will monitor the deliberations of the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council, including deliberations on preferential parking for and the use of HOV lanes by electric vehicles.

### **Subcommittee on Natural Resources**

This subcommittee will meet during the 2012 interim to examine new Department of Natural Resources licensing processes, including the use of the social security number of a license or renewal applicant in the process.

### **Full Committee Site Visits and Meetings**

The full committee is planning to hold two site visits this interim: one during the summer to visit areas of revitalization and an animal shelter in Baltimore City and another site visit in the fall to observe municipal stormwater management systems in Prince George's County.

In addition, the full committee will likely meet towards the end of the interim for departmental briefings, task force reports, and organizing for the 2013 session.

### **Task Forces, Commissions, and Study Groups**

- ***Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission*** – (established as a permanent commission by Chapters 488/HB 474 and 489/SB 278 of 2010, stemming out of the former *Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland* created by Chapter 381 of 2006) – membership includes two delegates from the Environmental Matters Committee, Delegates Rudolph C. Cane and Stephen W. Lafferty.
- ***Marcellus Shale Safe Drilling Initiative Advisory Commission*** (created by Executive Order 01.01.2011.11).

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- ***Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund*** (established by Chapter 266 of 2011/SB 639) – membership includes two delegates from the Environmental Matters Committee, Delegates Barbara A. Frush and A. Shane Robinson.
- ***BayStat Program*** (generally codified by Chapters 120/SB 213 and 121/HB 369 of 2008) – report due annually.
- ***Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation*** (established by the Legislative Policy Committee in 1991) – membership includes four delegates from the Environmental Matters Committee, Delegates Elizabeth Bobo, Rudolph C. Cane, Patrick N. Hogan, and Dana M. Stein.
- ***Workgroup on Lead Liability Protection for Rental Property*** (required by Chapter 373/HB 472 of 2012) – membership to be determined.
- ***Task Force to Study Renovation and Repair Needs of Senior Homeowners*** (required by Chapter 695/HB 991 of 2012) – Department of Housing and Community Development mandated to create the task force and report on the findings of the task force on or before December 31, 2012.
- ***Workgroup on Public Ethics Disclosure Requirements*** (required by Chapter 620/SB 920 of 2012) – membership to be determined – recommended legislation due on or before December 31, 2012.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



Maggie McIntosh  
Chair  
Environmental Matters Committee

MM/LPL/TPT/CCF/mlm

cc: Karl S. Aro  
Warren G. Deschenaux  
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Health and Government Operations Committee  
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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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May 16, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter responds to your request for a tentative agenda and proposed meeting schedule for the House Health and Government Operations Committee for the 2012 interim. Although the interim schedule of the Health and Government Operations Committee has not been finalized, below is an overview of the issues that the committee intends to study in two or three meetings during the fall.

- **Maryland Health Benefit Exchange:** The committee will receive a briefing from the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and others on financing mechanisms, continuity of care, the State benchmark plan, and progress in establishing the Exchange.
- **Habilitative Services:** HB 1055 established a workgroup on access to habilitative services benefits. The committee will receive a briefing from the Insurance Commissioner on the workgroup report.
- **Sunset Review Process:** The committee will consider changes proposed by the Department of Legislative Services to the sunset review process.
- **Health Care Facilities – Abuser Registry:** The committee will receive a briefing from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on the report of its workgroup on issues associated with an abuser registry.
- **Clinical Laboratory Regulations:** The committee will receive a briefing from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on proposed comprehensive regulations related to clinical laboratories.
- **Medicaid – Generic Drugs:** The committee will receive a briefing in December from the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy on the potential cost savings to Medicaid that could be achieved through a generic drug supplemental rebate program.

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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
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- **Prince George's County Health Care System:** The committee will receive an update from the University of Maryland Medical System and other signatories to the 2011 MOU on the Prince George's County health care system.

In addition to the full committee meetings, the Public Health and Long Term Care subcommittee will be forming a workgroup to examine Maryland hospitals' palliative care and hospice referral policies, and the Government Operations subcommittee will be briefed by the Civil Rights Commission. The committee also plans to tour the University of Maryland School of Public Health in the fall. In addition to the issues described above, the House Health and Government Operations Committee is prepared to handle any other issues that arise or any matters referred by the Legislative Policy Committee.

Sincerely,

Delegate Peter A. Hammen  
Chairman  
Health and Government Operations Committee

PAH/LLS/msh

Enclosure

cc: Members, Health and Government Operations Committee  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter

Maryland General Assembly  
House Judiciary Committee

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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
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May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The House Judiciary Committee has identified the following issue for possible study during the 2012 interim.

The committee plans to hold a briefing on the status of the case of *Alonzo Jay King, Jr., v. State of Maryland*, No. 68, September Term 2011 (Opinion filed: April 24, 2012) in which the Court of Appeals ruled that the taking of a DNA sample from a person who had been arrested for, but not convicted of a particular crime, is unconstitutional.

Sincerely  
Handwritten signature of Joseph F. Vallario, Jr. in cursive script.

Joseph F. Vallario, Jr.  
House Chairman

JFV/CER/tas

cc: Members of the Judiciary Committee  
Mr. Karl S. Aro  
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May 24, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter responds to your request for a tentative agenda and proposed meeting schedule for the House Ways and Means Committee for the 2012 interim. In consideration of the upcoming workgroup to study the expansion of gaming and potential special legislative session in July, the House Ways and Means Committee currently has a light interim schedule. The committee is exploring potential locations for a site visit in August or September and will schedule a fiscal briefing in the fall. The annual Ways and Means Committee retreat is tentatively scheduled for December. If any briefings or site visits are scheduled, I will bring those to your attention at the appropriate time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sheila E. Hixson".

Sheila E. Hixson  
Chair

SEH/JFW/mrm

cc: Ms. Lynne B. Porter  
Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux



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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

May 24, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chair  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As in previous years, the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) anticipates that its 2012 interim agenda and meeting schedule will be largely determined by the nature and frequency of proposed emergency and nonemergency regulations submitted to the committee for review, which cannot be predicted at this time. The committee will continue to endeavor to keep its meeting schedule during the interim to a minimum by consolidating as much work as possible on those days when meetings are necessary.

Sincerely,

*Paul G. Pinsky*  
Senator Paul G. Pinsky  
Senate Chair

*Anne Healey*  
Delegate Anne Healey  
House Chair

PGP:AH/MR/arr

cc: Karl S. Aro  
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Joint Audit Committee  
2012 Interim  
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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

May 21, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Audit Committee has identified issues to be reviewed during the 2012 interim. The committee's proposed schedule for hearing several audits performed by the Legislative Auditor is enclosed. The Joint Audit Committee has scheduled two meetings for the completion of its interim workload. We expect to be able to accomplish the necessary review of interim issues in this timeframe.

Please contact the committee staff, Karen Morgan or Lisa Simpson, at (410) 946-5510 if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Sincerely,

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Senator James C. Rosapepe  
Senate Chairman

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Delegate Guy Guzzone  
House Chairman

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Enclosure

## **Joint Audit Committee 2012 Interim Schedule**

**Location: House Appropriations Committee Room, Annapolis, Maryland**

**Senator James C. Rosapepe, Senate Chairman  
Delegate Guy Guzzone, House Chairman**

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**October 16, 2012 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 p.m. – Audits to Be Presented in Annapolis**

- Data Security – Performance Audit
- Report on Repeat Audit Findings
- Committee Oversight of Repeat Audit Findings and Other Audit Issues

**December 5, 2012 (Wednesday) @ 1:00 p.m. – Audits to Be Presented in Annapolis/  
Items for Consideration**

- Certain Audits Yet to Be Issued
- Fraud Hotline Update Report

*Committee Staff: Karen D. Morgan and Lisa J. Simpson (410) 946-5510*

Note: Meetings are subject to change. The hearing schedule will contain the most up-to-date information.

**Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure  
Maryland General Assembly  
2012 Membership Roster**

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE

May 30, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

With the conclusion of the federal 2005 Base Realignment and Closure process on September 15, 2011, the Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure has completed its mission.

We therefore recommend that legislation be introduced during the 2013 session to terminate the committee.

Sincerely,

*Roy P. Dyson/cer*  
Roy P. Dyson  
Senate Chairman

*David D. Rudolph/cer*  
David D. Rudolph  
House Chairman

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cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic  
Coastal Bays Critical Area**

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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June 1, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing in response to your request for an agenda of the proposed 2012 interim work of the Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area.

During recent interims, the joint committee has monitored the implementation of Chapter 119 of 2008 (Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program – Administrative and Enforcement Provisions), which enacted specific recommendations that resulted from a 2007 comprehensive review of the critical area law. During the 2012 interim, the joint committee intends to continue to monitor the implementation of this legislation and the corresponding proposed regulations to ensure compliance with legislative intent and to determine if any further legislation is necessary. In addition, the joint committee will continue to monitor the implementation of Chapter 280 of 2009 (Chesapeake Bay Nitrogen Reduction Act), which requires all new or replacement onsite sewage disposal systems located in the critical area to use nitrogen removal technology. Finally, the joint committee will continue to monitor analyses and decisions of the Critical Area Commission on projects in the critical area, especially as related to recently adopted regulations governing buffers and buffer plantings.

The joint committee will meet to discuss these issues and possibly plan a site visit at some point during the interim. We will forward the date of the meeting as soon as it is scheduled.

We will be pleased to forward any additional information that you may require.

Respectfully submitted,

Delegate Barbara A. Frush  
Presiding Chair

Senator Roy P. Dyson  
Senate Chair

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cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
Ms. Kristin F. Jones  
Ms. Victoria L. Gruber  
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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families  
2012 Interim  
Membership Roster**

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May 17, 2012

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The Honorable Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

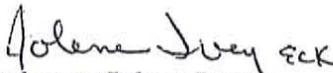
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitted for your review is the proposed interim schedule for the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. The joint committee will continue to monitor Maryland programs that focus on children, youth, and families. The joint committee is planning at least four meetings. The meetings are currently scheduled to occur on July 18, at 10:00 a.m.; September 19, at 10:00 a.m.; October 17, at 10:00 a.m.; and December 5, at 10:00 a.m. All of the meetings will take place in the House of Delegates Ways and Means Committee hearing room.

The July meeting topic will include an update on the Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant and a presentation on after school programs. The September meeting will focus on the topic of charter schools. The October meeting will include a presentation by the Children's Cabinet and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on nutrition issues, including childhood obesity, eating disorders, and breast milk banks for premature infants. The final meeting in November will focus on alternative education programs.

We look forward to a productive interim and welcome your participation in our activities.

Sincerely,

  
Delegate Jolene Ivey  
Presiding Chair

  
Senator Nancy J. King  
Co-chair

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Enclosure

cc: Ms. Kristen F. Jones  
Ms. Victoria L. Gruber  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter



**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Fair Practices and  
State Personnel Oversight**

**2012 Membership Roster**

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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## Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chair  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitted for your review is the proposed interim schedule for the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight. The joint committee plans to meet at least once this interim in Annapolis. The meeting will most likely take place in either September or October at a place to be determined. The purposes of the meeting are to receive an update on the status of the State's Equal Employment Opportunity Program and updates on other matters of concern involving State employment in all of the State's personnel systems. We look forward to a productive interim and welcome your participation in our activities.

Sincerely,

C. Anthony Muse  
Senate Chair

Adrienne A. Jones  
House Chair

CAM:AAJ/DAS/mpc

cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux



**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Federal Relations**

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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**Joint Committee on Federal Relations**

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chair  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

During the 2012 interim, the Joint Committee on Federal Relations may meet two to four times at dates yet to be determined. The committee is interested in visiting one or more federal agencies for discussions on how federal policy impacts Maryland (*e.g.*, National Institute of Health, the Food and Drug Administration, etc.). The committee may also meet for briefings on federal health care reform, transportation funding/policy, or other topics yet to be identified. In addition, the committee may hold a work session on the following interstate compacts which are slated for review in 2012:

- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Compact;
- Middle Atlantic Interstate Forest Fire Protection Compact;
- Interstate Compact for Juveniles;
- Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision;
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact; and
- Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Senator Jennie M. Forehand  
Senate Chair

Delegate Tom Hucker  
House Chair

JMF:TH/SDM/mpc

cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux



**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing  
2012 Interim  
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE DELIVERY AND FINANCING

May 22, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter responds to your request for a tentative agenda and proposed meeting schedule for the Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing for the 2012 interim. The committee is planning three meetings during the interim. Below is the proposed schedule, with a list of the topics to be discussed at each meeting. All meetings will take place in Room 240 of the House Office Building.

**Meeting 1 – September 19 at 1:00 p.m.:** Medicaid long-term care issues.

**Meeting 2 – October 30 at 1:00 p.m.:** (1) medication and drug shortages affecting hospitals and medical practices; and (2) environmental pollution as a cause of illness.

**Meeting 3 – December 4 at 1:00 p.m.:** (1) update on patient-centered medical home issues; and (2) health IT issues, including health information exchange and electronic health records from a practitioner perspective.

In addition to the issues described above, the committee is prepared to handle any other issues that arise or any matters referred by the Legislative Policy Committee.

Sincerely,

*Robert J. Garagiola /ls*

Senator Robert J. Garagiola  
Senate Chairman

*Dan K. Morhaim /ls*

Delegate Dan K. Morhaim  
House Chairman

RJG:DKM/LLS/vin

cc: Members, Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter



**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics**

**2012 Membership Roster**

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics will continue its usual interim policy of scheduling meetings on an as-needed basis to address requests for ethics opinions and to review filings of disclosure and disclaimer forms. Additionally, the Joint Ethics Committee may be called upon to respond to ethics-related complaints and will schedule any such proceedings in the manner required by law.

Sincerely,

Norman R. Stone, Jr.  
Senate Chairman

Brian K. McHale  
House Chairman

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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds**

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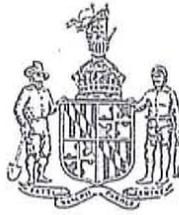
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## Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chair  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This correspondence is to inform you of the tentative agenda for the Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds for the 2012 interim. The committee's briefings will focus on the following issues:

- **Overview of State Institutions that Promote Economic Development:** Several State entities, such as the Maryland Economic Development Corporation and the Maryland Technology Development Corporation, provide financial resources that promote economic development in Maryland. This briefing will provide an overview of these entities, their purpose, and the oversight of such entities.
- **State Banking:** Several states are exploring the possibility of establishing publicly owned banks or state banks that can provide a long-term impact on economic growth, job creation, and State revenues. State banks, such the Bank of North Dakota, may support the economic development of the State by increasing access to capital for businesses and farms within the State in partnership with local financial institutions, by reducing the costs paid by the State for basic banking services, and by returning profits to the general fund.
- **Review of Local Government Audits:** The Office of Legislative Audits will provide a briefing on its annual review of local government audits. The committee will continue to closely monitor local governments who submit their required audits late or have significant findings.
- **Update and Proposed Legislation from the Comptroller and Treasurer:** The State Comptroller and the State Treasurer will provide an update on the activities of their respective offices, discuss their priorities, and discuss any proposed legislation for the 2013 session.

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chair  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
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We hope you find our proposed agenda informative and useful. We may amend this proposed agenda if other appropriate and relevant topics emerge. We appreciate your interest and continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Senator Verna L. Jones-Rodwell  
Senate Chair

Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez  
House Chair (Presiding)

VLJ:ASG/JH/mpc

cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux

**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services  
2012 Membership Roster**

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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

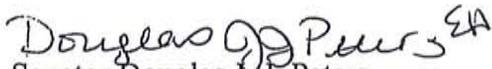
This letter responds to your request for a tentative agenda and proposed meeting schedule for the Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services for the 2012 interim. The joint committee intends to meet on two or three occasions during the interim to discuss the following issues:

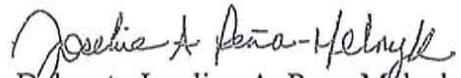
- **Mental Health and Criminal Law Partnership:** The joint committee will receive an update on the latest activities of the partnership.
- **Maryland Parity Project:** The joint committee will receive an update on the work of the Maryland Parity Project.
- **Federal Health Care Reform:** The joint committee will hold a briefing on the impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on the provision of mental health services in the State or the mental health benefits to be provided under the ACA.
- **Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Mental Health Collaborative:** The joint committee will receive an update from the collaborative on their efforts to provide mental health treatment to individuals while incarcerated and on release.
- **Integrated Care from Health Homes:** The joint committee will be briefed by health homes in the State that provide integrated health care to individuals with serious mental illness.

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
May 31, 2012  
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In addition to the issues described above, the Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services is prepared to handle any other issues that arise or any matters referred by the Legislative Policy Committee.

Sincerely,

  
Senator Douglas J. J. Peters  
Senate Chair

  
Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk  
House Chair

cc: Members, Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services  
Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter

**Maryland General Assembly  
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2012 Interim  
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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SPENDING AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

May 25, 2012

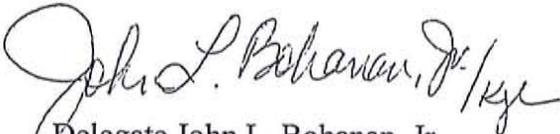
The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
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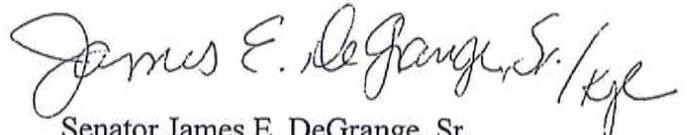
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Spending Affordability Committee's 2012 tentative interim schedule is attached for your information. The committee will hold three meetings beginning in the fall for purposes of setting spending affordability recommendations for fiscal 2014. The specific dates and times will be determined later this summer. Subjects include forecasts of revenues and expenditures for the current and future fiscal years as well as an overview of the Transportation Trust Fund, capital budget, State personnel, and other issues.

The committee is looking forward to an interesting and productive interim.

Sincerely,

  
Delegate John L. Bohanan, Jr.  
Presiding Chairman

  
Senator James E. DeGrange, Sr.  
Senate Chairman

JLB:JED/ESS/kjl

Enclosure

cc: Ms. Lynne B. Porter

# Spending Affordability Committee

Delegate John L. Bohanan, Jr., Presiding Chair  
Senator James E. DeGrange, Sr., Senate Chair

## 2012 Interim Schedule

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
TBD	TBD	Briefing on Forecast of Revenues and Expenditures for the Current and Upcoming Fiscal Years (Joint with Senate Budget and Taxation, House Appropriations, and House Ways and Means Committees)
TBD	TBD	Briefing on Outyear Forecast, Overview of the Transportation Trust Fund, State Personnel, Debt, and the Capital Budget
TBD	TBD	Committee Decision Meeting

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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee  
2012 Membership Roster**

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Ms. Tami Burt





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JOINT INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND BIOTECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

May 29, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee respectfully submits its anticipated work plan for the 2012 interim. The joint committee's statutory charge is to "work to broaden the support, knowledge, and awareness of information technology and biotechnology to benefit the people of Maryland." The joint committee plans to hold two meetings during the fall.

At the meetings, the joint committee anticipates hearing briefings on the following issues:

- the status of digital textbook use in Maryland and elsewhere and the potential of digital textbooks to keep material up to date, improve content, and save money;
- the status of the application of electronic medical records in Maryland; and
- economic development and job creation initiatives, including:
  - the commercialization of State-funded university research in Maryland (Maryland Innovation Initiative (Chapter 450 of 2012), cancer research grants from the Cigarette Restitution Fund, and stem cell research grants from the Maryland Stem Cell Research Fund);
  - Invest Maryland (Chapter 409 of 2011); and
  - the Biotechnology Investment Tax Credit and the impact of the "crowd funding" phenomenon, as authorized under the recent federal Jumpstart Our Business Startups (Jobs) Act.

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
May 29, 2012  
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Please contact one of us or the committee staff, Tami Burt or Bob Smith, at (410) 946-5530 if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

  
James C. Rosapepe  
Senate Chairman

  
Brian J. Feldman  
House Chairman

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cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter  
Ms. Victoria L Gruber  
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Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government  
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**Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government**

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
The Honorable Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter responds to your request for an agenda and proposed meeting schedule for the Joint Committee on Transparency and Open Government for the 2012 interim. The joint committee is planning to hold two or three meetings to discuss several transparency issues. The meetings will occur on dates to be determined.

Tentatively, the joint committee will meet in:

- July to discuss the new design for the Maryland General Assembly website; and
- the fall to discuss:
  - legislation from the 2012 session concerning the Maryland Public Information Act; and
  - how to increase accessibility to the information collected through the Executive Branch's State Stat process.

We look forward to a productive interim and welcome your participation in our activities. In addition to the issues described earlier, the committee is prepared to handle any other issues that arise or any matters referred by the Legislative Policy Committee.

Sincerely,

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William C. Ferguson, IV  
Senate Co-chair

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Kumar P. Barve  
House Co-chair

WCF:KPB/KHS/ncs

cc: Ms. Lynne Porter  
Ms. Vicki Gruber  
Ms. Kristin Jones



**Maryland General Assembly**  
**Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight**  
**2012 Membership Roster**

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Ms Julie Squire  
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Mr. Alfredo Goyburu  
Department of Business and Economic Development

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Mr. Patrick Donoho, President  
Maryland Retailers Association

*Representative of the Job Opportunities Task Force*

Mr. Jason Perkins-Cohen, Executive Director  
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*Representatives of Union Labor (Maryland State and District of Columbia AFL-CIO)*

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Tami Burt  
Laura Atas



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

May 16, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight intends to hold one meeting during the 2012 interim. Most likely, the meeting will be held in December.

At this meeting, the joint committee may review the following issues:

- status of the balance of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund;
- tax table anticipated to be in effect for calendar 2013 and the amount short in the trust fund in order for each lower cost tax table to be in effect;
- impact of the enactment of Chapter 2 of 2010 "Unemployment Insurance – Tax Deferment, Trust Fund Solvency, and Cost-Neutral Modernization Act" on businesses and claimants; and
- implementation of Chapter 53 of 2012 "Unemployment Insurance – Coverage – Victims of Domestic Violence."

Please contact one of us or the committee staff, Tami Burt or Laura Atas, at (410) 946-5350, if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Sincerely,

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Thomas McLain Middleton  
Senate Chair

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Emmett C. Burns, Jr.  
House Chair

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cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter  
Ms. Vicki L. Gruber  
Ms. Kristin Jones



**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Welfare Reform  
2012 Interim  
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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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## JOINT COMMITTEE ON WELFARE REFORM

May 21, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitted for your review is the proposed interim schedule for the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform. The joint committee will continue to monitor Maryland's welfare program. The joint committee will also receive updates on activities of the Department of Human Resources, including the Maryland RISE program, the department's compliance in the *Thompson v. Donald* court case, and the impact of funding concerns and the declining Temporary Assistance for Needy Families fund balance on the Family Investment Program.

The joint committee is planning a meeting in Annapolis on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, at 10 a.m. in Room 120 of the House Office Building (the House Appropriations Committee Hearing Room).

We look forward to a productive interim and welcome your participation in our activities.

Sincerely,

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Lisa A. Gladden  
Senate Chairman

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Talmadge Branch  
House Chairman

LAG:TB/TDZ/mrm

Enclosure

cc: Members, Joint Committee on Welfare Reform  
Mr. Karl S. Aro

Ms. Lynne B. Porter  
Mr. Michael I. Volk

**Joint Committee on Welfare Reform**  
*Senator Lisa A. Gladden, Senate Chairman*  
*Delegate Talmadge Branch, House Chairman*

**AGENDA**

September 19, 2012  
120 House Appropriations Committee Room  
Annapolis, Maryland

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**I. Call to Order**

**II. Chairmen's Opening Remarks**

**III. Review of Outcomes of Substance Abuse Screening/Treatment for Temporary Cash Assistance Clients**

Department of Legislative Services

**IV. Department of Human Resources**

1. Update on welfare caseload; participation in work activities and status of individuals reaching the federal two-year time limit on cash assistance without participating in a State-defined work activity; effectiveness of the Maryland RISE initiative; individuals reaching the five-year time limit; and substance abuse identification, referral, treatment, and treatment outcomes for welfare recipients.
2. An update on the status of the *Thompson v. Donald* court case. A discussion of the status of actions undertaken to improve eligibility determination processing timeliness including technology improvements.
3. An update on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) funding issues:
  - a. changes to TANF spending in fiscal 2012 and 2013 that occurred as a result of the minimal TANF balance at the close of fiscal 2011 and how those changes might impact recipients of cash assistance and other public benefits;
  - b. the adequacy of fiscal 2013 funding on the Family Investment Program; and
  - c. the impact of any staffing reductions on the program.
4. An update on the status of the TANF reauthorization.
5. An update on the status of corrective actions taken in response to the Family Investment Administration fiscal compliance audit released in February 2011.

6. An update on grant applications to which the department has applied or received related to the Couples Advancing Together Pilot program designed to promote stable relationships and family-friendly employment.
7. A discussion of the implementation of legislation enacted during the 2012 session related to the Child Support Enforcement Program, including legislation related to modifying support orders for incarcerated individuals.
8. Any legislation that the department anticipates introducing in the 2013 session affecting the Family Investment Program or Child Support Enforcement Administration.

**IV. *Life After Welfare***

**V. **Chairmen's Closing Remarks and Adjournment****

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**Maryland General Assembly**  
**Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight**  
**Committee**  
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Maureen Quinn

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Tami Burt and Laura Atas  
Department of Legislative Services





MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT AND INSURANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

May 24, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight plans to hold one meeting during the 2012 interim. It is anticipated that the meeting will be held in early December 2012.

During the 2012 interim, as provided under Chapter 445 (House Bill 1101) of 2012, the Department of Legislative Services will contract with a medical expert to study and report on types of cancer that may be contracted by firefighters and related personnel in the line of duty. Further, as requested in a letter to the department in April 2012 by us, as well as by the chairs of the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, the department will study the workers' compensation cancer presumption statutes in the State and in other states. The committee may wish to hear testimony from the medical expert and the department on these studies at its December meeting.

In addition, as with prior interims, the committee plans to request the various interested parties to bring issues before the committee during the interim on issues that they intend to have introduced during the upcoming session. Further, the committee plans to hear annual reports from selected agencies with oversight over workers' compensation.

Please contact one of us or the committee staff, Tami Burt, Jennifer Ellick, or Laura Atas, at (410) 946-5510, if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Sincerely,

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Katherine Klausmeier  
Senate Chair

Handwritten signature of Sally Y. Jameson in cursive.

Sally Y. Jameson  
House Chair

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cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Advisory Committee on Legislative Data Systems  
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**JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE DATA SYSTEMS**

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Members, Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing in response to your request for an agenda of the proposed 2012 interim work of the Joint Advisory Committee on Legislative Data Systems (JACLDS). Originally, the committee had scheduled a meeting in May to discuss its interim work; however, the meeting had to be canceled because of the special session. We have not yet rescheduled this organizational meeting.

**Transparency in Government**

During the 2012 session OIS convened a workgroup composed of various DLS staff members from the Department's various offices, and collected input from the public via a survey posted on the current MGA website. Based on this information shared at meetings with leadership staff, we have begun the redesign process. The proposed redesign will be presented to the JACLDS at its first meeting of the interim.

Also as part of the effort to increase transparency in government, the Senate Committee Meetings Audio and House Committee Meetings Audio/Video recordings have been made available to the public. This feature was well received and will continue to be available on the new MGA website.

OIS, in conjunction with the Department of Legislative Services' Library division, conducted a pilot program that linked bills heard in the Environmental Matters Committee directly to the audio/video recording. This link was available on the MGA Website's Bill Page. The software required to stream audio/video recordings to mobile devices did not become available in time to

offer this for the 2012 Session. However, we anticipate this feature to be available for the 2013 Legislative Session.

### **Voting System Replacement**

The voting system hardware in the Senate and House chambers was replaced during the 2009 Interim. The replacement systems included interim voting system software from International Roll-Call Corporation (IRC), with the intentions of providing a final product for implementation for the 2011 Legislative Session. Both Senate and House used the IRC voting system version 1.0 for the 2011 Special Session, the 2012 Regular Session, and the 2012 Special Session held in May. Several issues have been identified with this version. Some fixes were added during the 2012 Session, and the remaining issues will be addressed in the version 2.0 during the 2012 interim with OIS staff working closely with IRC.

### **Member Bio Pages**

The committee asked OIS to investigate modernizing the member bio pages, placing entries in chronological order, newest first and oldest last. The current MGA website utilizes the Maryland Archives for member biographical information. We approached Archives with a request to reorganize the member pages chronologically. On the Archives site information is listed oldest to newest. They declined our request to reformat the pages. OIS, with support from the DLS-Library division, will reformat the pages as part of the MGA Website redesign. The new member bio pages on the MGA website will reflect the most current accomplishments and assignments first, with historical data following.

### **Campus WiFi**

OIS proposed to the committee the implementation of a campus-wide, public, no charge WiFi facility for the 2012 Legislative Session. Status Public Wi-Fi has been available since December 2011, with daily average usage of 300 to 400 users. This service is totally separate from the internal network, but does share bandwidth with the existing Internet connections. 20Mbps was allocated to the Public WiFi, with no impact to our existing connections. All indications were that this service was well received.

### **Mobile Devices**

The committee approved the Legislative Mobility Program for smart phones and Iphones. These mobile devices allow users to have full “send and receive” capability to their legislative email accounts anywhere cell phone facilities are available. An invitation to participate in the program was distributed in December 2011 to all members of the Maryland General Assembly. Currently there are 19 members participating in the Legislative Mobility Program, this includes approximately 22 devices. The mobile devices included in the program are Blackberry’s, the Samsung Droid and Galaxy, the Iphone, and, most recently, the Ipad. We will include the form for members to sign up with the summer upgrade packet. Additionally, we will open the program up to allow 2 devices per member; there were many requests for both the cell phone and Ipad with 3G to be synched.

## **House /Senate Laptop Replacement**

The Floor Laptop program has continued with the replacement of member floor laptops on a 3 year cycle. All 47 Senate Floor Laptops will be replaced this year based on the 3 year replacement cycle. The second round of House Dell laptops will be replaced in the 2013 Interim.

## **Ongoing Projects-Status**

### **Annual Hardware/Software Upgrades**

The Member Hardware/Software Desktop Upgrade Program will begin mid-June 2012. The upgrade will include the 2012 Constituent Voter Database, Commence update for version 4.0a, Microsoft Office Service Pack 3, Internet Explorer 9, various Microsoft Windows updates and security patches, and anti-virus/anti-SPAM software package upgrades. During this upgrade period, OIS will perform approximately 1200 hardware/software upgrades to both desktops and laptops used by members and staff of the General Assembly. We anticipate the upgrade of each machine will require members to leave their computers with OIS for only 2-3 days.

### **Biennial Replacement Program**

The first cycle of the Biennial Replacement Program for members began in June 2006. Under this program, OIS has distributed approximately 345 member "biennial" desktops and laptops. Members who participate in the program have software licenses transferred from their obsolete PCs to the replacement biennial PC. During the 2010 Interim, OIS completed the first cycle of the Biennial Replacement program. During 2012 Interim OIS will replace approximately 98 biennial machines. The intent of the program is to provide members with reliable computing facilities for use in both their district and Annapolis offices, at no cost to the member.

### **Member Training**

Member and member staff in-house training continues to be offered throughout the interim and session.

## **New Issues**

### **Twitter**

At the previous JACLDS meeting in July 2011, the committee asked OIS to investigate adding a Twitter capability to announce the current bill under consideration during committee meetings. To demonstrate the Twitter capability, it was added to the Committee Display application currently used in the House to post the agenda for each committee meeting on the TVs outside the committee rooms. This was a relatively minor addition to the existing application, but the exercise brought to light many issues which are more policy-oriented than technical. Before moving forward with this project, the committee will need to get a better understanding of these issues.

### **Member Passwords**

At the previous JACLDS meeting in July 2011, the committee requested that OIS research different options for managing member passwords to be presented at the next meeting for the

committee's review and approval. OIS has researched a number of options which will be presented at the first interim meeting of the committee.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Senator James N. Robey  
Senate Chairman



Delegate Kumar Barve  
House Chairman

cc: Michael Gaudiello  
Lynne B. Porter

**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Pensions  
2012 Interm  
Membership Roster**

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**Senators**

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS  
May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Pensions' 2012 tentative interim schedule is attached for your information. The schedule includes items relating to:

- the joint report of the State Retirement Agency and the Department of Legislative Services on a plan to phase out the corridor funding method and appropriate adjustment of actuarial assumptions;
- review of the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that govern the cost-of-living adjustments for retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System;
- review of the health eligibility provisions for members of the Optional Retirement Program.

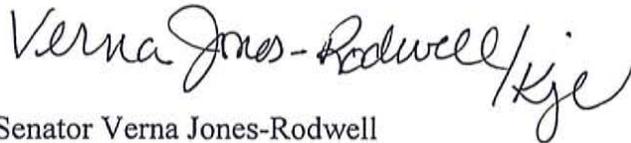
These items came up during the 2012 session or elsewhere and were referred to summer study.

The Joint Committee on Pensions' 2012 tentative interim schedule also includes the annual reports/overviews on investments, the supplemental retirement plans, board-requested legislation, and the most recent actuarial valuation. The joint committee reserves the ability to add topics or additional meetings as needed to respond to any other issues that may arise during the interim.

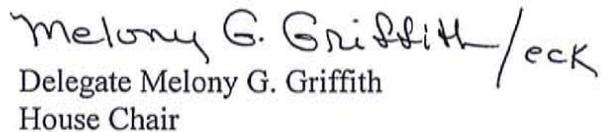
The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
May 31, 2012  
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We look forward to an interesting and productive interim.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Verna Jones-Rodwell  
Senate Chair

Handwritten signature of Melony G. Griffith in cursive, with initials 'eck' at the end.

Delegate Melony G. Griffith  
House Chair

VJR:MGG/PSA/eck

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter

# Joint Committee on Pensions

Senator Verna Jones-Rodwell, Senate Chair  
Delegate Melony G. Griffith, House Chair

## 2012 Interim Schedule

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Oct. 17	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of the retiree health benefits eligibility provisions for members of the Optional Retirement Program</li><li>• Joint report of the State Retirement Agency and the Department of Legislative Services on a plan to phase out the corridor funding method and appropriate adjustment of actuarial assumptions</li></ul>
Nov. 14	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review of the provisions of the State Personnel and Pensions Article that govern the cost-of-living adjustments for retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System</li><li>• Board requested legislation</li><li>• Annual results of fiscal 2011 actuarial valuation and fiscal 2013 contribution rates</li></ul>
Dec. 12	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decisions</li><li>• Annual State Retirement and Pension System Investment Overview</li></ul>

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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and  
Agricultural Land Preservation  
2012 Interim  
Membership Roster**

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Delegate Rudolph C. Cane, House Chairman**

**Senators**

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Barry Glassman  
James N. Mathias, Jr.  
Ron Young

**Delegates**

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Mary-Dulany James  
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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation respectfully submits a summary of its meeting schedule and the issues it intends to examine and review during the 2012 interim.

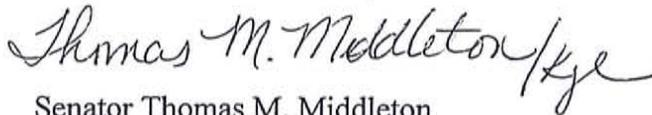
The subcommittee plans to hold one briefing in early November 2012. The subcommittee will invite representatives from Maryland's Department of Agriculture, Department of Natural Resources, and Department of Planning to discuss a number of issues related to Program Open Space (POS), the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program (MALPP), the Rural Legacy Program, conservation easements, and land preservation in general. The following are some of the items the subcommittee will cover during the fall briefing:

- the impact of fiscal 2013 funding decisions and the outlook for fiscal 2014;
- how the federal government's Chesapeake Bay restoration efforts may impact State land conservation programs;
- an update on MALPP policies concerning allowed uses of agricultural preservation land;
- an update on how the cost of land has affected acreage in the State's land conservation programs and how targeting POS property acquisitions and other land conservation innovations have furthered the land conservation goal of 1,030,000 acres preserved as stated in the 2002 Senate Joint Resolution 10;
- an update on the agencies' outreach efforts to minority farmers across the State; and
- an update on potential legislation for the upcoming 2013 session.

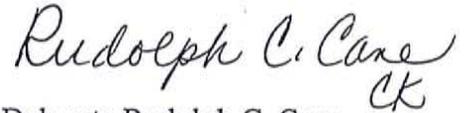
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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
May 31, 2012  
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The subcommittee looks forward to addressing the subject matter summarized above as well as other timely issues during the 2012 interim.

Sincerely,



Senator Thomas M. Middleton  
Senate Chairman



Delegate Rudolph C. Cane  
House Chairman

TMM:RCC/AMM/kjl

cc: Ms. Lynne B. Porter

**Maryland General Assembly  
Senate Special Committee on Substance Abuse  
2012 Interim  
Membership Roster**

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**Catherine E. Pugh, Chair**

**Senators**

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

During the 2012 interim, the Senate Special Committee on Substance Abuse may meet to examine and discuss issues as may be expressed by the membership of the committee. Our meetings may include briefings on topics of interest to the committee. We expect to begin organizing any interim efforts in June.

Sincerely,

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Catherine E. Pugh, Chair  
Senate Special Committee  
on Substance Abuse

GGC/ckt

cc: Members of the Senate Special Committee on Substance Abuse  
Delegate Jeffrey D. Waldstreicher  
Karl S. Aro  
Warren G. Deschenaux  
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# Senate Special Committee on Ethics Reform

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Senator Jamie Raskin, **Chair**

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON ETHICS REFORM

June 4, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chair  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

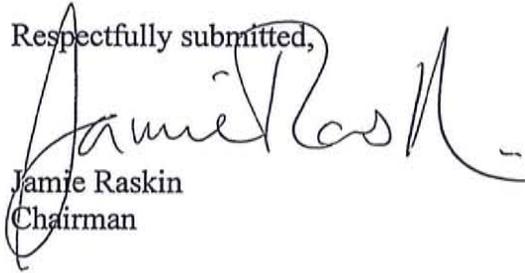
I am writing in response to your request for an agenda of the proposed interim work of the Senate Special Committee on Ethics Reform.

At the onset of the 2012 session, President Miller established the Senate Special Committee on Ethics Reform to perform a comprehensive review of the State Ethics Law to determine whether and what reforms should be made. The special committee met extensively during the session and drafted legislation, introduced as Senate Bill 920, to modify various provisions of the ethics law to require greater and more transparent disclosure of information relating to conflicts of interest by members of the General Assembly and more transparent disclosure of required financial information by members of the General Assembly and other State employees subject to the financial disclosure requirements of the ethics law.

As passed by the General Assembly, Senate Bill 920 requires legislators to file electronically with the Joint Ethics Committee various required ethics forms that the Department of Legislative Services must then publish on the Internet. The bill also establishes a workgroup to be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Delegates to carry out a comprehensive and coordinated review of public ethics issues, including disclosure requirements that apply to other branches of government and to local governments. The workgroup is directed to issue a report on or before December 31, 2012, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chair  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
June 4, 2012  
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In light of the establishment of the joint legislative workgroup to review the ethics laws under Senate Bill 920, the Special Senate Committee on Ethics Reform will suspend its activities during the 2012 interim to await the report and recommendations of the workgroup.

Respectfully submitted,  
  
Jamie Raskin  
Chairman

JR/TEK/mlm

cc: Members of the Senate Special Committee on Ethics Reform  
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**Maryland General Assembly**  
**House Special Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse**  
**2012 Interim**  
**Membership Roster**

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**Jeff D. Waldstreicher, Chairman**

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

May 31, 2012

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

During the 2012 interim, the House Special Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse may meet to examine and discuss issues as may be expressed by the membership of the committee. Our meetings may include briefings on topics of interest to the committee. We expect to begin organizing any interim efforts in June.

Sincerely,

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Jeff D. Waldstreicher, Chair  
House Special Committee on  
Drug and Alcohol Abuse

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cc: Members of the House Special Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse  
Senator Catherine E. Pugh  
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**General Assembly of Maryland  
(GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - 2012 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM)**

*(The President and the Speaker do not intend for these guidelines to require committees to meet on every date reserved for meetings.)*

**DATES RESERVED FOR:**

Legislative Policy Committee

Standing Committees

Statutory and  
Special Committees

(Tuesday Meetings: 10:00 A.M.)

**"ON-CYCLE"**  
(Tuesday P.M./Wednesday Meetings)

**"OFF-CYCLE"**  
(Tuesday P.M./Wednesday Meetings)

6/19 - 6/20	6/26 - 6/27
7/10 - 7/11	7/17 - 7/18
7/24 - 7/25	7/31 - 8/1
8/14 - 8/15	8/21 - 8/22
8/28 - 8/29	9/4 - 9/5
9/11 - 9/12	9/18 - 9/19
9/25 - 9/26	10/2 - 10/3
10/9 - 10/10	10/16 - 10/17
10/23 - 10/24	10/30 - 10/31
11/6 - 11/7	11/13 - 11/14
11/20 - 11/21	11/27 - 11/28
12/4 - 12/5	12/11 - 12/12
12/18 - 12/19	

*Note: Meetings of the Legislative Policy Committee, other than those noted, during the 2012 Legislative Interim are subject to the discretion of the Presiding Officers.*

TBA End of Interim LPC Meeting  
TBA End of Interim LPC Mgmt. Subcommittee Meeting

(Note: Legislative Interim Committee Reports due to the Legislative Policy Committee by 12/28/2012)

*National Conference of State Legislatures, Legislative Summit, Chicago, Illinois, August 6-9, 2012  
Eastern Regional Conference, Annual Meeting, Atlantic City, New Jersey July 20-23, 2012,*

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**Part III**  
**Legislation Related to the Legislative Policy  
Committee as a Result of the 2012 Session**

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Department of Legislative Services  
Annapolis, Maryland

June 2012

## **Legislation Relating to the Legislative Policy Committee as a Result of the 2012 Session**

### **Cemetery Oversight, Office of**

*Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation (House Bill 394/Chapter 368)*

This bill extends the termination date of the Office of Cemetery Oversight by ten years from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2022.

### **Certified Interior Designers, State Board of**

*Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation (House Bill 74/Chapter 351)*

This bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Certified Interior Designers for ten years from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2023.

### **Environment - Statewide Electronics Recycling Program**

*Department of the Environment – Reporting Requirements (House Bill 879/Chapter 400)*

This bill requires the Department of the Environment to convene a workgroup consisting of representatives of the various sectors of the electronics industry and representatives from appropriate public and private entities to review and assess the impact of the \$10,000 annual registration fee collected under the bill on the number of covered electronic device takeback programs implemented by manufacturers. Further, on or before December 31, 2015, the Department of the Environment must report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the Legislative Policy Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

### **Mortality and Quality Review Committee**

*Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation (Senate Bill 1077/Chapter 340 and House Bill 1455/Chapter 341)*

This bill extends the termination date for the Mortality and Quality Review Committee for ten years from December 31, 2012 to December 31, 2022.

### **Nursing, State Board of**

*Sunset Extension and Revision (Senate Bill 921/Chapter 621)*

This bill extends the termination date of the State Board of Nursing by 10 years to July 1, 2023, and requires an evaluation of the board by July 1, 2022. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH), in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), must contract with an independent entity to perform a management and personnel study of the board, the cost of which must be paid out of the Board of Nursing Fund. The independent entity that is performing the study must be overseen by (and must report to) DBM regarding the study,

which must be completed by October 1, 2013. DBM must report to specified committees of the General Assembly on the results of the study by December 1, 2013.

## **Pharmacy, State Board**

*Revisions (House Bill 283/Chapter 658)*

This bill extends the termination date of the State Board of Pharmacy by 10 years to July 1, 2023, and requires an evaluation of the board by July 1, 2022.

## **Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors, State Commission of**

*Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation and Reporting Requirements (House Bill 341/Chapter 366)*

This bill extends the termination date for the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors for ten years from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2022.

On or before October 1, 2013, the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors must report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on the following:

- 1) the extent to which the creation of an appraisal technical review panel has assisted in the satisfactory resolution of appraiser complaints, including:
  - i) the percentage of complaints that are resolved within 1 year for complaints received in fiscal years 2012 and 2013;
  - ii) the number of complaints that are not resolved within 1 year, and the date that each unresolved complaint was received;
  - iii) the average amount expended by the technical review panel to complete each technical review in fiscal years 2012 and 2013; and
  - iv) an estimate of the additional funding necessary, if any, for the technical review panel to conduct reviews of any remaining complaints that have not been resolved within 1 year; and
- 2) the methodology used to establish the Commission's fee schedules for each profession, including:
  - i) the direct and indirect costs attributable to the Commission's activities regarding regulation of:
    - 1) real estate appraisers;
    - 2) appraisal management companies;
    - 3) home inspectors;
  - ii) an evaluation of whether the fees established for each profession or industry have been appropriately set so as to produce funds to approximate the cost of regulating each profession or industry as required by §2-106.8 of the Business Regulation Article.

On or before October 1, 2012, the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on any reciprocal licensing agreements that the

Commission has established with other state real estate appraiser licensing or certification bodies, including:

- 1) an evaluation of the licensing standards of any jurisdiction that had been a party to a prior reciprocal licensing agreement, and any steps taken by such jurisdictions to enhance licensing standards necessary to reestablish a reciprocal licensing agreement with the Commission;
- 2) a statement regarding the reason that a reciprocal licensing agreement cannot be established with a jurisdiction that had previously been a party to a prior agreement;
- 3) the methods of the Commission will undertake to monitor future changes in the standards of other jurisdictions for purposes of establishing reciprocal licensing agreements; and
- 4) any additional measures that the Commission intends to take toward the goal of establishing reciprocal licensing agreements with other jurisdictions.

### **Real Estate Commission, State**

*State Real Estate Commission – Sunset Extension and program Evaluation (Senate Bill 134/Chapter 184)*

The purpose of this bill is to continue the State Real Estate Commission in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act by extending to a certain date the termination provisions relating to certain statutory and regulatory authority of the Commission. The Commission shall submit to the Secretary an annual report of the activities of the Commission.

On or before December 15 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required.

### **Residential Child Care Program Professionals, State Board for the Certification of**

*Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation and Reporting Requirements (House Bill 72/Chapter 350)*

This bill extends the State Board for the Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals for ten years from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2023. Additionally, beginning of or before October 1, 2013 and annually thereafter until the certification of residential child and youth care practitioners has been implemented for a full biennial certification cycle, the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with §2-1246 of the State Government Article.

Each report shall update both committee on the Board's progress in implementing the certification of residential and child and youth care practitioners. The Board's final report, to be submitted to both committees within 90 day after residential child and youth care practitioners have been certified for a full biennial certification cycle, shall address:

- 1) the need, if any, for changes to Board membership based on the number of residential child and youth care practitioners certified by the Board; and
- 2) the outlook for the Board to become self-supporting (special funded) in the future based on:
  - i) the number of residential child and youth care practitioners certified by the Board;
  - ii) the number of full-time equivalent or contractual personnel hired by the Board; and
  - iii) the Board's actual and projected revenues and expenditures.

### **Social Work Examiners, State Board**

*State Board of Social Work Examiners – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation (Senate Bill 95/Chapter 474)*

This bill continues the State Board of Social Work Examiners by extending the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the board. It requires that an evaluation of the board and the statutes and regulations that relate to the board be performed on or before a certain date and requires the board to submit a report the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by October 1, 2013.

On or before December 15 of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee may waive the evaluation required.

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**Part IV**  
**New Boards, Commissions, Task Forces,**  
**Advisory Councils, etc.**  
**Created by 2012 Legislation**

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Department of Legislative Services  
Annapolis, Maryland

June 2012

## **Committees, Task Forces, Commissions, Etc. Created by 2012 Legislation**

### **Animal Waste Technology Fund Advisory Committee**

*Animal Waste Technology Fund Advisory Committee (House Bill 1304/Chapter 429)*

Establishing an Animal Waste Technology Fund Advisory Committee consisting of the following ex officio members:

- 1) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's designee;
- 2) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
- 3) the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
- 4) the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, or the Director's designee; and
- 5) the Dean of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources at the University of Maryland, or the Dean's designee.

Purpose: The purpose of the fund is to:

- (1) expand employment opportunities in the state by providing financial assistance to businesses that are engaged in eligible industry sectors, including financial assistance for:
  - (i) animal waste technology projects;
  - (ii) aquaculture projects;
  - (iii) arts and entertainment enterprises;
  - (iv) arts and entertainment projects; and
  - (v) creation and expansion of child care facilities;
- (2) provide financial assistance for the redevelopment of qualified brownfields sites;
- (3) provide financial assistance to local governments and the corporation for economic development projects; and
- (4) provide grants to local economic development funds.

Chair: The Secretary of Agriculture shall be the chair of the Advisory Committee.

Staff: The Department of Agriculture shall provide staff for the committee.

### **Baby Boomer Initiative Council**

*Developing Public Policy for Maryland's Aging Population (House Bill 288/Chapter 118)*

Re-establishing the Baby Boomer Initiative Council consisting of the following members:

- 1) one representative of the Department of Aging;

- 2) one representative of the Department of business and Economic Development;
- 3) one representative of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation's Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning;
- 4) one representative of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- 5) the Dean of the University of Maryland's School of Public Health, or the Dean's Designee;
- 6) one representative of the business community, appointed by the Governor;
- 7) one representative of United Senior of Maryland;
- 8) one representative of AARP Maryland;
- 9) one representative from the State Chamber of Commerce;
- 10) one representative of the nonprofit Visionary Institute for Total Ageless Living, Inc., who is engaged in baby boomer aging initiatives;
- 11) one representative of a Maryland foundation; and
- 12) one representative from Maryland's Society of Human Resource Management State Council.

**Purpose:** The Council shall develop a plan for a communications tool that connects Maryland businesses, nonprofits, academic institutions, and state agencies to meet the demands of, and take advantage of, the resources associated with Maryland's age wave.

The plan shall promote a means of communicating resources and strategies for living and aging well in Maryland, including work opportunities and resources, civic engagement programs, and livable community opportunities.

The Council shall make recommendations regarding public policy initiatives for utilizing the baby boomer population as a source of social capital and as a way to address community needs.

**Chair:** The Governor shall appoint the chair of the Council.

**Staff:** The University of Maryland School of Public Health shall provide staff for the Council.

**Report:** On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter, the Council shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

**Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company, Board for the  
*Injured Workers' Insurance Fund – Conversion to Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company  
 (Senate Bill 74/Chapter 570)***

Establishing the Board for the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company consisting of nine members appointed by the Governor with advice and consent of the Senate. (This board will eventually replace the Board for Injured Workers' Insurance Fund in October 2013.) Each member:

- 1) must be a resident of the state;
- 2) serves a term of 5 years;
- 3) may not serve more than two full terms or a total of 10 years;

Purpose: The Board shall manage the business and affairs of the company as a private, nonprofit corporation in accordance with State law.

### **Communications Tax Reform Commission**

*Communications Tax Reform Commission (Senate Bill 567/Chapter 261 and House Bill 563/Chapter 262)*

Establishing the Communications Tax Reform Commission consisting of the following members:

- 1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 3) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee;
- 4) the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, or the Director's designee; and
- 5) the following members appointed by the Governor:
  - i) Four representatives of the Maryland Association of Counties, representing different geographic regions of the state;
  - ii) Two representatives of the Maryland Municipal League, one representing a municipality with a relatively small population and one representing a municipality with a relatively large population;
  - iii) Two citizens of the state who are consumers of communications services;
  - iv) One representative of a labor union representing workers in the communications industry;
  - v) One representative of the Tech Council of Maryland;
  - vi) One representative of the Maryland Chamber of Commerce; and
  - vii) One representative of each of the following communications carriers:
    - a) Local exchange;
    - b) Interexchange;
    - c) Cable television;
    - d) Wireless; and
    - e) Satellite.

Purpose: The commission must assess the feasibility and fiscal implications for the State and local governments of a modernized, competitively neutral communications tax and fee system that eliminates the disparate treatment of similar communications service providers. In addition, the commission must assess the efficacy of tax and other incentives to encourage investment in broadband

networks and emerging technologies. In conducting the assessment, the commission must examine the following taxes and fees as they relate to consumers and providers of communications services:

- (1) State and local property taxes;
- (2) the public service company franchise tax;
- (3) sales and use taxes;
- (4) the corporate income tax;
- (5) local communications taxes and fees; and
- (6) any other communications tax or fee that the commission determines is relevant to the assessment.

**Chair:** The Governor shall designate the chair of the commission.

**Staff:** The Comptroller and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall provide staff for the commission.

**Report:** The commission shall make an interim report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation on or before December 31, 2012.

### **Deaf Culture Digital Library, Task Force to Study the Establishment of a**

*Task Force to Study the Establishment of Deaf Culture Digital Library (Senate Bill 571/Chapter 540 and House Bill 390/Chapter 541)*

Establishing a Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library consisting of the following members:

- 1) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 2) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 3) The State Superintendent of Education, or the State Superintendent's designee;
- 4) The following six members, appointed by the Governor:
  - i) One representative of the Division of Library Development and Services in the State Department of Education;
  - ii) One representative of the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing;
  - iii) One representative of the Maryland Library Association; and
  - iv) Three representatives of the deaf community or of deaf organizations in the state.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the task force is to study the establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library including potential funding sources for the library through a public-private partnership or the establishment of a friends of the organization and make recommendations regarding the coordination of a Deaf Culture Digital

Library to educate individuals about deaf cultures in the United States and other countries, including reference material and links to other resources.

Chair: The Governor shall designate the chair of the task force.

Staff: The Department of Education shall provide staff for the task force.

Report: The task force must report its findings and recommendations, on or before December 1, 2012.

## **Economic Development and Apprenticeships, Task Force to Study**

*Task Force to Study Economic Development and Apprenticeships (House Bill 493/Chapter 665)*

Establishing a Task Force to Study Economic Development and Apprenticeships consisting of the following members:

- 1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the Secretary's designee;
- 4) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's designee;
- 5) the Secretary of Education, or the Secretary's designee; and
- 6) the following members, appointed by the Governor:
  - i) one representative of the community college system;
  - ii) two members of the business community who have existing apprenticeship programs;
  - iii) one member of the public who has benefited from participation in an apprenticeship program;
  - iv) one member of the public who holds a doctoral degree in economics, specializes in labor economics and has expertise in and has published work on U.S. and international apprenticeship systems, including youth apprenticeship and registered apprenticeship programs;
  - v) one representative from the Bricklayers and Allied Craft Workers Local 1 Maryland/Virginia/DC;
  - vi) one representative of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council;
  - vii) two representatives of group nonjoint apprenticeship programs; and
  - ix) two representatives from unions that are members of the Maryland State and D.C. Building and Construction Trades Council and have apprenticeship programs.

- Purpose: The task force must:
- (1) primarily research the effectiveness of apprenticeship programs in other states and international programs, particularly those in Germany and Switzerland and those in which U.S. businesses participate abroad;
  - (2) consider how existing State apprenticeship programs could be improved based on those programs;
  - (3) address the contribution of secondary schools to successful apprenticeship programs and make specified recommendations;
  - (4) determine whether a major expansion of apprenticeships in the State, through specified programs, is appropriate and feasible;
  - (5) if a major expansion is determined appropriate and feasible, develop and recommend a multiyear expansion plan; and
  - (6) develop and recommend for implementation in the State a pilot apprenticeship program based on the study and research of the task force.
- Chair: The members of the task force shall designate the chair of the task force.
- Staff: The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the task force.
- Report: The task force must report its findings and recommendations, on or before December 1, 2013.

## **Financial Education and Capability Commission**

*Financial Education and Capability Commission (Senate Bill 476/Chapter 519 and House Bill 515/Chapter 520)*

Establishing a Financial Education and Capability Commission consisting of the following members:

- 1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;
- 4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;
- 5) the Commissioner of Financial Regulation in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Commissioner's designee;
- 6) the Executive Director of the Family Investment Administration in the Department of Human Resources, or the Executive Director's designee;
- 7) the Chief of the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General, or the Chief's designee;
- 8) the State Treasurer, or the State Treasurer's designee;
- 9) the Comptroller, or the Comptroller's designee; and
- 10) the following members, appointed by the Governor:
  - i) one member of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans;

- ii) one member of the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board;
- iii) one member of the Maryland Higher Education Commission;
- iv) one member of the Maryland State Education Association who teaches a course involving principles of financial education;
- v) one representative of the Maryland Cash Campaign;
- vi) one representative of a community focused nonprofit organization that provides free financial education in the state;
- vii) one representative of a philanthropic organization that provides funding for financial education in the state;
- viii) one representative of the Maryland Coalition for Financial Literacy;
- ix) one representative of a bank, whether or not state-chartered, that has a branch in the state;
- x) one representative of a credit union, whether or not state-chartered, that has a branch in the state;
- xi) one licensed mortgage broker holding the Maryland Association of Mortgage Brokers' "Lending a Seal of Integrity"; and
- xii) one member of the Maryland Association of CPA's.

**Purpose:** The purpose of the commission is to monitor the implementation of public and private initiatives to improve the financial education and capability of residents of the State and make recommendations on the coordination of financial education and capability efforts across State agencies.

**Chair:** The President of the Senate shall designate one of the members' appointed from the Senate as co-chair of the commission. The Speaker of the House of Delegates shall designate one of the members appointed from the House as co-chair of the commission.

**Report:** The commission must submit a report every three years which should include a comprehensive discussion of statewide efforts to improve the financial education and capability of residents of the state, including initiatives funded by the state or local government and those undertaken in the private sector by nonprofit organizations, financial institutions, and other persons.

## **Harriet Tubman Statue Commission**

*Harriet Tubman Statue Commission (House Bill 1429/Chapter 723)*

Establishing the Harriet Tubman Statute Commission consisting of the following members:

- 1) ten members appointed by the Governor, who are representatives of the nonprofit organizations and other groups that contributed to the passage of the act; and
- 2) will contribute to the funds to be used for paying the costs associated with the statue.

Purpose: Under the supervision and direction of the State Treasurer, the commission is responsible for raising private funds to be used for paying the costs associated with the statue, including:

- 1) paying the sculptor;
- 2) carving or casting the Harriet Tubman statue;
- 3) creating a pedestal and any desired inscription;
- 4) transporting the Harriet Tubman statue and pedestal to Emancipation Hall in the U.S. Capitol Visitor Center or another appropriate federal property located in Washington, D.C.;
- 5) temporarily erecting the Harriet Tubman statue in the Rotunda of the Capitol for the unveiling ceremony;
- 6) Expenses related to the unveiling ceremony; and
- 7) any other expenses that may be incurred by the Harriet Tubman Statue Commission.

**Health, Educational, and Social Services, Council for the Procurement of**  
*Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services (Senate Bill 315/Chapter 212 and House Bill 217/Chapter 213)*

Establishing the Council for the Procurement of Health, Education, and Social Services consisting of the following members:

- 1) the State Treasurer;
- 2) the Attorney General;
- 3) the Procurement Advisor;
- 4) the State Superintendent of the schools;
- 5) the Secretary of Budget and Management;
- 6) the Secretary of Juvenile Services;
- 7) the Secretary of Human Resources;
- 8) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;
- 9) the Director of the Governor's Grants Office;
- 10) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention
- 11) the Executive Director of the Governor's Office for children;
- 12) the Special Secretary for the Office of Minority Affairs;
- 13) four Representatives of private organizations with experience providing human services funded by contracts through state units, appointed by the Governor;
- 14) one member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and
- 15) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House.

Chair: The Procurement Advisor is the Chair of the Council.

Staff: The agencies represented on the Council and additional staff that the board authorizes in accordance with the State budget shall jointly provide staff for the Council.

Report: The Council shall report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31 of each year to the General Assembly.

## **Maryland Insurance of Last Resort Programs, Task Force to Study**

*Task Force to Study Maryland Insurance of Last Resort Programs (House Bill 1017/Chapter 408)*

Establishing a Task Force to Study Maryland Insurance of Last Resort Programs consisting of the following members:

- 1) three members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 3) the Commissioner of the Maryland Insurance Administration, or the Commissioner's designee; and
- 4) the following members, appointed by the Governor:
  - i) a representative of the property and casualty insurance industry;
  - ii) a representative of the private passenger automobile insurance industry;
  - iii) a representative of the Injured Worker's Insurance Fund;
  - iv) a representative of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund;
  - v) a representative of the Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Corporation;
  - vi) a representative of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan;
  - vii) a representative of the Joint Insurance Plan;
  - viii) a representative of the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General;
  - ix) a representative of the Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition;
  - x) a representative of the Insurance Agents and Brokers of Maryland; and
  - xi) a representative of the public.

Purpose: The task force must study and make recommendations regarding:

- (1) potential benefits to the State from the affiliation of one or more of the State-created insurers of last resort;
- (2) potential legal and corporate structures for such an affiliation, including whether the affiliation should be accomplished through a holding company structure;
- (3) the extent to which the affiliation would support or impair each entity in performing its statutory duties;
- (4) whether each entity should retain a separate existence with its own board of directors or governing committees;

- (5) the extent to which an affiliation would affect the State's ability to regulate the entities in terms of solvency, rates, and market conduct;
- (6) the extent to which an affiliation would affect the financial condition of any of the entities and whether safeguards are necessary to protect policyholders and other stakeholders;
- (7) whether or not each entity should be financially independent and the extent of each entity's responsibility, if any, for the debts and liabilities of the other entities;
- (8) the tax status of the affiliated entity and the effect of the affiliation on the tax status of each entity with respect to federal, State, and local taxation;
- (9) whether JIA should become an authorized insurer with a broader mandate;
- (10) whether MAIF should be converted into a statutorily created, private, nonprofit, nonstock insurer for automobile and other forms of insurance;
- (11) whether and under what circumstances any subsidiaries should be permitted to issue dividends; and
- (12) any other relevant issues or considerations identified by the task force.

Chair: The Governor shall designate the chair of the task force.

Staff: The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the task force.

Report: The task force must report its preliminary findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation on or before December 1, 2013.

### **Military Service Members, Veterans, and the Courts, Task Force on**

*Task Force on Military Service Members, Veteran, and the Courts (Senate Bill 18/Chapter 16 and House Bill 252/Chapter 161)*

Establishing a Task Force on Military Service members, Veterans, and the Courts consisting of the following members:

- 1) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 2) one member of the Senate of Maryland, Appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 3) two members of the Judiciary, appointed by the Chief Judge of the Courts of Appeals;
- 4) the Attorney General of Maryland, or the Attorney General's designee
- 5) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, or the Secretary's designee;
- 6) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
- 7) the Secretary of Public safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- 8) the Executive Director of the Office of Problem Solving Courts;
- 9) three veterans or members of the United States armed forces, appointed by the Governor.

- Chair: The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force.
- Staff: The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Administrative Office of the Courts shall jointly provide staff for the Task Force.
- Report: The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2013 to the Governor and the Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals, and to the General Assembly.

### **Multidisciplinary Alternative Response Advisory Council**

*Child Abuse and Neglect – Alternative Response (House Bill 834/Chapter 397)*

Establishing the Multidisciplinary Alternative Response Advisory Council consisting of the following members:

- 1) the Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
- 2) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
- 3) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;
- 4) a representative from the Maryland Disability Law Center;
- 5) a representative from a child advocacy organization;
- 6) a representative from a community partner or a local service provider;
- 7) a pediatrician with experience in diagnosing and treating injuries related to abuse and neglect;
- 8) an attorney with experience representing children or adults in abuse and neglect cases;
- 9) a representative from the office of the Public Defender;
- 10) a parent or guardian who has personal experience with the Child Protective Services system;
- 11) a child who has personal experience with the Child Protective Services system;
- 12) two representatives from local departments of social services; and
- 13) two representatives from local citizens review panels.

- Purpose: The Advisory Council shall advise the Department on:
- 1) the development of the alternative response implementation plan, which may include a pilot program;
  - 2) oversight and monitoring of the alternative response implementation plan;
  - 3) consulting with local citizens review panels, local services affiliates, and other local partners for feedback and recommendations on the alternative response implementation plan;
  - 4) defining the scope of the independent evaluation of the implementation of the alternative response program; and
  - 5) defining the scope of the ongoing evaluation of the alternative response program.

Chairman: The Secretary of Human Resources or the Secretary's designee shall be the chair of the Advisory Council.

Report: On or before October 1, 2015, the Department of Human Resources shall submit a final report on the alternative response program to the Governor and the General Assembly.

### **Northeast Maryland Higher Education Advisory Board**

*Northeast Maryland Higher Education Advisory Board (House Bill 362/Chapter 661)*

Establishing a Northeast Maryland Higher Education Advisory Board consisting of the following members:

- 1) one representative of each of the four year institutions of higher education offering a commission approved program at the center and at a site, approved by the institution; and
- 2) the following ten representatives, appointed in accordance with the bylaws of the board:
  - i) Three representatives of regional business, industries, or corporations;
  - ii) one representative of the Cecil County Office of Economic Development;
  - iii) one representative of the Harford County Office of Economic Development;
  - iv) one representative of Cecil College;
  - v) one representative of Harford Community College;
  - vi) one representative of the Northeast Maryland University Research Park; and
  - vii) two representatives chosen from the community at large.

Purpose: The advisory board must:

- (1) assist and support the development of higher education in Cecil and Harford counties;
- (2) assist in setting the missions of and accomplishing the goals and objectives of the four-year institutions of higher education that offer Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) approved undergraduate and graduate programs in Cecil and Harford counties (sites);
- (3) advise the HEAT Center, site coordinators, and the supervisory staff to whom the coordinators report on programs offered and facility utilization;
- (4) provide guidance and support in identifying institutions and programs to serve higher education and workforce needs in Cecil and Harford counties;
- (5) facilitate interactions among the business, nonprofit, education, and military communities.

Chair: The chair of the board shall be elected by the board from among its members. A member who is a representative of an out of state institution may not serve as chair.

## **Renovation and Repair Needs of Senior Homeowners, Task Force to Study the**

*Task Force to Study Renovation and Repair Needs of Senior Homeowners (House Bill 991/Chapter 695)*

Establishing a Task Force to Study Renovation and Repair Needs of Senior Homeowners consisting of the following representatives:

- 1) local housing agencies;
- 2) nonprofit organizations that address housing issues for seniors;
- 3) organizations that assist seniors with financial literacy;
- 4) financial institutions;
- 5) contractors; and
- 6) architects.

Purpose: The task force must study methods for:

- 1) identifying, on a statewide basis, seniors of limited income who own and occupy single-family homes;
- (2) identifying census tracts with high concentrations of senior homeowners;
- (3) understanding the needs of low-income seniors regarding home repairs, safety, and energy savings;
- (4) addressing the impact of high concentrations of low-income senior homeowners on neighborhood stability and preservation;
- (5) identifying existing and new public resources on the federal, State, and local levels to assist low-income and limited-income senior homeowners with home renovations and repairs; and
- (6) identifying the challenges for low-income and limited-income senior homeowners in accessing public resources.

Report: The task force must report its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2012.

## **Student Transfer Advisory Committee**

*Maryland Higher Education Commission (Senate Bill 967/Chapter 327)*

Establishing a Student Transfer Advisory Committee consisting of the following members:

- 1) the Secretary of Higher Education, or the Secretary's designee;
- 2) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the President's designee;
- 3) the President of St. Mary's College of Maryland, or the President's designee;
- 4) the President of Morgan State University, or the President's designee;

- 5) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, or the Executive Director's designee;
- 6) the President of the Maryland Independent College and University Association, or the President's designee;
- 7) the Assistant Secretary for the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Assistant Secretary's designee;
- 8) the Assistant State Superintendent for Career and College Readiness in the State Department of Education, or the Assistant State Superintendent's designee;
- 9) a representative of the Student Advisory Council, appointed by the Secretary;
- 10) a representative from the Maryland Association of Private Career Schools, appointed by the Secretary; and
- 11) a representative from a for-profit institution of higher education that operates in the State, appointed by the Secretary.

Purpose: The Committee shall review and analyze:

- 1) articulation and student support services, including admission and advising practices; and
- 2) any other student transfer related issues as referred to the Committee by the Commission.

Chairman: The members of the Committee may elect a chair and other officers of the Committee, as needed.

Staff: The Maryland Higher Education Commission shall provide staff for the Committee.

Report: On or before December 1, 2013, and in each odd-numbered year thereafter, the Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

## **Task Force to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms**

*Regulated Firearms (House Bill 618/Chapter 131)*

Establishing a Task Force to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms consisting of the following members:

- 1) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;
- 2) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
- 3) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;
- 4) the Chief Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Administrative Hearings, or the Judge's designee;
- 5) the Public Defender of Maryland, or the Public Defender's designee;

- 6) the Director of the Office of Forensic Services in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Director's designee;
- 7) the following individuals appointed by the Governor:
  - i) one representative of the Maryland Fraternal Order of Police;
  - ii) one representative of the Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Policy and Research;
  - iii) one representative of Maryland Shall Issue, Inc.;
  - iv) one representative of the Mental Health Association of Maryland;
  - v) one representative of the Maryland Disability Law Center;
  - vi) one representative of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Maryland;
  - vii) one representative of Associated Gun Clubs of Baltimore, Inc.
  - viii) one representative of the Maryland Chiefs of Police Association;
  - ix) one representative of the Maryland Sheriff's Association; and
  - x) one representative of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association.

Purpose: The Task Force shall:

- 1) study the adequacy of State Laws and policies relating to:
  - i) the access of individuals with a history of mental illness to regulated firearms; and
  - ii) the access of law enforcement officers to mental health records;
- 2) consider whether existing law adequately protects the public, as well as the Civil rights of individuals with mental illness, and make recommendations as appropriate; and
- 3) consider whether, and to what extent:
  - i) there should be further limits on the access of individuals with a history of mental illness to regulated firearms; and
  - ii) the State should expand access of law enforcement officer to certain mental health records.

Chair: The Governor shall designate the Chair of the Task Force.

Staff: The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for the Task Force.

Report: On or before December 31, 2012, the Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations, including recommendations regarding legislative options, to the Governor and General Assembly.

### **Virtual Learning, Maryland Advisory Council for**

*Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning (Senate Bill 689/Chapter 290 and House Bill 745/Chapter 291)*

Establishing the Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning consisting of the following members:

- 1) The State Superintendent or the State Superintendent's designee;

- 2) The Director of the Maryland Virtual Learning Opportunities Office within the department;
- 3) Two members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 4) Two members of the House of Delegates of Maryland appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 5) The following members appointed by the Governor:
  - i) One local superintendent of schools;
  - ii) One representative of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education;
  - iii) One representative of the Maryland Parent Teacher Association;
  - iv) Two representatives of virtual learning providers;
  - v) One representative of the business community;
  - vi) One parent of a student participating in digital learning opportunities;
  - vii) One school teacher engaged in digital instruction;
  - viii) One member of the Baltimore Teachers Union;
  - ix) One member of the Maryland State Education Association; and
  - x) One charter school advocate.
- 6) Six members appointed by the department that are employees of local schools that have excelled in the ability to incorporate technology into the classroom.

Purpose: The mission of the council is to encourage and support the education of students in accordance with national standards of online learning and state law. The council is required to make recommendations on the following:

- (1) high quality professional development for teachers and principals regarding digital instruction or blending digital content with traditional classroom instruction;
- (2) funding strategies to provide high quality, innovative options in course providers and delivery;
- (3) student assessment and accountability;
- (4) infrastructure necessary to support digital learning;
- (5) mobile learning and mobile learning applications;
- (6) aligning resources and digital learning initiatives of all State agencies;
- (7) coordination of digital learning programs to prevent redundancy and inefficiency;
- (8) planning for changes in technology and digital learning;
- (9) expanded curriculum for mathematics, science, foreign language, and advanced placement courses;
- (10) increasing education opportunities for at-risk, home-bound, special needs, and alternative education students; and
- (11) implementation plans for providing digital learning opportunities to all students in the State.

Chair: From among the members of the council, a chair shall be elected for a three year term.

Report: The council shall report its findings and recommendations, on or before December 1 of each year.

## **Workgroup on Lead Liability Protection for Rental Property**

*Establishment of Workgroup (House Bill 472/Chapter 373)*

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to convene a workgroup to evaluate and make recommendations relating to lead liability protection for owners of pre-1978 rental property. The workgroup shall consist of the following members:

- 1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 2) two members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- 3) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;
- 4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;
- 5) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee; and
- 6) representatives of the following:
  - i) the Judiciary;
  - ii) the insurance industry;
  - iii) owners of pre-1978 rental property; and
  - iv) childhood lead poisoning advocacy groups.
- 7) representatives with expertise in legal claims arising out of lead poisoning, including attorneys representing plaintiffs and defendants;
- 8) representatives from academic institutions with expertise in insurance and actuarial science; and
- 9) any other representative the Commissioner determines to be included in the workgroup.

Purpose: The workgroup shall evaluate:

- 1) the feasibility of encouraging the existing insurance marketplace to provide lead liability coverage for owners of pre-1978 rental property;
- 2) the feasibility of establishing other mechanisms for providing lead liability insurance coverage for owners of pre-1978 rental property;
- 3)
  - i) the feasibility of establishing an insurance fund for lead liability insurance coverage;
  - ii) the accounting and financial reporting standards that should apply to an insurance fund;
  - iii) the minimum surplus requirements that should be met by an insurance fund, including appropriate amounts to maintain in relation to an insurance fund's risk;

- iv) the appropriate underwriting standards to be applied to relevant policies;
- v) the level of premiums that might be necessary to support policies in an actuarially sound manner;
- vi) whether an insurance fund should be subject to Maryland's premium tax obligations;
- vii) projected start-up and ongoing administrative costs associated with the establishment of an insurance fund; and
- viii) any other relevant insurance-related matters identified in the course of the study; and
- ix) the extent to which private risk management tools such as insurance bonds are available on the commercial market.

Report: On or before December 1, 2012, the Commissioner shall report the findings of the workgroup and any recommendations of the workgroup to the Governor and the General Assembly.

## **Workgroup to Conduct a Review of Disclosure Requirements of Public Ethics Laws**

*Ethics Online Disclosure (Senate Bill 920/Chapter 620)*

Establishing a workgroup during the 2012 interim to perform a comprehensive and coordinated review of the disclosure requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law as it applies to State and local governments. The President and the Speaker may appoint to the workgroup in their discretion, consisting of the following members:

- 1) members of the General Assembly;
- 2) representatives of the Maryland State Ethics Commission;
- 3) representatives of State, county, and municipal governments;
- 4) representatives of private sector agencies that promote and encourage government accountability;
- 5) representatives of public sector employees' unions; and
- 6) any other interested party.

Purpose: The workgroup shall:

- (1) review current methods used to provide access to public ethics disclosures and consider any alternative methods that could be made available to citizens and interested parties to more easily access public ethics disclosures;
- (2) consider options for verifiable notification of electronic or postal access into a public ethics disclosure to be made to the person who is the subject of the inquiry;
- (3) consider the feasibility and desirability of requiring different levels of public ethics disclosure for different categories of persons based on the person's position of authority and policy making duties;
- (4) review the information that is currently required to be disclosed and determine:

- (i) additional information that should be required to be disclosed; and
  - (ii) information that is currently disclosed that no longer needs to be disclosed;
- (5) consider the implications of current and any proposed disclosure requirements under the Maryland Public Ethics Law on counties and municipal corporations;
  - (6) review the composition, duties, and procedures of the Joint Ethics Committee;
  - (7) review any other aspect of the disclosure requirements under the Maryland Public Ethics Law; and

Report: On or before December 31, 2012, the workgroup must submit any recommended legislation for the 2013 regular session to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

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**Part V**  
**Changes to Existing Boards, Commissions,  
Task Forces, Advisory Councils, etc.**  
**As a Result of 2012 Legislation**

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**Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board**

*Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation - Easements (Senate Bill 129/Chapter 180)*

This bill requires that within 60 days after the referral of a petition or an application, the Agricultural Preservation Advisory Board shall advise the county governing body as to whether or not the land for the proposed district or proposed easement meets the qualifications established by the Foundation, and whether or not the advisory board recommends the purchase of the easement.

**Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council, State**

*Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Representation (House Bill 197/Chapter 107)*

The bill changes the membership on the Correctional Training Commission, the Sexual Offender Advisory Board and the State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council so as to allow the Secretary and a deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to appoint departmental representatives to the board, commission and council instead of the individuals specified in statute.

**Architects, State Board of**

*Continuing Education Requirements (Senate Bill 10/Chapter 20)*

This bill repeals the statutory continuing education requirements related to license renewal for architects and requires the State Board of Architects to adopt regulations to require a licensee to demonstrate continuing professional competency by completing at least 24 hours of professional development activities as a condition of license renewal.

**Cemetery Operations, Advisory Council on**

*Altering Membership and Increasing the Number of Meetings (House Bill 394/Chapter 368)*

This bill increases the membership on the Council from eleven to twelve members and specifies that one of the twelve members be a representative from a crematory. Additionally, the bill requires the advisory council to increase the number of times it meets from once a year to at least four times a year.

At the time of appointment of new members and before reappointment of existing members of the advisory council, the Director of the Office of Cemetery Operations shall deliver to each

member the paperwork necessary to disclose any interest or employment held by the member at the time of appointment as required by the Maryland Public Ethics Law. The Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight and the Advisory Council shall: 1) collaborate on the development of orientation materials for new members appointed to the Advisory Council, which shall include information on the requirements of the Public Ethics Laws applicable to Advisory Council members; and 2) study the issue of the increasing rate of cremations within the death care industry, including whether the rate of cremations will continue to rise at the same rate and the possible effect this trend may have on the Office's finances. Additionally, the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight and a committee formed of members of the Advisory Council on Cemetery Operations shall update the Office newsletter and develop a plan to ensure that the newsletter continues to be updated on a regular basis. Further the advisory council must respond to issues raised by the Director in the annual report required under law and develop a plan to study ongoing issues during the year following the issuance of the report.

The Advisory Committee on Cemetery Operations shall:

- 1) develop a plan to improve consumer outreach, including an approach to disseminating the consumer information pamphlet to key locations around the State, such as nursing homes, churches, the offices of estate lawyers, consumer protection agencies of every county, and other locations;
- 2) study recording-keeping practices for cemeteries in relation both to best practices and for disaster preparedness, including pandemics and natural disasters, with the intention of developing legislation to address this issue;
- 3) develop a legislative proposal on record-keeping practices for introduction no later than the 2014 regular session of the General Assembly; and
- 4) in developing the proposal under item (3), determine the categories of cemeteries to which any record-keeping requirements developed should be applied and consider the possibility of phasing in requirements to limit the economic impact on cemeteries.

### **Child Abuse and Neglect, State Council on**

*Transfer to Department of Human Resources (House Bill 264/Chapter 116)*

This bill transfers the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect to the Department of Human Resources for budgetary and administrative purposes. The bill also alters, from three to one, the number of required standing committees for the council and repeals the duties of the eliminated standing committees.

### **Community Health Resources Commission, Maryland**

*Creation of Health Enterprise Zones (Senate Bill 234/Chapter 3)*

This bill establishes a process for designation of "Health Enterprise Zones" (HEZs) to target State resources to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes, and reduce health costs and hospital admissions and readmissions in specific areas of the State. The bill requires the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (MCHRC) to make recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on the designation of HEZs. In designating an HEZ, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene must consider geographic diversity among other

factors. Priority must be given to applications that demonstrate specified criteria and factors. After receiving all applications, MCHRC must report to specified committees of the General Assembly on the names of applicants and the geographic areas in which they are located. HEZ designation is made by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, and designation decisions are final. The Secretary may limit the number of HEZs in accordance with the State budget.

### **Correctional Training Commission**

*Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Representation (House Bill 197/Chapter 107)*

The bill changes the membership on the Correctional Training Commission, the Sexual Offender Advisory Board and the State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council so as to allow the Secretary and a deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to appoint departmental representatives to the board, commission and council instead of the individuals specified in statute.

### **Criminal Sentencing Policy, State Commission on**

*Reporting Requirement (Senate Bill 59/Chapter 14 and House Bill 117/Chapter 115)*

This bill changes the date for submission of the report which reviews, annually, sentencing policy and practice in to state from December 1 to January 31 each and requires the report to cover activities of the preceding calendar year.

### **Dental Examiners, State Board of**

*Licenses – Examination Requirements for Dentists and Dental Hygienists (Senate Bill 841/Chapter 593 and House Bill 754/Chapter 594)*

This bill requires a limited licensee to pass American Dental Licensing Examination (ADLEX) rather than the written and clinical examination of the North East Regional Board. A dentist from another state must have passed ADLEX and the Maryland Dental Jurisprudence Examination or seek licensure by waiver. A dental hygienist from another state must have passed American Dental Hygiene Licensing Examination (ADHLEX) and the Maryland Dental Jurisprudence Examination or seek licensure by waiver.

A dentist from another state who *has not* passed ADLEX must meet the existing practice requirements and have passed (1) an examination with a clinical component as a requirement for licensure in another state; (2) a comprehensive written examination on applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning administered by the American Board of Dental Examiners (ADEX); and (3) the Maryland Dental Jurisprudence Examination.

A dental hygienist from another state who *has not* passed ADHLEX must meet the existing practice requirements and have passed (1) an examination with a clinical component as a requirement for licensure in another state; (2) a comprehensive written examination on applied clinical diagnosis and treatment planning administered by ADEX; and (3) the Maryland Dental Jurisprudence Examination.

## **Dental Examiners, State Board of**

*Health Occupations – Dental Hygienists – Local Anesthesia (Senate Bill 344/Chapter 219 and House Bill 172/Chapter 220)*

This bill requires the Board to adopt certain regulations and requiring the Board to report to the Senate Education Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Healthy and Government Operations Committee on or before October 1, 2015.

## **Dental Examiners, State Board of**

*Licensed Dentists, Physicians, and Podiatrists – Personally Preparing and Dispensing Prescription Drugs and Devices (Senate Bill 603/Chapter 267)*

The bill requires the boards of Pharmacy, Dental Examiners, Physicians, and Podiatric Medical Examiners to make specified annual reports to the Division of Drug Control (DDC) in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) the (1) the names and addresses of the board's licensees who are authorized to personally prepare and dispense prescription drugs; and (2) the names and addresses of the board's licensees who have reported, in accordance with the bill, that they have personally prepared and dispensed prescription drugs within the previous year. The Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Physicians, and the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners shall charge a fee to a Dentist, Physician, or Podiatrist who holds a dispensing permit in an amount that will produce funds to approximate but not exceed the documented costs to the Division of Drug Control for inspections of dispensing permit holders. Revenues collected by the boards under this section shall be paid into the general fund of the state.

## **Education, State Board of**

*Education – Core Content Areas – Accountability Program (House Bill 1227/Chapter 477)*

This bill requires the State Board of Education and the State Superintendent of Schools to assist each county board of education to establish goals and objectives that conform within certain objectives for subjects that include science and social studies. It also requires that the Board and Superintendent to implement assessment programs in certain subjects. The Board will conduct a statewide survey of public schools and public school teachers and will compile and publish the survey results on the Department's Web site.

## **Education, State Board of**

*Oral Health Education (Senate Bill 867/Chapter 604 and House Bill 1401/Chapter 605)*

This bill requires the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to support and facilitate oral health education, including oral disease prevention and dental health promotion, in every jurisdiction and develop a process to monitor implementation of oral health education. By December 1, 2015, and every five years thereafter, MSDE must submit to the Governor and the General Assembly a summary of the information reported by MSDE to the State Superintendent of Schools during the certification of the health education State curriculum. The State Board of Education must encourage the local boards of education to incorporate age-appropriate lessons

on oral disease prevention and dental health promotion into the local board's health education curriculum.

### **Education, State Board of**

*Task Force to Explore Incorporating the Subject of Agriculture in Existing Curricular Areas (House Bill 680/Chapter 672)*

This bill requires the State Board of Education and the University of Maryland Extension, after consultation with local boards of education, specified local agriculture groups, and other organizations that promote education about agriculture, to create a task force by December 31, 2014, to explore options for incorporating the subject of agriculture, including sustainable agriculture and other agriculture issues, in all existing curricular areas.

### **Education, State Board**

*Education – Age for Compulsory Public School attendance - Exemptions (Senate Bill 362/Chapter 494)*

This bill requires the State Department of Education to complete certain tasks on or before a certain date and, in consultation with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, to develop a certain program and request necessary legislation on or before December 1, 2012. Requiring the Board to submit certain reports to certain persons and entities on or before certain dates.

### **Elections, State Board of**

*Campaign Contributors (Senate Bill 918/Chapter 320 and House Bill 110/Chapter 321)*

This bill requires the occupation and employer of contributors who contribute \$500 or more to a campaign finance entity during an election cycle to be recorded and reported by the campaign finance entity, to the extent practicable. The State Board of Elections (SBE) must promptly notify the treasurer of a campaign finance entity if a contributor included on a campaign finance report has made contributions to the campaign finance entity totaling \$500 or more during the election cycle. SBE must also require a standard response from a treasurer in a campaign finance report if a contributor does not provide the contributor's occupation and employer.

### **Elections, State Board of**

*Campaign Finance – Requirements (Senate Bill 1033/Chapter 338 and House Bill 1285/Chapter 339)*

The bill allows for the responsible officers of a campaign finance entity to affirmatively consent to receiving notice provided by State Board of Elections (SBE) of each campaign finance report required to be filed by that entity only by electronic mail instead of first class mail. The bill also requires, in the event the chairman and treasurer of a political committee consent to receiving notice only by electronic mail, that the form appointing the chairman and treasurer filed with SBE include the electronic mail address of the chairman and the treasurer.

Further, the bill requires the chairman or treasurer of a political committee to notify the SBE of a change in the residence address of the chairman or treasurer or, if the chairman and treasurer have affirmatively consented to receiving notice only by electronic mail, a change in the electronic mail address of the chairman or treasurer, no later than 21 days before the due date for the political committee's next campaign finance report.

Lastly, the bill modifies a requirement of when the treasurer of a campaign finance entity must issue a campaign contribution receipt to require that the receipt be issued by the next deadline for filing a campaign finance report after receiving a contribution instead of upon receiving and before depositing a contribution.

### **Elevator Safety Review Board**

*Public Safety – Elevator Safety Review Board - Membership (Senate Bill 23/Chapter 454 and House Bill 109 /Chapter 455)*

This bill alters the membership of the Elevator Safety Review Board to add a member representing the elevator interior renovation industry.

### **Elevator Safety Review Board**

*Licensing (Senate Bill 232/Chapter 49)*

This bill requires the Elevator Safety Review Board to issue licensing certifications and to reinstate expired licenses under specified circumstances. It expands the conditions under which the board may deny a new or renewal license to an applicant, suspend or revoke a license, or reprimand a licensee. It also increases the sanctions available to the board to discipline a licensee and requires that a majority of board members currently serving approve a sanction or license denial.

### **Environmental Health Specialist, State Board of**

*Renaming (House Bill 511/Chapter 667)*

This bill transfers the State Board of Environmental Sanitarians (BES) from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) and changes the name of the board to the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists. Correspondingly, environmental sanitarians are renamed environmental health specialists, and environmental sanitarians-in-training are renamed environmental health specialists-in-training. The termination date of the board is extended by four years to July 1, 2017, and requires a direct full evaluation of the board be conducted by July 1, 2016. This bill also changes the funding source for the board by creating a special fund.

### **Environmental Noise Advisory Council**

*Repeal of Council (House Bill 190/Chapter 360)*

This departmental bill repeals the requirements for the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to enforce noise control standards and implement a coordinated statewide noise control

program. It also repeals the Environmental Noise Advisory Council and the Interagency Noise Control Committee.

### **Ethics Commission, Maryland State**

*Ethics Online Disclosure (Senate Bill 920/Chapter 620)*

This bill requires that specified statements and reports relating to conflicts of interest of legislators be filed electronically and, on or after January 1, 2013, be made available to the public on the Internet through an online registration program. The bill also adds a reporting requirement regarding legislators' employment and business interests and creates a specified exemption from certain legislator conflict of interest reporting requirements. Lastly, the bill requires that a workgroup be established to perform a review of the disclosure requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law as it applies to State and local governments. Representative of the Maryland State Ethics Commission are included as members the workgroup.

### **Health Care Commission, Maryland**

*Maryland Health Care Commission Sharing of Information (Senate Bill 749/Chapter 295 and House Bill 1140/Chapter 296)*

This bill adds the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to the list of entities: (1) to which the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) may disclose specified identifying information; (2) to which the State Board of Physicians must disclose, for the purpose of investigating quality of utilization of care in any entity regulated by the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) or HSCRC, any information contained in a record; and (3) that must jointly adopt regulations for the efficient and secure transfer of any information in a record that may indicate that an investigation may be appropriate. The bill also changes the date by which such regulations must be adopted from January 1, 2012, to January 1, 2013.

### **Health Care Commission, Maryland**

*Maryland Health Care Commission – Assessment of Fees and Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund – Revisions (Senate Bill 227/Chapter 195)*

This bill repeals the requirement that the Maryland Insurance Commissioner notify the Maryland Health Care Commission of certain health insurance premiums on or before May 30 of each year. It alters the maximum amount that may be expended from the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund for costs incurred in a fiscal year; and generally relating to the Maryland Health Care Commission.

### **Health Care Commission, Maryland**

*Maryland Health Care Commission – Intervention Services (House Bill 1141/Chapter 418)*

The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) may not issue a certificate of conformance unless the commission finds that the proposed emergency or elective percutaneous coronary intervention (PCI) services: (1) are consistent with the State Health Plan for Facilities and Services; (2) will result in the delivery of more efficient and effective health care services; and

(3) are in the public interest. A certificate of conformance is not required for an acute general hospital to establish *emergency* PCI services if: (1) the acute general hospital was providing emergency PCI services on January 1, 2012; and (2) MHCC determines that the emergency PCI services are consistent with the State Health Plan for Facilities and Services. A certificate of conformance is not required for an acute general hospital to establish *elective* PCI services if: (1) on January 1, 2012, the hospital was providing elective PCI services through the C-PORT E study (a multistate, controlled clinical trial to study the safety and efficacy of elective angioplasty in hospitals without on-site cardiac surgery programs) registry under authority of a research waiver issued by MHCC; (2) the commission finds that the C-PORT E study produced results that should guide public policy; and (3) the commission determines that the elective PCI services provided by the hospital continue to be consistent with specified requirements. To implement the bill, MHCC must adopt regulations, through an update to the State Health Plan for Facilities and Services – that establish specified standards and requirements with regard to PCI services and the issuance of certificates of conformance and ongoing performance, as specified by the bill. The process established by MHCC for issuing a certificate of conformance: (1) may not allow interested party status; (2) must be similar to the process through which the commission grants an exemption from certificate of need requirements for merged asset systems; and (3) must, for a certificate of conformance to establish PCI services, consider applications from hospitals that were providing emergency PCI services on January 1, 2012, before considering applications from other hospitals. In deciding whether to issue a certificate of conformance, MHCC must also consider the circumstances of a hospital that is the sole hospital in a county.

### **Higher Education Commission, Maryland**

*State Personnel and Pensions (Senate Bill 119/Chapter 26)*

This bill clarifies that professional employees of the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) are eligible to participate in the Optional Retirement Program (ORP).

### **Higher Education Commission, Maryland**

*Institutions of Postsecondary Education – Fully Online Distance Education Programs – Registration (Senate Bill 843/Chapter 595 and House Bill 1223/Chapter 596)*

This bill requires an institution of postsecondary education which enrolls Maryland students in a fully online distance education program to file an application to register with the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) within three months of enrolling its first Maryland student and register within six months. An institution required to register with MHEC must be accredited by an accrediting body recognized and approved by the U.S. Department of Education and also meet a number of specified financial conditions and business practices, including complying with the student refund policy and procedures established by MHEC. An institution required to register with MHEC must pay a fee to be set in regulation by MHEC, and may be required to furnish a bond or other form of financial guarantee to the State, to be used to reimburse any student who is entitled to a refund of tuition and fees due to the institution's breach of agreement or contract with the student or the State.

MHEC must make public and post on its website (1) a list of registered institutions of postsecondary education that offer fully online distance education programs in the State; and (2) the names of institutions for which MHEC denied or revoked registration. MHEC may impose various penalties on institutions that fail to comply with the bill's requirements.

### **Higher Education Commission, Maryland**

*Funding Formula (House Bill 1228/Chapter 710)*

This bill requires the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to calculate grants for each regional higher education center (RHEC) administered by MHEC using a specified formula. Funding for the formula is as provided in the annual State budget. MHEC must review and make recommendations regarding the inclusion of outcome and performance measures in the RHEC funding formula and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2013.

### **Horse Industry Board, Maryland**

*Licensure and Inspection (Senate Bill 108/Chapter 19)*

The bill clarifies and expands the definition of what types of establishments Maryland Horse Industry Board regulates, specifying that the board regulates "horse establishments," which are establishments that solicit or offer to the public any of the following services: (1) a boarding stable; (2) a lesson or rental stable; or (3) a rescue or sanctuary stable. This new definition conforms to the types of establishments the board currently regulates in practice, with one exception: under current law, only boarding stables that stable five or more horses are required to be licensed by the board, but under the bill, a boarding stable with any number of horses will need to be licensed.

### **Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, Board for**

*Policies for Collection of Premiums (Senate Bill 30/Chapter 10 and House Bill 65/Chapter 11)*

This bill repeals a requirement that the Board for Injured Workers' Insurance Fund refer cases for collection to the Office of the Attorney General arising from the nonpayment of premiums and permits the Board to develop policies and procedures to pursue collection of the debt.

### **Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, Board for**

*Injured Workers' Insurance Fund – Conversion to Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company (Senate Bill 745/Chapter 570)*

This emergency bill converts the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund (IWIF), by October 1, 2013, from an independent State entity into a statutorily created, private, nonprofit, nonstock workers' compensation insurer to be named the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company. The bill gives current IWIF employees the option to elect to remain State employees of the fund after the conversion; thus, IWIF is required to remain in existence for as long as it continues to have employees.

Board members previously appointed to IWIF's board as of October 1, 2012 must continue to serve their current terms on the board of the company. The president of IWIF must serve as the president of the company.

### **Judicial Compensation Commission**

*Recommendations (Senate Joint Resolution 3/Chapter 5)*

This joint resolution proposes that judicial salaries remain at current levels in fiscal 2013 and increase for fiscal 2014 through 2016. Salaries originally recommended by the Judicial Compensation Commission take effect automatically unless the resolution is amended by the General Assembly to decrease the salaries or the resolution is rejected within 50 days of its introduction.

### **Labor Relations Board, State**

*State Personnel – Collective Bargaining – Applicability (Senate Bill 783/Chapter 581 and House Bill 537/Chapter 582)*

This bill expands the applicability of the State's collective bargaining law to include employees of the Office of the Comptroller, the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) who are not police officers, the State Retirement Agency (SRA), and the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). The State Labor Relations Board (SLRB) is prohibited from designating unique bargaining units for each of the agencies subject to collective bargaining under the bill. Instead, at the request of the appropriate exclusive representative, the board must determine the appropriate existing bargaining unit for each employee and add all affected positions to the appropriate unit. SLRB must also, at the request of the exclusive representative, conduct self-determination elections for the newly added members of each bargaining unit.

### **Life Sciences Advisory Board**

*Life Sciences Advisory Board – Purpose and Membership (Senate Bill 405/Chapter 498 and House Bill 141 /Chapter 499)*

This bill establishes the purpose of the Life Sciences Advisory Board in the Department of Business and Economic Development to recommend state and federal policies, priorities, practices, and legislation to expedite the creation of private sector jobs through the commercialization of life sciences research.

This bill also alters the membership of the Advisory board from 15 to 18 members. It alters from 4 to 7 the members with executive experience in life sciences businesses located in the State.

### **Lottery Commission, State**

*Gaming – Electronic Machines – Regulation (Senate Bill 864/Chapter 603)*

This bill makes permanent the authority for existing qualified organizations and licensed commercial bingo licensees to operate electronic instant bingo machines that would otherwise be illegal under State law after July 1, 2012. The bill alters the State admissions and amusement (A&A) tax rate imposed on electronic bingo and electronic tip jar machines in Calvert County

and alters distributions of related tax revenues. The bill also requires the State Lottery Commission (commission) to certify and regulate the operation, ownership, and manufacture of certain electronic gaming devices. The bill gives the commission final determination as to whether a gaming device being operated in the State is a legal gaming device and if a device is being operated in a lawful manner. An electronic gaming device that is not licensed or otherwise compliant with requirements as of January 1, 2013, is an illegal gaming device that may not legally operate in the State. The bill also alters provisions of current law specifying what is, and is not, considered a “slot machine.”

**Maryland Wine and Grape Growing, Governor’s Advisory Commission on Membership** (*Senate Bill 756/Chapter 297 and House Bill 839/Chapter 298*)

This bill adds a member to the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Maryland Wine and Grape Growing. The member must be a representative of the Department of Business and Economic Development.

**Morticians and Funeral Directors, State Board of**  
*State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors – Examinations of Applicants and Licensees* (*Senate Bill 14/Chapter 157 and House Bill 70/Chapter 158*)

This bill authorizes the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to require certain applicants or licensees to submit to a mental or physical examination under certain circumstances. If applicant is deemed competent to practice, the board will reimburse the applicant for the cost of the evaluation.

**Morticians and Funeral Directors, State Board**  
*Handling Human Remains with Dignity Act of 2012 – Additional Members* (*Senate Bill 415/Chapter 500 and House Bill 540/Chapter 501*)

This bill requires a funeral establishment or a crematory to notify the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors. Authorizes the Board to take certain disciplinary action against a licensee or permit holder who fails to comply with certain provisions of this Act.

**Morticians and Funeral Directors, Maryland State Board of**  
*Permits and Registration Required to Remove and Transport Human Remains* (*Senate Bill 895/Chapter 614 and House Bill 753/Chapter 615*)

This bill requires a “mortuary transport service” to hold a permit issued by the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors. Individuals employed by a permit holder must be registered with the board as a “transporter” before they may remove and transport human remains in Maryland. Licensed funeral establishments and their employees, as well as cemeteries and their employees, who remove or transport human remains within the boundaries of the cemetery, are exempt from these requirements. The board must adopt regulations to implement the bill and establish guidelines for removing and transporting human remains.

## **Nursing, State Board of**

*State Board of Nursing – Nurses, Nursing Assistants, Medication Technicians, and Electrologists – Licensure and Certification Requirements (Senate Bill 337/Chapter 486 and House Bill 238/Chapter 487)*

This bill requires prosecutions for offenses relating to the licensing of nurses and electrologists to be instituted within a certain period of time after the offense was committed. Applicants must submit evidence and information to the State Board of Nursing as part of an application for licensure. It also authorizes the Board to issue certain licenses by endorsement and prohibits certain individuals from practicing, attempting to practice, or offering to practice advanced practice nursing or electrology unless licensed by the Board.

## **Nursing Home Administrators, State Board of**

*Nursing Home Administrator License (Senate Bill 737/Chapter 726 and House Bill 1118/Chapter 727)*

This bill prohibits a nursing home or a “nursing home management firm” from knowingly employing or retaining as a consultant an individual who has surrendered a nursing home administrator license for specified disciplinary grounds or had such a license revoked by the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators.

## **Parole Commission, Maryland**

*Earned Compliance Credit and Reinvestment (Senate Bill 691/Chapter 564 and House Bill 670/Chapter 565)*

The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services is required to establish a program to implement earned compliance credits and adopt policies and procedures to implement the program. The Maryland Parole Commission or the court may adjust the period of a supervised individual’s supervision on the recommendation of Division Parole and Probation for earned compliance credits accrued under the program.

A supervised individual whose period of active supervision has been completely reduced as a result of earned compliance credits must remain on “abatement” until the expiration of the individual’s sentence, unless consenting to continued active supervision or unless violating a condition of probation, parole, or mandatory release supervision including failure to pay a required payment of restitution. If a supervised individual violates a condition of probation while on abatement, a court may order the person to be returned to active supervision.

## **Pharmacy, State Board of**

*Licensed Dentists, Physicians, and Podiatrists – Personally Preparing and Dispensing Prescription Drugs and Devices (Senate Bill 603/Chapter 267)*

The bill requires the boards of Pharmacy, Dental Examiners, Physicians, and Podiatric Medical Examiners to make specified annual reports to the Division of Drug Control (DDC) in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) the (1) the names and addresses of the board’s licensees who are authorized to personally prepare and dispense prescription drugs; and

(2) the names and addresses of the board's licensees who have reported, in accordance with the bill, that they have personally prepared and dispensed prescription drugs within the previous year. The Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Physicians, and the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners shall charge a fee to a Dentist, Physician, or Podiatrist who holds a dispensing permit in an amount that will produce funds to approximate but not exceed the documented costs to the Division of Drug Control for inspections of dispensing permit holders. Revenues collected by the boards under this section shall be paid into the general fund of the state.

### **Pharmacy, State Board of**

*Health Occupations – State Board of Pharmacy – Jurisdiction Over Nonresident Pharmacies (Senate Bill 1324/Chapter 182 and House Bill 334/Chapter 334)*

This bill requires a nonresident pharmacy to have a pharmacist on staff who is licensed by the State Board of Pharmacy and designated as the pharmacist responsible for providing certain services to certain patients. It repeals certain limitations on the authority of the State Board of Pharmacy to impose certain fines or take certain disciplinary action against a nonresident pharmacy and clarifies the inspection requirements applicable to a non resident pharmacy.

### **Pharmacy, State Board of**

*State Board of Pharmacy – Wholesale Distributor Permits – Permit and Application Requirements (Senate Bill 133/Chapter 462 and House Bill 316/Chapter 463)*

This bill requires that the State Board of Pharmacy or its designee conduct an inspection to apply only to applicants that hold prescription drugs or devices.

### **Pharmacy, State Board of**

*Revisions (House Bill 283/Chapter 658)*

This bill extends the termination date of the State Board of Pharmacy by 10 years to July 1, 2023, and requires an evaluation of the board by July 1, 2022. The bill removes the requirement that the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Physicians jointly approve physician-pharmacist agreements and protocols used under the Drug Therapy Management Program and, instead, requires physicians and pharmacists who enter into such agreements to submit a copy of the agreement and any subsequent modifications to their respective licensing board.

### **Physicians, State Board of**

*Licensed Dentists, Physicians, and Podiatrists – Personally Preparing and Dispensing Prescription Drugs and Devices (Senate Bill 603/Chapter 267)*

The bill requires the boards of Pharmacy, Dental Examiners, Physicians, and Podiatric Medical Examiners to make specified annual reports to the Division of Drug Control (DDC) in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) the (1) the names and addresses of the board's licensees who are authorized to personally prepare and dispense prescription drugs; and (2) the names and addresses of the board's licensees who have reported, in accordance with the bill, that they have personally prepared and dispensed prescription drugs within the previous

year. The Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Physicians, and the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners shall charge a fee to a Dentist, Physician, or Podiatrist who holds a dispensing permit in an amount that will produce funds to approximate but not exceed the documented costs to the Division of Drug Control for inspections of dispensing permit holders. Revenues collected by the boards under this section shall be paid into the general fund of the state.

### **Physicians, State Board of**

*Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee – Education, Supervision, and Administration (Senate Bill 870/Chapter 314 and House Bill 688/Chapter 315)*

This emergency bill alters the educational requirements for licensure as an athletic trainer, authorizes athletic trainers to accept an “outside referral” from specified licensed health care practitioners, and clarifies the acceptable mechanisms that a physician may use to supervise an athletic trainer. Physicians, hospitals, institutions, alternative health systems, and other employers are prohibited from employing an athletic trainer without a license or an approved evaluation and treatment protocol.

### **Physicians, State Board of**

*Appointment and Term of Chair (House Bill 824/Chapter 681)*

This bill requires the Governor to appoint the chair of the State Board of Physicians (MBP). The term of office for the chair is two years.

### **Physicians, State Board of**

*Education and Examination Requirements (House Bill 827/Chapter 682)*

This bill states that an applicant may have graduated from a sleep technologist educational program that is accredited by the American Academy of Sleep Medicine and completed a clinical component of an educational program as established by the Polysomnography Professional Standards Committee and approved by the State Board of Physicians. The bill also requires the board to waive the educational requirement for licensure as a polysomnographic technologist if, by September 30, 2013, an individual has passed an examination approved by the board.

### **Physicians, State Board**

*Respiratory Care Practitioners – Practicing Polysomnography – Licensing Exceptions (House Bill 833/Chapter 222 and Senate Bill 350/Chapter 221)*

This bill provides that a licensed respiratory care practitioner has the right to practice respiratory care within the scope of a practice of the respiratory care practitioner’s license, providing that the licensing requirements to practice polysomnography do not apply to a certain respiratory care practitioner licensed by the State Board of Physicians on or before a certain date. The individual must be licensed by the Board on or after October 1, 2013 before the individual may practice polysomnography in this State.

## **Plumbing, State Board of**

*Membership (House Bill 368/Chapter 122)*

This bill alters the membership requirements of the State Board of Plumbing by requiring that – of the board’s seven plumber members – one member must be from Carroll or Howard counties and one member must be from Cecil or Harford counties.

## **Plumbing, State Board of**

*Plumbers and Gas Fitters- Apprentice License Renewal (Senate Bill 607/Chapter 272)*

This bill specifies that the State Board of Plumbing may not renew an apprentice plumber license or an apprentice natural gas fitter’s license for more than three consecutive terms if the licensee has not taken or registered to take the journey plumber or journeyman natural gas fitters examination. This provision applies prospectively to apprentice plumbers or apprentice natural gas fitters issued an initial license on or after October 1, 2012. However, an apprentice license must be renewed for an additional two-year term each time the licensee fails a journey examination, regardless of the date of initial licensure.

## **Podiatric Medical Examiners, State Board of**

*Licensed Dentists, Physicians, and Podiatrists – Personally Preparing and Dispensing Prescription Drugs and Devices (Senate Bill 603/Chapter 267)*

The bill requires the boards of Pharmacy, Dental Examiners, Physicians, and Podiatric Medical Examiners to make specified annual reports to the Division of Drug Control (DDC) in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) the (1) the names and addresses of the board’s licensees who are authorized to personally prepare and dispense prescription drugs; and (2) the names and addresses of the board’s licensees who have reported, in accordance with the bill, that they have personally prepared and dispensed prescription drugs within the previous year. The Board of Dental Examiners, the Board of Physicians, and the Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners shall charge a fee to a Dentist, Physician, or Podiatrist who holds a dispensing permit in an amount that will produce funds to approximate but not exceed the documented costs to the Division of Drug Control for inspections of dispensing permit holders. Revenues collected by the boards under this section shall be paid into the general fund of the state.

## **Professional Counselors and Therapists, State Board of**

*Registry and Code of Ethics Requirements (House Bill 1009/Chapter 696)*

This bill requires the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to maintain a registry of individuals working as trainees and adopt a code of ethics for trainees working under the supervision of approved alcohol and drug counselor supervisors.

## **Professional Counselor and Therapists, State Board of**

*Licensure of Clinical Professional Art Therapists (Senate Bill 969/Chapter 628 and House Bill 1207/Chapter 629)*

This bill requires the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to license and regulate the practice of “art therapy.” An individual may not practice, attempt to practice, or offer to “practice clinical professional art therapy” in the State unless licensed by the board, with some exceptions.

The bill alters the membership of the board by removing one licensed clinical professional counselor and adding one licensed clinical professional art therapist. A consumer member of the board may not participate in or have a household member who has ever participated in professional art therapy. The Governor must appoint the licensed clinical professional art therapist on the board from a list submitted by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. Any association representing professional art therapists may submit recommendations to the Secretary. Uncodified language requires that clinical professional art therapist member added to the board fill the first vacancy on the board of a licensed clinical professional counselor member.

### **Psychologists, State Board of Examiners of**

*Health Occupations – Psychologists – Penalties for Misrepresentation and Practicing Without a License (Senate Bill 262/Chapter 204 and House Bill 276/Chapter 205)*

This bill increases the maximum penalties that may be assessed on an individual for misrepresentation as a psychologist or practicing psychology without a license. On conviction of a misdemeanor, an individual is now subject to a fine of up to \$10,000 or imprisonment for up to one year, or both. Practicing psychology without a license is subject to a new civil fine of up to \$50,000 to be assessed by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists in accordance with regulations adopted by the board and payable to the State Board of Examiners for Psychologists Fund.

### **Public Service Commission**

*New Generation Facilities and the Electric Universal Service Program (House Bill 770/Chapter 679)*

This bill requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to consider the adequacy of the current funding of the Electric Universal Service Program (EUSP) if a party to a merger or acquisition of an electric company or an affiliate of an electric company is required to distribute a specified customer rate credit under an agreement with PSC in connection with the merger or acquisition.

### **Public Service Commission**

*Renewable Energy Portfolio Standards – Renewable Energy Credits – Thermal Biomass Systems (Senate Bill 1004/Chapter 635)*

This bill defines energy from “thermal biomass systems” as a Tier 1 renewable source. Energy from a thermal biomass system is eligible for inclusion in meeting the State’s Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS). An eligible system owner or operator receives a Renewable Energy Credit (REC) for the amount of energy generated by the system and used on-site, as measured by a specified on-site meter. Specified systems must demonstrate certain environmental benefits to

the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) to receive a REC. The Public Service Commission (PSC) must adopt regulations to implement the bill.

### **Public Service Commission**

*Electricity – Construction of Overhead Transmission Lines and Wind Generating Stations (Senate Bill 1073/Chapter 643)*

This bill authorizes the Public Service Commission (PSC) to waive the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) requirement for construction relating to existing overhead transmission lines for good cause. The bill also requires PSC to waive the CPCN requirement under specified circumstances of limited construction. An electric company is authorized to complete specified construction to avoid an imminent safety hazard or reliability risk. The bill also provides for CPCN review for small wind energy generating stations that are within a certain distance of the Patuxent River Naval Air Station, as determined by regulations adopted by PSC in coordination with the U.S. Navy.

### **Public Service Commission**

*Electric Companies – Contact Voltage – Surveys and Mitigation (Senate Bill 929/Chapter 624 and House Bill 520/Chapter 625)*

This emergency bill codifies regulations (COMAR 20.50.11) adopted by the Public Service Commission (PSC) in October 2011, which require electric companies to establish voltage survey plans, conduct contact voltage surveys, use best efforts to mitigate any contact voltage discovered, and submit an annual compliance report to PSC. The bill also establishes a related reporting requirement for PSC.

On or before April 1 of each year, each electric company must submit a report on an approved format to PSC describing the results of the contact voltage surveys and summarizing each known contact voltage electric shock complaint received.

PSC may impose a civil penalty for a violation of the bill's provisions, and in its discretion, through order or regulation, may waive or modify the bill's provisions, or impose additional requirements as circumstances warrant.

PSC must submit a report to the General Assembly by January 1, 2013, on the progress of the implementation of the bill and the regulations adopted in October 2011, including the status and availability of contact voltage technology in the State.

### **Public Service Commission**

*Communications Companies – Universal Service Trust Fund – Surcharge (Senate Bill 746/Chapter 571 and House Bill 1087/Chapter 572)*

This bill expands the services that are subject to the Universal Service Trust Fund (USTF) surcharge from switched local exchange access (landline service) in the State to all “communications services” in the State. The bill also alters the surcharge from a per telephone charge not to exceed 45 cents per month to a per account charge not to exceed 35 cents per

month. The bill requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to set the surcharge in fiscal 2014 and annually thereafter at an amount that is no higher than necessary, given the current fund balance, to generate sufficient revenues to fund the costs of USTF's programs and administrative costs for the following fiscal year. The bill also establishes specific uses for the money in USTF.

### **Public Service Commission**

*Study on Tenant Payment of Landlord Utility Bills (Senate Bill 765/Chapter 573 and House Bill 1269/Chapter 574)*

This bill requires the Public Service Commission (PSC) to convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on how to develop a mechanism to allow tenants in residential properties to pay for their utilities when the landlord responsible for utility payments defaults. The workgroup must examine how to protect specified tenant and utility rights, proper tenant notification procedures, the most effective mechanism to allow a tenant to pay for utilities when a landlord defaults, and how similar efforts in other states have worked, among other items. By December 1, 2012, PSC must report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.

### **Public Service Commission**

*Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard – Solar Energy and Solar Water Heating Systems (Senate Bill 791/Chapter 583 and House Bill 1187/Chapter 584)*

This bill increases the percentage requirements of the Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard (RPS) that must be purchased from Tier 1 solar energy sources each year between 2013 and 2021. The bill only applies prospectively and has no effect on contracts for energy before the bill's effective date. The bill also authorizes the Public Service Commission (PSC) to approve, in consultation with the Maryland Energy Administration (MEA), an equivalent measuring certification related to solar water heating systems.

### **Public Service Commission**

*Construction of Overhead Transmission Lines and Wind Generating Stations (House Bill 1427/Chapter 644)*

This bill authorizes the Public Service Commission (PSC) to waive the Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) requirement for construction relating to existing overhead transmission lines for good cause. The bill also requires PSC to waive the CPCN requirement under specified circumstances of limited construction. An electric company is authorized to complete specified construction to avoid an imminent safety hazard or reliability risk.

### **Public Works, Board of**

*Procurement – Investment Activities in Iran (Senate Bill 235/Chapter 446 and House Bill 440 /Chapter 477)*

This bill requires that the Board of Public Works, on or before December 31, 2012 to use information to create a list of persons that engage in investment activities in Iran and publish it on the internet. The board shall update the list at least every 180 days. Within 90 days before

adding a person to the list the board is required to provide the person with notice. This bill also prohibits the Board from adding a person to the list under certain circumstances.

### **Racing Commission, State**

*Horse Racing – Maryland-Bred Race Fund - Administration (Senate Bill 49/Chapter 167)*

This bill authorizes the Maryland Racing commission to allocate a portion of the Maryland-Bred Race Fund for horses conceived in Maryland. The Commission is required to set the amount of certain breeder awards for races in the State and outside of the State.

### **Racing Commission, State**

*Licensure Requirements and Arabian Breed Races (House Bill 597/Chapter 597)*

This emergency bill extends the time period within which a mile thoroughbred licensee must pay specified pari-mutuel racing taxes to the Maryland Racing Commission from 7 to 10 days after each racing day. The bill also extends the time period, from 3 to 10 days, within which a mile thoroughbred licensee that operates a sending track must pay to the Maryland Racing Commission \$1,000 of the impact aid to be paid to specified political subdivisions for each day of intertrack betting. Finally, the bill authorizes Arabian breed races to be conducted at Pimlico Race Course, provided specified conditions are met.

### **Real Estate Commission, State**

*Continuing Education – Documentation (Senate Bill 145/Chapter 34)*

This bill allows the State Real Estate Commission to accept certificates of completion for continuing education course work by electronic submission directly from the business or instructor conducting the course. The bill permits electronic copies of completion certificates to be provided to licensees. Beginning January 1, 2013, the commission may require the electronic submission of the certificates by course providers.

Required continuing education course work on recent changes in federal, State, or local laws and regulations must include information on recent court cases and industry trends affecting those laws and regulations. By December 1, 2012, the commission must also submit recommendations to the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs and House Economic Matters committees of the General Assembly regarding the collection and use of electronically available information on licensees, and whether and to what extent the information should be made publicly available.

### **Residential Child Care Program Professionals, State Board for Certification of**

*Certification-Modifications (Senate Bill 868/Chapter 312 and House Bill 862/Chapter 313)*

This bill requires the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals to establish a tiered certification structure for residential child and youth care practitioners. Additionally, the Board is required to establish training and continuing education requirements for the residential child and youth care practitioners certified by the board. The board must set reasonable fees for the issuance and renewal of certificates, including approving

training programs but may waive the fees, based on demonstrated need as determined by the board. The board may not require applicants for certification as a residential child and youth care practitioner to pay an examination fee. Specified employees of the Maryland School for the Blind or individuals, for up to 180 days, participating in a board-approved training program are exempt from the certification requirement.

### **Sexual Offender Advisory Board**

*Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services – Representation (House Bill 197/Chapter 107)*

The bill changes the membership on the Correctional Training Commission, the Sexual Offender Advisory Board and the State Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council so as to allow the Secretary and a deputy secretary of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to appoint departmental representatives to the board, commission and council instead of the individuals specified in statute.

### **Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee, Maryland**

*Registration of Horses (House Bill 590/Chapter 127)*

This bill alters one of the criteria by which a horse is registered with the Maryland Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee to enable the horse to start in a Foaled Stakes Program race. The bill specifies that a horse is eligible, provided it was foaled in Maryland, if it was conceived during the previous season by the horse's dam having been covered by a Maryland stallion registered with the advisory committee.

### **State Retirement and Pension System, Board of Trustees for the**

*Technical Clarifications (House Bill 807/Chapter 680)*

This bill makes technical and clarifying changes to the funding provisions for the State Retirement and Pension System. The changes clarify the process for calculating the annual corridor funding contribution to conform to legislative intent and specify that the Governor must include exactly \$300.0 million in annual additional contributions above the actuarial rate certified by the board of trustees in the budget bill each year.

### **State Retirement and Pension System, Board of Trustees of the**

*Medical Board Participation (Senate Bill 357/Chapter 64)*

This bill allows a physician who participates in the Optional Retirement Program to serve on a State Retirement and Pension System medical board if the physician is not eligible for a disability benefit under State pension law. The physician may not participate in a case concerning disability benefits for a member who is employed by the same institution that employs the physician.

## **State Retirement and Pension System, Board of Trustees of the**

*Investment Division (Senate Bill 672/Chapter 561 and House Bill 806/Chapter 562)*

This bill gives the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System independent authority to determine the qualifications and compensation for the deputy chief investment officer and managing director positions within the State Retirement Agency's Investment Division, subject to specified limitations.

## **State Retirement and Pension System, Board of Trustees for the**

*State Retirement and Pension System – Administrative and Operational Expenses – Certifications and Notifications (House Bill 293/Chapter 476)*

This bill alters the timing of a reimbursement to certain accumulation funds for administrative and operational expenses of the State Board of Education and the State Retirement Agency, and the Board is required to offset certain reimbursements in a certain manner. The board is required to send certifications and notifications of the amounts payable by local employers for administrative and operation expenses of the Board of Trustees and the State Retirement Agency on or before October 1, January 1, April 16, and June 1 of each fiscal year.

## **State Retirement and Pension System, Board of Trustees**

*Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems – Reemployment of Retirees – Maryland School for the Deaf Exemption (Senate Bill 251/Chapter 471)*

This bill exempts from a certain offset of a retirement allowance retirees of the Teachers' Retirement System or the Teachers' Pension System who are employed by the Maryland School for the deaf. The Maryland School for the Deaf shall submit reports to the Board and the Superintendent of the State Department of Education within 30 days after rehiring an individual. On or before April 1 of each year, the Board and the State Department of Education shall jointly review any forms filed by a superintendent of a local school system. Additionally, on or before July 1 of the year of the finding of a rehire, the Board shall notify the superintendent of the local school system or the Maryland School for the deaf of this individual.

## **Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund, Task Force on the Establishment of a**

*Termination Date Extension (Senate Bill 609/Chapter 273 and House Bill 936/Chapter 274)*

This bill extends the termination date of the Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund from June 30, 2012 to June 30, 2013. Also, extending the deadline for the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and specified legislative committees from January 1, 2012 to January 1, 2013.

## **Veterans Commission, Maryland**

*Membership (Senate Bill 149/Chapter 36)*

This bill specifies that one member of the Maryland Veterans Commission must be a veteran of the Iraq or Afghanistan conflict. The bill also changes membership for an individual appointed

from a list submitted to the Governor by the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association from voting to honorary nonvoting membership. The total voting membership of the commission remains unchanged at 28.

## **Veterans Commission, Maryland**

*Membership Revisions (House Bill 1435/Chapter 438)*

This bill alters the composition of the Maryland Veterans Commission. The commission consists of 28 members appointed by the Governor. Of these 28 members:

- 1) one shall be appointed from each of the 8 congressional districts in the State;
- 2) one shall be a veteran appointed from the State at large;
- 3) one shall be a woman veteran appointed from the State at large;
- 4) one shall be a representative of a retired enlisted organization; and
- 5) one shall be appointed from a list of individuals submitted to the Governor by each of the following organizations:
  - i) the American Ex-Prisoners of War, Inc.;
  - ii) the American Legion;
  - iii) the Amvets;
  - iv) the Catholic War Veterans;
  - v) the Disabled American Veterans;
  - vi) the Fleet Reserve Association;
  - vii) the Jewish War Veterans;
  - viii) the Marine Corps League;
  - ix) the Maryland Military Officers Association of America;
  - x) the Military Order of the Purple Heart;
  - xi) the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association;
  - xii) the Polish Legion of American Veterans;
  - xiii) Veterans of Foreign Wars;
  - xiv) the Vietnam Veterans of America;
  - xv) the Korean War Veterans Association, Inc.;
  - xvi) the National Association for Black Veterans; and
  - xvii) the Colonial Chapter of the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

## **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission**

*Human Resources (House Bill 889/Chapter 139)*

This bill repeals requirements that the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) submit specified information regarding its merit system or classified service to the Secretary of Budget and Management. The bill also repeals provisions of law regarding testing requirements for filling vacant positions under the merit system or classified service. Further, the bill clarifies that certain honorably discharged veterans receive a certain credit in competitive selection processes.

## **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission**

*High Performance Buildings (House Bill 901/Chapter 403)*

This bill requires the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to employ green building technologies when constructing or renovating certain commission-owned buildings. A high-performance building must meet the criteria and standards established under the “High Efficiency Green Building Program” adopted by the Maryland Green Building Council.

## **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission**

*Facilities Construction Contracts (House Bill 890/Chapter 140)*

This bill expands the definition of a “facilities construction contract” to include the construction of a pipeline in order to authorize the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to enter into a design/build contract for pipeline construction with costs exceeding \$2.0 million. The bill repeals a prohibition on WSSC from entering into a design/build contract for a pipeline.

## **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission**

*Minority Business Enterprise Utilization Program- Termination Extension (House Bill 902/Chapter 404)*

This bill extends the authorization of the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission’s minority business enterprise utilization program from July 1, 2012 to July 1, 2017.

## **Washington Suburban Transit Commission**

*Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors - Membership (House Bill 1329/Chapter 433)*

This bill alters the requirements for the appointment of the commissioners of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission; requiring that one of the appointees from Montgomery County and one of the appointees from Prince George’s County shall serve as alternate members of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Board of Directors. The commissioners appointed by the Governor serve as principal members of the Board; prohibiting the commissioners, who serve as principal or alternate members of the Board from holding certain elected offices, except under certain circumstances. The bill establishes the eligibility criteria to be met by the commissioners who serve as principal or alternate members of the Board, also requiring the commissioners who serve as principal or alternate members of the Board to be regular passengers or customers of certain services of WMATA and to submit annual reports. Terms of the commissioners must be staggered in a certain manner; prohibiting a commissioner from serving more than a certain number of consecutive terms. There is a limit on a holdover periods; requiring some county executives and the Governor to submit to the Secretary of Transportation a annual letter; stating that all commissioners are “public officials” for purposes of the Maryland Public Ethics Law and are subject to certain restrictions and requirements.

## **Workers' Compensation Commission**

*Subsequent Injury Fund and Uninsured Employers' Fund (Senate Bill 174/Chapter 40 and House Bill 114/Chapter 41)*

Under current law, the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) is required to impose assessments, payable to Subsequent Injury Fund and the Uninsured Employers' Fund, on (1) each award against an employer or its insurer (or payable by the Property and Casualty Guaranty Corporation on behalf of an insolvent insurer) for permanent disability or death; and (2) each amount payable by an employer or its insurer – or by the Property and Casualty Guaranty Corporation on behalf of an insolvent insurer – under a settlement agreement approved by WCC.

The bill excludes from both of these assessments the amount of medical benefits specified in a formal set-aside allocation that is part of an approved settlement agreement if (1) the amount is in excess of \$50,000 and the payment of medical benefits by the employer or its insurer is made directly to an authorized insurer that provides periodic payments to the covered employee pursuant to a single premium authority; or (2) the payment of medical benefits by the employer or its insurer is to an independent third-party administrator that controls and pays the medical services in accordance with the formal set-aside allocation (and there is no reversionary interest to the covered employee or the covered employee's beneficiaries).

## **Workers' Compensation Commission**

*Specifying Duties of the Director (House Bill 293/Chapter 119)*

This bill specifies that the director of the Uninsured Employers' Fund (UEF), rather than the board, is the appointing authority for all staff and has immediate supervision and direction over fund administration. However, the bill requires the board of UEF to: (1) review the administration of the fund by the fund's director; and (2) authorizes an employee to appeal to the board a disciplinary action taken by the director. The bill also authorizes the director to employ staff in accordance with the State budget.

## **Workforce Investment Board, Governor's**

*Transportation (House Bill 457/Chapter 664)*

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to use the maximum feasible amount of specified federal funds to develop, conduct, and administer highway or capital transit construction training and supportive services, including skill improvement programs. MDOT must administer the training programs in collaboration with the Governor's Workforce Investment Board (GWIB) to ensure that highway or capital transit construction training and supportive services are provided to the greatest extent feasible to individuals in each relevant workforce investment area. MDOT and GWIB must submit a report on compliance with the bill's requirements over the two previous calendar years to specified committees of the General Assembly by February 1 annually.

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**Part VI**  
**Reports to the General Assembly**  
**And Its Committees**

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**New Reports to the Presiding Officers and the General Assembly, as a Result of 2012 Legislation**

Citation	Agency	Topic
HB 443, Ch. 152(5)	joint legislative and executive committee	<p>(a) There is joint legislative and executive committee that consists of the following members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the chair of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and two additional members of its Board to be selected by the chair;</li> <li>(2) the Maryland Insurance Commissioner;</li> <li>(3) the Secretary of Budget and Management;</li> <li>(4) the chair of the Health Services Cost Review Commission or the chair's designee;</li> <li>(5) the chair of the Maryland Health Care Commission or the chair's designee;</li> <li>(6) two members of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate; and</li> <li>(7) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and</li> <li>(8) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee.</li> </ul> <p>(b) On or before December 1, 2012, the joint legislative and executive committee, in consultation with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, its Financing and Sustainability Advisory Committee established under § 31-106(c)(6) of the Insurance Article, and other stakeholders, shall conduct a study and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on the financing mechanisms which should be used to enable the Exchange to be self-sustaining by 2015. The study and report shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1)(i) build on the recommendations of the 2011 Report and Recommendations of Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the 2011 report of the Finance and Sustainability Advisory Committee of the Exchange; and</li> <li>(ii) in assessing total funds needed to sustain the Exchange and to minimize duplication of functions and costs, consider the expertise of and functions already performed by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Maryland Health Care Commission, the Maryland Insurance Administration, and the Health Services Cost Review Commission;</li> </ul> <p>(2) examine a combination of funding mechanisms for the Exchange with the goal of developing an approach that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) ensure a stable revenue stream;</li> <li>(ii) allow the Exchange to adjust revenue levels to accommodate fluctuations in enrollment and other factors affecting its fixed and variable costs; and</li> <li>(iii) rely on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. a consistent, broad-based assessment that can be adjusted to scale in order to reduce the Exchange's vulnerability to enrollment fluctuations; and</li> <li>2. additional funding from transaction fees;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(3) consider existing broad-based financing of health programs such as the Maryland Health Care Commission's assessments on health care industry sectors;</li> <li>(4) taking into account all of the ramifications of and funding available under the Affordable Care Act and changes in the State's health care delivery system, consider the impact of any funding mechanism on health insurance premiums and the State's Medicare waiver;</li> <li>(5) consider whether an assessment or transaction fee cap, formula, or other mechanism should be used to align the revenues and expenditures of the Exchange; and</li> <li>(6) develop recommendations on the specific mechanisms that should be used to finance the Exchange for consideration by the General Assembly during the 2013 session.</li> </ul>

**New Reports to the Presiding Officers and the General Assembly, as a Result of 2012 Legislation**

Citation	Agency	Topic
HB 923, Ch. 141 TP § 9-255(e)	a county or municipal corporation that grants a tax credit	On or before January 1, of the calendar year following the year in which the neighborhood conservation tax credit is initiated, and each January 1 thereafter, a county or municipal corporation that grants a tax credit under this section shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee that describes: (1) the tax credit program; (2) the designated neighborhood conservation areas; (3) the number of residential properties within neighborhood conservation areas that qualify for the tax credit under this section; and (4) the economic impact of the tax credits granted under this section on the neighborhood conservation areas.
SB 1301, Ch. 1, 2012 Special Session CJ § 7-301(f)(3)(vi)	Administrative Office of the Courts State Court Administrator	On or before September 1 of each year until \$20,000,000 has been distributed to the Volunteer Company Assistance Fund, the State Court Administrator shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the amount of revenue distributed to the volunteer company assistance fund under this paragraph.
SB 745, Ch. 570 IN § 24-310(e)	Board for the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company	On or before September 1 each year, the Board [for the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company] shall submit a report to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on: (1) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the Board in the immediately preceding fiscal year; (2) the percentage and dollar value of the company assets that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms; and (3) the measures the board undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with subsection (c)(2) of this section.
SB 235, Ch. 446(5) HB 440, Ch. 447(5)	Board of Public Works	(a) This [Procurement - Investment Activities in Iran] Act shall remain in effect until: (1) the Congress or the President of the United States affirmatively and unambiguously declares, by means including, but not limited to, legislation, executive order, or written certification from the President to Congress that Iran is no longer seeking a nuclear weapons capability and no longer supports international terrorism; or (2) federal law no longer authorizes the states to adopt and enforce provisions of the type authorized in this Act. (b) The Board of Public Works shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after the occurrence of an event described in subsection (a) of this section and, as of the date the event occurred, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**New Reports to the Presiding Officers and the General Assembly, as a Result of 2012 Legislation**

Citation	Agency	Topic
SB 848, Ch. 6 ED § 5-104(d)(3)	Charter Counties, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Dorchester, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, Talbot, and Wicomico and Baltimore City	<p>(d)(1) Notwithstanding any provision of a county charter that places a limit on that county's property tax rate or revenues and subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, a county governing body may set a property tax rate that is higher than the rate authorized under the county's charter or collect more property tax revenues than the revenues authorized under the county's charter for the sole purpose of funding the approved budget of the county board.</p> <p>(2) If the county governing body sets a county property tax rate that is greater than the rate authorized under the county's charter or collects more property tax revenues than the revenues authorized under the county's charter, the county:</p> <p>(i) May not reduce funding provided to the county board from any other local revenue source below the funding level in the current county budget; and</p> <p>(ii) Shall appropriate to the county board all property tax revenues exceeding the amount that would have been available if the county charter limitation had applied.</p> <p>(3) On or before December 31 of any year in which a county sets a property tax rate as provided in this subsection, the county shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on the property tax rate set, the additional amount of revenues generated, and the appropriation of the additional revenues.</p>
SB 739, Ch. 568 HB 764, Ch. 569 TG § 1-309(a)	Committee of the Maryland General Assembly	<p>Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before the 20th day of the regular session of the General Assembly in the year of the evaluation date of a tax credit, the Evaluation Committee for the tax credit shall submit a report to the General Assembly.</p> <p>(b)(1) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall recommend whether the tax credit should be continued, with or without changes, or terminated.</p> <p>(2) the report shall be accompanied by any legislation that is needed to accomplish the recommendations in the report.</p>
SB 452, Ch. 509 HB 570, Ch. 510	Comptroller	<p>(a) On or before November 1, 2012, the Comptroller shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the viability and efficacy of instituting in Maryland the policy of permitting direct shipment of premium cigars and pipe tobacco to consumers in the State.</p> <p>(b) The report shall include:</p> <p>(1) an evaluation of related fiscal, tax, and other public policy and regulatory issues; and</p> <p>(2) a determination regarding:</p> <p>(i) the best practices for preventing access by minors to premium cigars and pipe tobacco that is shipped directly to consumers;</p> <p>(ii) any significant increase or decrease in access to or demand for premium cigars and pipe tobacco by minors that has been documented as the result of direct shipment of premium cigars and pipe tobacco;</p> <p>(iii) the best means for collecting relevant tax revenues;</p> <p>(iv) the benefits and costs to consumers; and</p> <p>(v) the effect of direct premium cigar and pipe tobacco shipment laws on in-State licensed other tobacco products retailers and tobacconists and other local businesses.</p>

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SB 567, Ch. 261 HB 563, Ch. 262	Comptroller of the Treasury Department of Assessments & Taxation Telecommunications Tax Reform Commission	(i)(1) On or before December 31, 2012, the [Telecommunications Tax Reform] Commission shall make an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Comptroller and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall provide staff for the Commission. <b>[1 of 2 reports.]</b>
SB 567, Ch. 261 HB 563, Ch. 262	Comptroller of the Treasury Department of Assessments & Taxation Telecommunications Tax Reform Commission	(i)(2) On or before June 30, 2013, the [Telecommunications Tax Reform] Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Comptroller and the State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall provide staff for the Commission. <b>[2 of 2 reports.]</b>
SB 315, Ch. 213 HB 217, Ch. 212 SF § 12-110(g)	Council for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services	The Council [for the Procurement of Health, Educational, and Social Services] shall: ... (5) on or before December 31 of each year, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the Council’s activities and recommendations regarding the procurement of health, educational, and social services by state agencies. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (c)(1) the Council consists of the following members: (i) the State Treasurer; (ii) the Attorney General; (iii) the Procurement Advisor (BPW); (iv) the State Superintendent of Schools; (v) the Secretary of Budget and Management; (vi) the Secretary of Juvenile Services; (vii) the Secretary of Human Resources; (viii) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene; (ix) the Director of the Governor’s Grants office; (x) the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention; (xi) the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office for Children; (xii) the Special Secretary for the Office of Minority Affairs; ... (f) the staffing responsibilities of the Council shall be shared by: (1) the agencies represented on the Council; and (2) additional staff that the Board authorizes in accordance with the state budget.

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Citation	Agency	Topic
SB 1302, Ch. 2(9), 2012 Special Session	Department of Assessments & Taxation	<p>(a) The State Department of Assessments and Taxation shall establish a workgroup to study the impacts of imposing the recordation tax on indemnity mortgages and deeds of trust as provided under this Act, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The expected tax revenues to be collected for local governments;</li> <li>(2) The impacts of the tax, if any, on the forms, volume, and value of commercial real estate transactions in urban, suburban, and rural areas of the State and on the overall commercial real estate market in the State; and</li> <li>(3) The impacts of the tax, if any, on residential real estate transactions.</li> </ul> <p>(b) The workgroup shall include representatives from various stakeholder groups, including, but not limited to, representatives of State agencies, local governments, commercial real estate organizations, business organizations, and the Maryland Bankers Association.</p> <p>(c) The Director of Assessments and Taxation, or the Director’s designee, shall chair the workgroup and facilitate the activities of the workgroup.</p> <p>(d) The workgroup shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations under this section, including a detailed description of the process used and the data relied on by the workgroup, to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before December 31, 2012.</p>
SB 296, Ch. 478 TG § 10-731(f)	Department of Business & Economic Development	<p>On or before December 31 of each year, the Department [of Business &amp; Economic Development] shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the number of credits certified issued in the previous calendar year. [Income Tax Credit – Security Clearance Expenses]</p>
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 EC § 14-103(e)	Department of Business & Economic Development	<p>On or before September 1 each year, the Department [of Business &amp; Economic Development] shall submit a report to the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the identity of the Minority Business Enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by any fund established under this Article in the immediately preceding fiscal year;</li> <li>(2) the percentage and dollar value of the assets under the custody of each entity that are under the investment control of Minority Business Enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms in each allocated asset class; and</li> <li>(3) the measures the entity undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with subsection (c)(2) of this section.</li> </ul>

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HB 1220, Ch. 424	Department of Education	<p>(a) The State Department of Education shall study establishing an electronic reader pilot program in the public middle schools or high schools in the State.</p> <p>(b) The Department shall study:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) whether there is an educational benefit to making available to middle school or high school students in public schools required reading lists and reading list materials on electronic readers in conjunction with the library staff of the middle schools or high schools;</li> <li>(2) whether it is advisable to limit the pilot program to local school systems that have 65% of their students who qualify for the free- and reduced-price lunch program;</li> <li>(3) whether the pilot program would be most effective in middle schools or high schools;</li> <li>(4) whether the minimum standards for a pilot program should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the encouragement and development of students' familiarity with electronic readers and training for teachers to integrate the use of electronic readers into their curriculum;</li> <li>(ii) the increased academic performance of the students participating in the pilot program; and</li> <li>(iii) student performance evaluation indicators that illustrate how teachers' familiarity with electronic readers and the teaching resources that may be utilized with electronic readers increases the performance of students participating in the pilot program; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(5) the projected costs of and savings from implementing the pilot program.</li> </ul> <p>(c) The Department shall only consider the use of technology that meets the technical standards for electronic and information technology issued under Section 508 of the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1974, 29 U.S.C. § 794(a) (2).</p> <p>(d) On or before December 31, 2012, the Department shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) determine whether to establish an electronic reader pilot program in public middle schools or high schools in the State; and</li> <li>(2) report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.</li> </ul>

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Citation	Agency	Topic
HB 724, Ch. 676	Department of Education	<p>(a) On or before December 31, 2012, each local school system shall submit to the State Department of Education:</p> <p>(1) A description of the local school system’s school guidance counselor program, including:</p> <p>(i) Data relating to the number of school guidance counselors employed by the local school system;</p> <p>(ii) The general duties and responsibilities of the school guidance counselors;</p> <p>(iii) The activities of the school guidance counselors that are designed to promote the college readiness of students in grades 6 through 12; and</p> <p>(iv) The number of students each school guidance counselor is responsible for at the school;</p> <p>(2) A description of the local school system’s pupil personnel worker program, including:</p> <p>(i) Data relating to the number of pupil personnel workers employed by the local school system;</p> <p>(ii) The general duties and responsibilities of the pupil personnel workers; and</p> <p>(iii) The number of students each pupil personnel worker is responsible for at the school; and</p> <p>(3) Any other information requested by the State Department of Education for purposes of subsection (b) of this section.</p> <p>(b) On or before December 31, 2013, the State Department of Education shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on:</p> <p>(1) The data collected and information compiled under subsection (a) of this section; and</p> <p>(2) The feasibility of and costs associated with the establishment of a college readiness program implemented through school guidance counselors that targets students in grades 6 through 12.</p>
HB 9, Ch. 347 ED § 4-111.1	Department of Education	<p>On or before December 1, 2012, and every 5 years thereafter, the Department [of Education] shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly a summary of the information reported to the State Superintendent during the financial literacy COMAR certification process.</p>
HB 9, Ch. 347 ED § 7-401(d)	Department of Education	<p>On or before December 1, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter, the Department [of Education] shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly a summary of the information reported to the State Superintendent during the COMAR certification process.</p>
SB 362, Ch. 494(3)	Department of Education	<p>(d) On or before September 1, 2013, the State Department of Education shall submit to the Governor, the Secretary of Budget and Management, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee a compilation of the reports submitted by the county boards of education under subsection (c) of this section and any recommendations for programs, interventions, and services that are necessary prior to implementation of this [Education - Age for Compulsory Public School Attendance - Exemptions] Act.</p>

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SB 362, Ch. 494(3)	Department of Education	(e) On or before September 1, 2013, the State Department of Education shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on: (1) successful interventions at the early childhood and elementary school level; (2) best practices for parental education and involvement; and (3) alternative educational pathways.
SB 362, Ch. 494(3)	Department of Education	(f) On or before March 1, 2016, the State Department of Education shall submit a preliminary report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this [Education - Age for Compulsory Public School Attendance - Exemptions] Act.
SB 362, Ch. 494(3)	Department of Education	(g) On or before August 1, 2016, the State Department of Education shall submit a final report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of Section 1 of this [Education - Age for Compulsory Public School Attendance - Exemptions] Act.
SB 362, Ch. 494(3)	Department of Education	(h) On or before August 1, 2018, the State Department of Education shall submit a final report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of Section 2 of this [Education - Age for Compulsory Public School Attendance - Exemptions] Act.
SB 848, Ch. 6 ED § 5-202(d)(13)	Department of Education	On or before December 31 of each year the Department [of Education] shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on all waiver requests, maintenance of effort calculations made by the Department and the county, the Department’s decisions regarding waiver requests, the Department’s certification of whether a county has met the requirement, and any other information relating to a county’s request for a waiver and the Department’s maintenance of effort decisions.
SB 867, Ch. 604 HB 1401, Ch. 605 ED § 4-111.1	Department of Education	The Department [of Education] shall: (1) support and facilitate oral health education, including oral disease prevention and dental health promotion, in every county; and (2) develop a process to monitor implementation of oral health education; and (3) on or before December 1, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter, submit to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly a summary of the information reported by the Department to the State Superintendent during the certification of the health education state curriculum.
SB 867, Ch. 604 HB 1401, Ch. 605 ED § 4-111.1(3)	Department of Education	The Department [of Education] shall: (1) support and facilitate oral health education, including oral disease prevention and dental health promotion, in every county; (2) develop a process to monitor implementation of oral health education; and (3) on or before December 1, 2015, and every 5 years thereafter, submit to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly a summary of the information reported by the Department to the State Superintendent during the certification of the health education state curriculum.

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Citation	Agency	Topic
SB 689, Ch. 290 HB 745, Ch. 291 ED § 7-10B-06(c)	Department of Education Maryland Advisory Council for Virtual Learning	On or before December 1 of each year, the council shall report its recommendations to the state superintendent and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> ED § 7-10B-02 (a) there is a Maryland advisory council for virtual learning in the Department [of Education]. (b) the Department shall provide staff support for the Council.
SB 571, Ch. 540 HB 390, Ch. 541	Department of Education Task Force to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library	(g) On or before December 1, 2012, the Task Force [to Study the Establishment of a Deaf Culture Digital Library] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The State Department of Education shall provide staff for the Task Force.
HB 342, Ch. 367	Department of Education Board of Education Cecil County Kent County Board of Education Board of Education of Queen Anne's County	(a) The State Department of Education, jointly with the local boards of education of Cecil County, Kent County, and Queen Anne's County, shall conduct a study as to the feasibility of establishing a single, centrally located regional school of the arts for Cecil, Kent, and Queen Anne's counties. (b) On or before December 31, 2012, the State Superintendent of Schools shall submit a report of the Department's findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
SB 549, Ch. 538(2)	Department of General Services	That, on or before October 1, 2013, the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and the Maryland Department of Transportation, shall study the Small Business Reserve Program to evaluate the Program's structure, composition, and requirements for participation and its impact and shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on recommendations concerning the changes enacted by this Act to the requirements for participation in the Program, including the Program's financial and employment guidelines, and additional legislation to implement any recommended changes.

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SB 781, Ch. 579(3) HB 1149, Ch. 580(3)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>That the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) conduct a review of the current literature and evidence regarding the different types of telemedicine, and conduct a review of other payers' and other State Medicaid agencies' telemedicine policies and procedures;</li> <li>(2) include in its review the evidence regarding the appropriate use of telemedicine in delivering mental health services;</li> <li>(3) based on its review, determine which types of patients would be suitable for which types of telemedicine and conduct a fiscal impact analysis that estimates the potential effect of Medicaid coverage of telemedicine on utilization, price, substitution, and effects on other services; and</li> <li>(4) on or before December 1, 2012, report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the findings of its review and any recommendations on the provision of telemedicine for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program population, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) any cost-neutral coverage of telemedicine that can be implemented in fiscal year 2013; and</li> <li>(ii) any recommended coverage of telemedicine that would require additional funding to implement in fiscal year 2014.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Citation	Agency	Topic
SB 921, Ch. 621(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>(a)(1) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, shall contract with an independent entity to perform a management and personnel study.</p> <p>(2) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the Department of Budget and Management jointly shall develop the specifications for the solicitation of the contract required under paragraph (1) of this subsection.</p> <p>(3)(i) The Department of Budget and Management shall oversee the independent entity that is performing the management and personnel study required under paragraph (1) of this subsection.</p> <p>(ii) The independent entity that is performing the management and personnel study required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall report directly to the Department of Budget and Management regarding the study.</p> <p>(4) The costs of the management and personnel study required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be paid from the Board of Nursing Fund established under § 8–206 of the Health Occupations Article.</p> <p>(b) The study required under subsection (a) of this section shall:</p> <p>(1) include an analysis of the workload of the Board related to its licensure, certification, and complaint resolution functions;</p> <p>(2) consider at a minimum:</p> <p>(i) the number of applications and complaints received by the Board;</p> <p>(ii) the number of employees assigned to each step of each function,; and</p> <p>(iii) the amount of time an application or complaint remains at each step of each function;</p> <p>(3) include an analysis of the impact on staffing needs of:</p> <p>(i) the online processing of licenses and certificates; and</p> <p>(ii) the movement to biennial renewal of licenses; and</p> <p>(iii) make recommendations on the most effective use of existing staff, including cross training and reassignment.</p> <p>(c) The study required under subsection (a) of this section shall be completed on or before October 1, 2013.</p> <p>(d) On or before December 1, 2013, the Department of Budget and Management shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the results of the management and personnel study required under subsection (a) of this section.</p>
SB 921, Ch. 621 HO § 8-205(a)(8)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Board of Nursing	<p>(a) In addition to the powers and duties set forth elsewhere in this title, the Board [of Nursing] has the following powers and duties: ...</p> <p>(8) to submit to the Governor, the Secretary, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, an annual report that includes the following data calculated on a fiscal year basis:</p> <p>(i) the number of initial and renewal licenses and certificates issued;</p> <p>(ii) the number of positive and negative criminal history records checks results received;</p> <p>(iii) the number of individuals denied initial or renewal licensure or certification due to positive criminal history records checks results;</p> <p>(iv) the number of individuals denied licensure or certification due to reasons other than a positive criminal history records check;</p> <p>(v) the number of new complaints received;</p> <p>(vi) the number of complaints carried over from year to year;</p> <p>(vii) the most common grounds for complaints; and</p> <p>(viii) the number and types of disciplinary actions taken by the Board;</p>

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<b>Citation</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Topic</b>
SB 921, Ch. 621(3)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Board of Nursing	That, on or before December 1, 2012, the State Board of Nursing shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation and use of the sanctioning guidelines required by Chapters 533 and 534 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010.
SB 921, Ch. 621(4)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Board of Nursing	(a) On or before October 1, 2013, the State Board of Nursing shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of nonstatutory recommendations contained in the sunset evaluation report dated October 2011. (b) The report required under subsection (a) of this section shall include: (1) information on how the Board has improved its use of data collection and tracking for the application and complaint resolution processes; and (2) the Board's plan to implement the findings of the personnel study required under Section 2 of this Act.
HB 283, Ch. 658(3)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Board of Pharmacy	That, on or before December 1, 2012, the State Board of Pharmacy shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation and use of the sanctioning guidelines required by Chapters 533 and 534 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2010.

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Citation	Agency	Topic
HB 283, Ch. 658(4)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Board of Pharmacy	<p>That, on or before October 1, 2013, the State Board of Pharmacy (Board) shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of nonstatutory recommendations contained in the October 2011 sunset evaluation report on the Board, published by the Department of Legislative Services, including:</p> <p>(1) the impact of modifications made to the drug therapy management program, including the number of physician–pharmacist agreements and the number of drug therapy management protocols on file with the Board and the State Board of Physicians;</p> <p>(2) the Board’s progress in further reducing the length of the pharmacy technician registration process following implementation of the Board’s new Information Technology (IT) system, including information, for each full month following implementation of the IT system, on the average wait time from the date of application to the date of an applicant’s registration or rejection;</p> <p>(3) the status of the Board’s contractual relationship with the Pharmacists’ Education and Advocacy Council (PEAC) and whether any statutory changes are necessary to allow other vendors to compete with PEAC;</p> <p>(4) the implementation of the Board’s IT system, including both positive and negative outcomes, and the effect, if any, of the IT system on the Board’s staffing needs; and</p> <p>(5) the Board’s 5–year financial outlook and an analysis of the Board’s ability to maintain a healthy fiscal outlook, including the effect of transfers from the Board’s fund balance under the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Acts of 2009, 2010, and 2011, costs associated with the Board’s new database, and any additional personnel costs resulting from the recommendations of the Department of Legislative Services contained in the sunset evaluation report on the Board dated October 2011, on the Board’s ability to maintain an adequate fund balance.</p>
SB 234, Ch. 3(2) HG § 20-1404(b)(3)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Community Health Resources Commission	<p>After receiving all applications submitted to the [Community Health Resources] Commission, the Commission shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the names of applicants and geographic areas in which applicants are located.</p>
SB 234, Ch. 3(2) HG § 20-1407	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Community Health Resources Commission	<p>On or before December 15 of each year, the [Community Health Resources] Commission and the Secretary [of the Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene] shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, a report that includes:</p> <p>(1) the number and types of incentives granted in each Health Enterprise Zone;</p> <p>(2) evidence of the impact of the tax and loan repayment incentives in attracting Health Enterprise Zone practitioners to Health Enterprise Zones;</p> <p>(3) evidence of the impact of the incentives offered in health enterprise zones in reducing health disparities and improving health outcomes; and</p> <p>(4) evidence of the progress in reducing health costs and hospital admissions and readmissions in Health Enterprise Zones.</p>

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Citation	Agency	Topic
SB 234, Ch. 3(3)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Health Services Cost Review Commission Maryland Health Care Commission	That the Health Services Cost Review Commission and the Maryland Health Care Commission shall: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Study the feasibility of including racial and ethnic performance data tracking in quality incentive programs;</li> <li>(2) In coordination with the evaluation of the Maryland Patient Centered Medical Home, develop recommendations for criteria and standards to measure the impact of the Maryland Patient Centered Medical Home on eliminating disparities in health care outcomes;</li> <li>(3) Report to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2013, data by race and ethnicity in quality incentive programs where feasible and recommendations for criteria and standards to measure the impact of the Maryland Patient Centered Medical Home on eliminating disparities in health care outcomes; and</li> <li>(4) Submit a report on or before January 1, 2013, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly that explains when data cannot be reported by race and ethnicity and describes any necessary changes to overcome those limitations.</li> </ol>
HB 1141, Ch. 418(7)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The requirements of § 19–120.1(e) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, do not apply to a hospital that provided cardiac surgery services and PCI services on January 1, 2012, until:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the Maryland Health Care Commission consults with the clinical advisory group established under § 19–120.1(g) (3) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, and other appropriate stakeholders on appropriate standards for ongoing performance for cardiac surgery services and PCI services at acute general hospitals with on–site cardiac surgery services;</li> <li>(2) the Commission develops recommendations for actions, including any changes in State law, that are necessary to enhance the Commission’s ability to monitor ongoing performance and compliance with quality standards related to cardiac surgery services and PCI services at hospitals with on–site cardiac surgery services;</li> <li>(3) the Commission:                                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) reports its recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee; and</li> <li>(ii) posts the report on its Web site for a 60–day review and comment period; and</li> </ol> </li> <li>(4) the Commission adopts regulations to implement the recommendations.</li> </ol> </li> <li>(b) The Commission shall report its recommendations and post its report under subsection (a)(3) of this section on or before December 1, 2013.</li> <li>(c) The report, recommendations, and regulations under subsection (a) of this section shall include:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a mechanism for an acute general hospital with on–site cardiac surgery services that is out of compliance with performance standards for cardiac surgery services or PCI services to return to good standing; and</li> <li>(2) a process through which the authority for an acute general hospital with on–site cardiac surgery services to provide cardiac surgery services and PCI services may be revoked for failure to meet performance standards.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>

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HB 641, Ch. 669(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission	That the Maryland Health Care Commission shall: (1) examine existing research findings related to health disparities in the effectiveness of medical treatment of African Americans with hepatitis C and collect recommended protocols for treating African Americans who have hepatitis C from experts in the field; and (2) on or before December 1, 2012, report its findings to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.
SB 540, Ch. 534 HB 470, Ch. 535 HG § 19-108.2(i)(1)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission	On or before March 31, 2013, the [Maryland Health Care] Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on: (i) the progress in attaining the benchmarks for standardizing and automating the process required by payors for preauthorizing health care services; and (ii) taking into account the recommendations of the multistakeholder workgroup under subsection (g) of this section, any adjustment needed to the phase 2 or phase 3 benchmark dates.
SB 540, Ch. 534 HB 470, Ch. 535 HG § 19-108.2(i)(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission	On or before December 31, 2013, and on or before December 31 in each succeeding year through 2016, the [Maryland Health Care] Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the attainment of the benchmarks for standardizing and automating the process required by payors for preauthorizing health care services.

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SB 234, Ch. 3(4)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council Maryland Health Care Commission	<p>That:</p> <p>(1) The Maryland Health Quality and Cost Council shall:</p> <p>(i) Convene a workgroup to examine appropriate standards for cultural and linguistic competency for medical and behavioral health treatment and the feasibility and desirability of incorporating these standards into reporting by health care providers and tiering of reimbursement rates by payors;</p> <p>(ii) Assess the feasibility of and develop recommendations for criteria and standards establishing multicultural health care equity and assessment programs for the Maryland Patient Centered Medical Home program and other health care settings; and</p> <p>(iii) Recommend criteria for health care providers in the State to receive continuing education in multicultural health care, including cultural competency and health literacy training.</p> <p>(2) The workgroup established under this section may include representatives from:</p> <p>(i) The Maryland Health Care Commission;</p> <p>(ii) The Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities;</p> <p>(iii) Academic centers of health literacy and academic centers for health disparities research;</p> <p>(iv) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;</p> <p>(v) Health Occupations Boards in the State;</p> <p>(vi) A wide range of health care professionals and providers;</p> <p>(vii) Experts on health disparities and health literacy;</p> <p>(viii) Accreditation entities, including the National Committee for Quality Assurance and URAC;</p> <p>(ix) Members of the Maryland Patient Centered Medical Home Program Learning Collaborative; and</p> <p>(x) The Maryland Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene/Cultural Competence Advisory Group.</p> <p>(3) The academic centers of health literacy and the academic centers for health disparities research shall assist the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in staffing and leading the workgroup.</p> <p>(4) The workgroup shall submit a report to the Maryland Quality and Cost Council on or before December 1, 2013, on its findings and recommendations.</p>

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HB 72, Ch. 350(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals	(a) Beginning on or before October 1, 2013, and annually thereafter until the certification of residential child and youth care practitioners has been implemented for a full biennial certification cycle, the State Board for Certification of Residential Child Care Program Professionals shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. (b) Each report required under subsection (a) of this section shall update both committees on the Board’s progress in implementing the certification of residential child and youth care practitioners. (c) The Board’s final report, to be submitted to both committees within 90 days after residential child and youth care practitioners have been certified for a full biennial certification cycle, shall address: (1) the need, if any, for changes to Board membership based on the number of residential child and youth care practitioners certified by the Board; and (2) the outlook for the Board to become self–supporting (special funded) in the future based on: (i) the number of residential child and youth care practitioners certified by the Board; (ii) the number of full–time equivalent or contractual personnel hired by the Board; and (iii) the Board’s actual and projected revenues and expenditures.
SB 344, Ch. 219(2) HB 172, Ch. 220(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene State Board of Dental Examiners	That, on or before October 1, 2015, the State Board of Dental Examiners shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this [Health Occupations - Dental Hygienists - Local Anesthesia] Act and how the Act has impacted the dental profession.
HB 511, Ch. 667(9)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene State Board of Environmental Health Specialists	(a) To ensure that individuals performing similar duties related to protecting public health are regulated uniformly, the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists, in consultation with the Maryland Association of County Health Officers and the Maryland Conference of Local Environmental Health Directors, shall develop recommendations about revising existing statutory exemptions from the requirement to be licensed to practice as an environmental sanitarian based on job duties. (b) On or before October 1, 2013, the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists shall report its recommendations under subsection (a) of this section to the General Assembly.
SB 95, Ch. 174(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene State Board of Social Work Examiners	That, on or before October 1, 2013, the State Board of Social Work Examiners shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. The report shall include: (1) an analysis of licensing trends for the licensed social work associate (LSWA) license and options for increasing the number of individuals seeking that level of licensure; (2) an update on licensing fees, including a long–term financial plan to ensure a sufficient fund balance; and (3) an update on the board’s disciplinary process, including outreach efforts and efforts to meet Managing for Results goals.

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Citation	Agency	Topic
HB 991, Ch. 695	Department of Housing & Community Development	<p>(a) The Department of Housing and Community Development, with the assistance of the Department of Aging, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Department of Human Resources, shall create a task force to study methods for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) identifying, on a statewide basis, seniors of limited income who own and occupy single-family homes;</li> <li>(2) identifying census tracts with high concentrations of senior homeowners;</li> <li>(3) understanding the needs of low-income seniors living in their own homes regarding: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) home repairs;</li> <li>(ii) safety; and</li> <li>(iii) energy savings;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(4) addressing the impact of high concentrations of low-income senior homeowners on neighborhood stability and preservation;</li> <li>(5) identifying existing and new public resources on the federal, State, and local levels to assist low-income and limited-income senior homeowners with home renovation and repairs; and</li> <li>(6) identifying the challenges for low-income and limited-income senior homeowners in accessing public resources.</li> </ul> <p>(b) The task force shall consult with and enlist the participation of a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) local housing agencies;</li> <li>(2) nonprofit organizations that address housing issues for seniors;</li> <li>(3) organizations that assist seniors with financial literacy;</li> <li>(4) financial institutions;</li> <li>(5) contractors; and</li> <li>(6) architects.</li> </ul> <p>(c) On or before December 31, 2012, the Department of Housing and Community Development shall report on the findings of the task force to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p>
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 HS § 4-501.1(e)	Department of Housing & Community Development	<p>On or before September 1 each year, the Department [of Housing and Community Development] shall submit a report to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the Department in the immediately preceding fiscal year;</li> <li>(2) the percentage and dollar value of the assets in the funds established under this subtitle that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms in each allocated asset class; and</li> <li>(3) the measures the Department undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with subsection (c)(2) of this section.</li> </ul>

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SB 792, Ch. 585 HB 571, Ch. 586 SF § 6-212(c)(4)	Department of Housing & Community Development	(c) the Department of Housing and Community Development shall: (1) confirm with the Department of general services that each loan under the linked deposit program for small businesses is made to a business that qualifies as a small business; (2) establish procedures for notification by the Department of General Services if a business that has an outstanding balance of a loan under the Linked Deposit Program for Small Businesses no longer qualifies as a small business; (3) require small businesses and lenders to notify the Department of Housing and Community Development concerning final loan disposition; and (4) report annually to the Governor, the Treasurer, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on overall performance of the Linked Deposit Program for Small Businesses.
HB 834, Ch. 397(5)	Department of Human Resources	That on or before October 1, 2014, the Department of Human Resources shall submit its preliminary assessment of, and recommendations for, the alternative response program established in this Act to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
HB 834, Ch. 397(6)	Department of Human Resources	That on or before October 1, 2015, the Department of Human Resources shall submit a final report on the alternative response program to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
HB 1122, Ch. 416	Department of Juvenile Services	(a) On or before December 1, 2012, the Department of Juvenile Services shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the manner in which the Department will work toward ensuring that youth charged as adults can be detained in juvenile detention facilities. (b) The report shall include information on: (1) the number of youth charged as adults held in adult detention facilities from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011; and (2) the Department's plan to reduce the overall number of youth in juvenile detention, including: (i) the number of youth transferred from adult detention to juvenile detention pending a transfer determination; (ii) the number of youth transferred to juvenile court jurisdiction on a motion to transfer from adult court jurisdiction; (iii) the number of youth in juvenile detention receiving Detention Risk Assessment Instrument (DRAI) screening; (iv) the use of the Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative; (v) the use of prevention and diversion services; (vi) the plan for reducing the number of youth in detention pending placement; and (vii) the average length of stay for youth charged as adults in juvenile facilities.
SB 245, Ch. 198(2)	Department of Juvenile Services	That, on or before January 1, 2014, the Department of Juvenile Services shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this [Juvenile Law - Disposition - Committed Facilities] Act.

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HB 1373, Ch. 155(2)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation	That, on or before January 1, 2013, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the status of the Foreclosed Property Registry and the Foreclosed Property Registry Fund established under this Act, including the number of properties registered, the cost of maintaining the Foreclosed Property Registry, the Fund balance, whether the registration fees need to be altered to reflect the costs of maintaining the Foreclosed Property Registry, and the Department’s assessment of the effectiveness of the Registry.
HB 394, Ch. 368 BR § 5-204(i)(3)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Office of Cemetery Oversight	Based on the list maintained by the Director under paragraph (1)(i) of this subsection, the Director shall include in the annual report to the General Assembly required under subsection (1)(3) of this section the following information as of June 30 of the year that is the subject of the report: (i) the total number of registrants and permit holders; and (ii) the number of registrants and permit holders for each licensing category.
HB 394, Ch. 368(2)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Office of Cemetery Oversight	That, on or before October 1, 2013, the Office of Cemetery Oversight shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation status of nonstatutory recommendations of the Department of Legislative Services contained in the sunset evaluation report dated October 2011.
HB 394, Ch. 368(3)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Office of Cemetery Oversight	That the Advisory Council on Cemetery Operations shall: (1) develop a plan to improve consumer outreach, including an approach to disseminating the consumer information pamphlet to key locations around the State, such as nursing homes, churches, the offices of estate lawyers, consumer protection agencies of every county, and other locations; (2) study record-keeping practices for cemeteries in relation both to best practices and for disaster preparedness, including pandemics and natural disasters, with the intention of developing legislation to address this issue; (3) develop a legislative proposal on record-keeping practices for introduction no later than the 2014 regular session of the General Assembly; and (4) in developing the proposal under item (3) of this section, determine the categories of cemeteries to which any record-keeping requirements developed should be applied and consider the possibility of phasing in requirements to limit the economic impact on cemeteries.

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Citation	Agency	Topic
HB 341, Ch. 366(2)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors	<p>That, on or before October 1, 2013, the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the extent to which the creation of an appraisal technical review panel has assisted in the satisfactory resolution of appraiser complaints, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the percentage of complaints that are resolved within 1 year for complaints received in fiscal years 2012 and 2013;</li> <li>(ii) the number of complaints that are not resolved within 1 year, and the date that each unresolved complaint was received;</li> <li>(iii) the average amount expended by the technical review panel to complete each technical review in fiscal years 2012 and 2013; and</li> <li>(iv) an estimate of the additional funding necessary, if any, for the technical review panel to conduct reviews of any remaining complaints that have not been resolved within 1 year; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(2) the methodology used to establish the Commission’s fee schedules for each profession, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the direct and indirect costs attributable to the Commission’s activities regarding regulation of: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. real estate appraisers;</li> <li>2. appraisal management companies; and</li> <li>3. home inspectors; and</li> </ol> </li> <li>(ii) an evaluation of whether the fees established for each profession or industry have been appropriately set so as to produce funds to approximate the cost of regulating each profession or industry as required by § 2-106.8 of the Business Regulation Article.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
HB 341, Ch. 366(3)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors	<p>That, on or before October 1, 2012, the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on any reciprocal licensing agreements that the Commission has established with other state real estate appraiser licensing or certification bodies, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) an evaluation of the licensing standards of any jurisdiction that had been a party to a prior reciprocal licensing agreement, and any steps taken by such jurisdictions to enhance licensing standards necessary to reestablish a reciprocal licensing agreement with the Commission;</li> <li>(2) a statement regarding the reason that a reciprocal licensing agreement cannot be established with a jurisdiction that had previously been a party to a prior agreement;</li> <li>(3) the methods the Commission will undertake to monitor future changes in the standards of other jurisdictions for purposes of establishing reciprocal licensing agreements; and</li> <li>(4) any additional measures that the Commission intends to take toward the goal of establishing reciprocal licensing agreements with other jurisdictions.</li> </ul>

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SB 134, Ch. 184	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation State Real Estate Commission	<p>That, on or before October 1, 2013, the State Real Estate Commission shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on:</p> <p>(1) the implementation of recommendations of the Department of Legislative Services contained in the sunset evaluation report dated October 2010;</p> <p>(2) any types of consumer claims that are not currently eligible for restitution from the Real Estate Guaranty Fund, established under § 17–402 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article, that the Commission believes should be reimbursable under statute;</p> <p>(3) if the Commission concludes that there is no need to expand the types of claims eligible for restitution, whether the Commission recommends reducing, suspending, or eliminating the Real Estate Guaranty Fund assessment; and</p> <p>(4) the Commission’s fiscal situation, including information on licensing trends and operating expenses.</p>
SB 145, Ch. 34(2)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation State Real Estate Commission	<p>That on or before December 1, 2012, the State Real Estate Commission shall submit recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, regarding:</p> <p>(1) what electronically available information could be collected and tied to the licensee profiles of individuals licensed by the Commission;</p> <p>(2) whether various electronically available information collected could be used as an indicator of the advisability of renewal of a license or to provide a real estate marketplace where consumers have better access to information; and</p> <p>(3) whether and to what extent electronically available information should be made publicly available.</p>
HB 1101, Ch. 445(2)	Department of Legislative Services	<p>(a)(1) The Department of Legislative Services, in consultation with and as agreed by the affected stakeholders, shall contract with a medical expert affiliated with an academic research institution or organization to conduct a study of all types of cancers that firefighters, firefighting instructors, members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal, rescue squad members, and advanced life support unit members, as specified under the workers’ compensation cancer presumption law, may contract in the line of duty, as compared to the general population.</p> <p>(2) The purpose of the study is to provide guidance to the General Assembly as to the types of cancers firefighters and others are likely to contract in the line of duty in order for the General Assembly to determine which types of cancers should be included in the workers’ compensation cancer presumption law.</p> <p>(3)(i) Funding, if any, that may be needed to pay for the study shall be from sources other than the Department.</p> <p>(ii) If adequate funding is not available to pay for the study, the Department shall notify the Governor, the affected stakeholders, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, that the Department is unable to contract with a medical expert affiliated with an academic research institution or organization to conduct the study, and requesting whether additional funding may be secured in order for the Department to proceed with contracting with a medical expert.</p>

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SB 235, Ch. 446(3) HB 440, Ch. 447(3)	Department of Legislative Services	That the Department of Legislative Services shall submit to the Attorney General of the United States written notice of the requirements of this Act within 30 days after the Act takes effect.
SB 739, Ch. 568 HB 764, Ch. 569 TG § 1-307(a)(1)	Department of Legislative Services	Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before October 31 of the year before the evaluation date of a tax credit, the Department of Legislative Services shall submit to the General Assembly an evaluation report on the tax credit.
HB 493, Ch. 665	Department of Legislative Services Task Force to Study Economic Development and Apprenticeships	(g) On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force [to Study Economic Development and Apprenticeships] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.
HB 1017, Ch. 408	Department of Legislative Services Task Force to Study Maryland Insurance of Last Resort Programs	(g)(1) On or before December 1, 2012, the Task Force [to Study Maryland Insurance of Last Resort Programs] shall report its preliminary findings to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force. <b>[1 of 2 Reports.]</b>
HB 1017, Ch. 408	Department of Legislative Services Task Force to Study Maryland Insurance of Last Resort Programs	(g)(2) On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its final findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force. <b>[2 of 2 Reports.]</b>
HB 261, Ch. 505(4)	Department of Legislative Services Task Force to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender	(g)(1) On or before November 1, 2012, the Task Force [to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender] shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee. (2) On or before November 1, 2013, the Task Force shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.
HB 261, Ch. 505(4)	Department of Legislative Services Task Force to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender	(g)(2) On or before November 1, 2013, the Task Force [to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender] shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.

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HB 261, Ch. 505(5) CP § 4-101.1(g)(2)	Department of Legislative Services Task Force to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender	(g) (1) the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center shall analyze the annual reports submitted under subsection (f) of this section based on a methodology developed in consultation with the Police Training Commission. (2) the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center shall submit a report of the findings to the Governor, the General Assembly, as provided in § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, and each law enforcement agency before September 1 of each year beginning on September 1, 2014. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force.
SB 422, Ch. 504(4)	Department of Legislative Services Task Force to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender	(g)(1) On or before November 1, 2012, the Task Force [to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender] shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force. <b>[1 of 2 reports.]</b>
SB 422, Ch. 504(4)	Department of Legislative Services Task Force to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender	(g)(2) On or before November 1, 2013, the Task Force [to Study the Laws and Policies Relating to Representation of Indigent Criminal Defendants by the Office of the Public Defender] shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force. <b>[2 of 2 reports.]</b>
HB 1101, Ch. 445(2)	Department of Legislative Services the medical expert conducting study	(b) In conducting the study, the medical expert shall: (1) identify and review recent objective and statistically valid studies and other medical evidence relating to all types of cancers firefighters and others may contract in the line of duty; (2) prepare a summary table ranking the likelihood of each type of cancer risk to firefighters and others, as compared to the general public; (3) determine whether there is a benchmark that could be used to determine if a specific type of cancer should be included in the workers' compensation cancer presumption law; and (4) consider other relevant matters that relate to the purpose of the study. (c) In conducting the study, the medical expert shall consult with any person or entity that the medical expert determines appropriate. (d)(1) On or before December 1, 2012, the medical expert conducting the study shall report the findings of the study to the Department of Legislative Services. (2) On receipt of the report, the Department of Legislative Services shall forward the report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

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Citation	Agency	Topic
HB 1372, Ch. 435(3)	Department of Natural Resources	<p>(a) The Department of Natural Resources shall review the existing laws, regulations, fees, and processes associated with commercial fishing licenses in the State.</p> <p>(b) As part of the review the Department shall consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the costs of managing and enforcing commercial fisheries;</li> <li>(2) the structure of the commercial license and permit system and associated fees and surcharges;</li> <li>(3) accountability of licensees; and</li> <li>(4) setting commercial license revenue at a level that covers a fair and reasonable portion of the management and enforcement costs of the commercial fisheries.</li> </ol> <p>(c) In conducting the review, the Department shall collaborate with representatives of the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission and the Sport Fisheries Advisory Commission.</p> <p>(d) In conducting the review and developing the recommendations, the Department shall determine the allocation of the user fees for fisheries management of commercial or recreational fisheries based on revenues from those respective sectors.</p> <p>(e)(1) On or before October 1, 2012, the Department shall report its findings and recommendations for changes to the commercial fish license and permit fee structure to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p> <p>(2) The report shall identify the actions needed to implement the plan by July 1, 2013.</p>
SB 236, Ch. 149(9)	Department of Planning	<p>That, on or before February 1, 2013, the Department of Planning, in consultation with the Department of the Environment, shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) the adoption of the tiers, as provided in Article 66B, § 1.05 of the Code and Title 1, Subtitle 5 of the Land Use Article, as enacted by this Act, by each local jurisdiction, including mapped areas of the tiers;</li> <li>(b) each jurisdiction that has adopted or altered a local ordinance or regulation in implementing the provisions of this Act, including a description of the adopted or altered local ordinance or regulation; and</li> <li>(c) each jurisdiction for which the Department of Planning has provided comments on any of the tiers or an area within one of the tiers under Article 66B, § 1.05 of the Code and § 1–505 of the Land Use Article, as enacted by this Act.</li> </ol>
SB 497, Ch. 526 HB 630, Ch. 527 SPP § 22-406(p)	Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services	<p>On or before September 1 of each year, the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall submit a report in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article to the Joint Committee on Pensions that provides:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the number of rehired retirees under subsection (c)(4)(x) of this section;</li> <li>(2) the annual salary of each rehired retiree at the time of retirement and the current annual salary of each rehired retiree;</li> <li>(3) the number of parole and probation employees hired who are not retirees; and</li> <li>(4) the annual salary of each Parole and Probation employee who is hired.</li> </ol>

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Citation	Agency	Topic
SB 781, Ch. 579(2) HB 1149, Ch. 580(2)	Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services	That the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall study the use of telemedicine to identify opportunities to reduce the costs of delivering health care services to inmates incarcerated in a State or local correctional facility, such as reducing the cost of secure transportation. On or before December 1, 2012, the Department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on its study and include a plan for implementing the use of telemedicine to deliver health care services to inmates.
HB 1411, Ch. 722(2)	Department of the Environment	That the Department of the Environment shall, on or before January 1, 2015, convene a workgroup consisting of interested stakeholders to review and assess whether the wetlands and waterways program, due to the passage of this [Environment - Water Management Administration - Wetlands and Waterways Program Fees ] Act, successfully improved the level of services to the regulated community, including: (1) Reviewing the number of positions assigned to the program; (2) Reviewing the program’s progress in improving permit turnaround time frames, permit backlogs, and any enhanced services provided to the regulated community as a result of this Act; (3) Analyzing the long-term funding needs of the wetlands and waterways program; (4) Determining whether the application fees provided by this Act are adequate to support an effective program; and (5) Reporting the findings and recommendations of the work group to the Legislative Policy Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee on or before December 1, 2015, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.
HB 879, Ch. 400	Department of the Environment	(a) On or before October 1, 2015, the Secretary of the Environment shall convene a workgroup consisting of representatives of the various sectors of the electronics industry and representatives from appropriate public and private entities to review and assess the impact of the \$10,000 annual registration fee collected under § 9-1728(c)(3) of the Environment Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, on the number of covered electronic device takeback programs implemented by manufacturers. (b) On or before December 31, 2015, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department of the Environment shall report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup established under subsection (a) of this section to the Legislative Policy Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.
SB 114, Ch. 176(2)	Department of the Environment	That the Department of the Environment: (1) shall conduct a review, in consultation with federal and State transportation officials, relating to the efficiency and regulatory consistency of its controlled hazardous substance vehicle certification process; and (2) on or before December 15, 2012, shall report its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.

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HB 457, Ch. 664 TR § 8-508(d)(1)	Department of Transportation Governor's Workforce Investment Board	<p>By February 1 of each year, the Department [of Transportation] and [the Governor's Workforce Investment] Board shall submit to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and house Committee on ways and means, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a report on the Department's and Board's compliance with subsections (b) and (c) of this section with respect to each of the 2 previous calendar years.</p> <p>(2) the report shall:</p> <p>(i) describe the highway or capital transit construction training, supportive services, and skill improvement programs the Department and Board have conducted and administered in each workforce investment area, including a description of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. any entities, institutions, or organizations used by the Department and board to provide the training and services; and</li> <li>2. the individuals and organizations that have received training and services;</li> </ol> <p>(ii) analyze the results of the training programs in each workforce investment area;</p> <p>(iii) state the amount of federal funds available to the state under 23 U.S.C. § 140(b); and (iv) identify the amount spent in each workforce investment area to conduct and administer the programs.</p>
SB 18, Ch. 160 HB 252, Ch. 161	Department of Veterans Affairs Task Force on Military Service Members, Veterans, and the Courts	<p>(g) On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force [on Military Service Members, Veterans, and the Courts] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p> <p><b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Administrative Office of the Courts shall jointly provide staff for the Task Force.</p>
SB 395, Ch. 224(2) HB 957, Ch. 225(2)	each health occupation board established under the Health Occupations Article	That, on or before December 31, 2012, each health occupation board established under the Health Occupations Article shall submit any existing regulations or policies governing advertising by the health care practitioners regulated by the board to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.
SB 234, Ch. 3(2) HG § 20-904	each institution of higher education in the State that includes in the curriculum courses necessary for the licensing of health care professionals	<p>(a) on or before December 1 of each year, each institution of higher education in the State that offers a program necessary for the licensing of health care professionals in the State shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the actions taken by the institution to reduce health disparities.</p> <p>(b) the Secretary may set standards for the form of the report required under this section.</p>

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SB 1301, Ch. 1, 2012 Special Session SF § 7-328(g)(2)	Governor	For each program, project, or activity under subsection (f)(1) of this section for which funds are appropriated, the Governor shall: (1) develop appropriate statements of vision, mission, key goals, objectives, and performance indicators and report these statements in a discrete part of the state budget submission, which shall also provide data for key performance indicators; and (2) on or before October 1 of each year until 2016, report, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on: (i) total funds expended, by program and subdivision, in the prior fiscal year from the fund established under this section; and (ii) the specific outcomes or public benefits resulting from that expenditure.
SB 566, Ch. 79(2) HB 699, Ch. 80(2) HU § 8-507(c)	Governor's Office for Children	On or before December 1, 2013, and at least every 2 years thereafter, the Governor's Office for Children and the agencies of the Children's Cabinet shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Ways and Means Committee, and the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families on the implementation and outcomes of state-funded home visiting programs.
HB 261, Ch. 505(8)	Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention Maryland Statistical Analysis Center	That, beginning January 1, 2013, data shall be collected under Section 5 of this Act through December 31, 2017, and the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center shall issue a final report of its findings to the Governor, the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, and each law enforcement agency on or before August 31, 2018.
SB 422, Ch. 504(2) CP § 4-401.1(g)(2)	Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention Maryland Statistical Analysis Center	The Maryland Statistical Analysis Center shall submit a report of the findings to the Governor, the General Assembly, as provided in § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, and each law enforcement agency before September 1 of each year beginning on September 1, 2014.
SB 422, Ch. 504(8)	Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention Maryland Statistical Analysis Center	That, beginning January 1, 2013, data shall be collected under Section 5 of this Act through December 31, 2017, and the Maryland Statistical Analysis Center shall issue a final report of its findings to the Governor, the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, and each law enforcement agency on or before August 31, 2018.
HB 618, Ch. 131	Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention Task Force to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms	(g) On or before December 31, 2012, the Task Force [to Study Access of Individuals with Mental Illness to Regulated Firearms] shall report its findings and recommendations, including recommendations regarding legislative options, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for the Task Force.

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SB 779, Ch. 577(2) HB 916, Ch. 578(2)	Governor's Office of Minority Affairs	<p>(a) The Governor's Office of Minority Affairs shall conduct a study of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System and all funds managed by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) determine the capacity to select minority fund managers across all asset classes, consistent with the fiduciary responsibilities of the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; and</li> <li>(2) determine methods that best assure the recruitment and selection of minority companies for fund-to-fund management, or direct management by the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency, that are consistent with the fiduciary responsibilities of the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency.</li> </ul> <p>(b) On or before December 1, 2012, the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the Board of Trustees, and subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p>
SB 1006, Ch. 336	Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund	<p>(a) On or before October 1, 2014, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on the Fund's implementation of a commission payment structure that provides commissions of at least 10%, but not more than 15%, to fund producers.</p> <p>(b) The report shall provide information on whether and how the commission payment structure has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) incentivized fund producers to use advanced electronic technology in issuing and administering Fund policies, including the number of fund producers using the advanced electronic technology since the inception of the commission payment structure;</li> <li>(ii) incentivized fund producers to devote additional resources for retaining current policyholders, reaching out to policyholders who had canceled midterm or did not rewrite, and marketing to uninsured motorists;</li> <li>(iii) resulted in a savings in administrative costs for the Fund, including the functions and services performed by fund producers intended to achieve the savings; and</li> <li>(iv) resulted in fewer uninsured motorists in the State, including the functions and services performed by fund producers intended to reduce the number of uninsured motorists, the number of uninsured motorists who obtained insurance from the Fund since the inception of the commission payment structure, and any efforts by the Fund to identify uninsured motorists.</li> </ul>

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Citation	Agency	Topic
SB 1006, Ch. 336(2)	Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund	<p>(a) On or before October 1, 2014, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on the Fund’s implementation of a commission payment structure that provides commissions of at least 10%, but not more than 15%, to fund producers.</p> <p>(b) The report shall provide information on whether and how the commission payment structure has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) incentivized fund producers to use advanced electronic technology in issuing and administering Fund policies, including the number of fund producers using the advanced electronic technology since the inception of the commission payment structure;</li> <li>(ii) incentivized fund producers to devote additional resources for retaining current policyholders, reaching out to policyholders who had canceled midterm or did not rewrite, and marketing to uninsured motorists;</li> <li>(iii) resulted in a savings in administrative costs for the Fund, including the functions and services performed by fund producers intended to achieve the savings; and</li> <li>(iv) resulted in fewer uninsured motorists in the State, including the functions and services performed by fund producers intended to reduce the number of uninsured motorists, the number of uninsured motorists who obtained insurance from the Fund since the inception of the commission payment structure, and any efforts by the Fund to identify uninsured motorists.</li> </ul>
SB 476, Ch. 519 HB 515, Ch. 520 SG § 9-804(b)(1)	Maryland CASH Campaign	<p>Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, on or before December 1 each year, the [Financial Education and Capability] Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of this Article, the General Assembly on its recommendations and the status of efforts undertaken by state agencies or in partnership with state agencies to improve the financial education and capability of residents of the state.</p> <p><b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) Maryland CASH Campaign shall provide staff for the Commission.</p>
SB 476, Ch. 519 HB 515, Ch. 520 SG § 9-804(b)(2)	Maryland CASH Campaign	<p>Every 3 years, the report of the [Financial Education and Capability] Commission required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include a comprehensive discussion of statewide efforts to improve the financial education and capability of residents of the state, including initiatives funded by the state or a local government and those undertaken in the private sector by nonprofit organizations, financial institutions, and other persons.</p> <p><b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) Maryland CASH Campaign shall provide staff for the Commission.</p>

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HB 1370, Ch. 154(2)	Maryland Department of Transportation	<p>That the Certification Agency, in consultation with the General Assembly and the Office of the Attorney General, shall initiate a study of the Minority Business Enterprise Program to evaluate the Program's continued compliance with the requirements of the Croson decision and any subsequent federal or constitutional requirements. In preparation for the study, the Board of Public Works may adopt regulations authorizing a unit of State Government to require bidders and offerors to submit information necessary for the conduct of the study. The Board of Public Works may designate that certain information received in accordance with regulations adopted under this section shall be confidential. Notwithstanding that certain information may be designated by the Board of Public Works as confidential, the Certification Agency may provide the information to any person that is under contract with the Certification Agency to assist in conducting the study. The study shall also evaluate race-neutral programs and other methods that can be used to address the needs of minority businesses. The final report on the study shall be submitted to the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, before September 30, 2015, so that the General Assembly may review the report before the 2016 Session.</p> <p><b>Staffing Statement:</b> COMAR 21.11.03.03 (b)(2) "Certification agency" means the Department of Transportation, Office of Minority Business Enterprise.</p>
SB 18, Ch. 160 HB 252, Ch. 161	Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs Administrative Office of the Courts	<p>On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force [on Military Service Members, Veterans, and the Courts] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Chief Judge of the Maryland Court of Appeals and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p> <p><b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Veterans Affairs and the Administrative Office of the Courts shall jointly provide staff for the Task Force.</p>

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SB 920, Ch. 620(2)	Maryland General Assembly	<p>(a) The President of the Senate of Maryland and the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates jointly shall establish a workgroup during the 2012 interim to perform a comprehensive and coordinated review of the disclosure requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law as it applies to State and local governments.</p> <p>(b) The President and the Speaker may appoint to the workgroup in their discretion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) members of the General Assembly;</li> <li>(2) representatives of the Maryland State Ethics Commission;</li> <li>(3) representatives of State, county, and municipal governments;</li> <li>(4) representatives of private sector agencies that promote and encourage government accountability;</li> <li>(5) representatives of public sector employees' unions; and</li> <li>(6) any other interested party.</li> </ul> <p>(c) The workgroup shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) review current methods used to provide access to public ethics disclosures and consider any alternative methods that could be made available to citizens and interested parties to more easily access public ethics disclosures;</li> <li>(2) consider options for verifiable notification of electronic or postal access into a public ethics disclosure to be made to the person who is the subject of the inquiry;</li> <li>(3) consider the feasibility and desirability of requiring different levels of public ethics disclosure for different categories of persons based on the person's position of authority and policy making duties;</li> <li>(4) review the information that is currently required to be disclosed and determine: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) additional information that should be required to be disclosed; and</li> <li>(ii) information that is currently disclosed that no longer needs to be disclosed;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(5) consider the implications of current and any proposed disclosure requirements under the Maryland Public Ethics Law on counties and municipal corporations;</li> <li>(6) review the composition, duties, and procedures of the Joint Ethics Committee;</li> <li>(7) review any other aspect of the disclosure requirements under the Maryland Public Ethics Law; and</li> <li>(8) on or before December 31, 2012, submit, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, any recommended legislation for the 2013 regular session to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee.</li> </ul>
HB 443, Ch. 152(2) IN § 15-1205(d)(3)(ii)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange	<p>Unless waived by the chairs of the Committees, at least 30 days before submitting any proposed regulation to the Maryland Register for publication, the Board [of Trustees of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange] shall submit the proposed regulation to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.</p>

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HB 443, Ch. 152(4)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange	<p>That, on or before December 1, 2015, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Administration, shall conduct a study and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on:</p> <p>(1)(i) whether the State should develop a risk adjustment program as an alternative to the federal or Maryland–specific model selected under Title 31 of the Insurance Article that would provide more effective protection against adverse risk selection that could threaten the viability of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the affordability of its plan offerings; and</p> <p>(ii) if so, how the alternative risk adjustment program should be designed and when it should be implemented;</p> <p>(2) whether strategies should be implemented to mitigate the impact of the inclusion in the individual market of individuals enrolled in the Maryland Health Insurance Plan; and</p> <p>(3) whether the State should develop a Maryland–specific reinsurance program to ensure the affordability of premiums in the individual market.</p>
HB 443, Ch. 152(6)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange	<p>That, on or before December 1, 2015, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, in consultation with its advisory committees established under § 31–106(c)(6) of the Insurance Article, and with other stakeholders, shall conduct a study and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on whether the Exchange should remain an independent public body or should become a nongovernmental, nonprofit entity.</p>
HB 443, Ch. 152(7)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange	<p>That, on or before December 1, 2016, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, in consultation with its advisory committees established under § 31–106(c)(6) of the Insurance Article, and with other stakeholders, shall conduct a study and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on whether to continue to maintain separate small group and individual markets or to merge the two markets.</p>
HB 443, Ch. 152(8)	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange	<p>That, on or before December 1, 2012, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, its advisory committees established under § 31–106(c)(6) of the Insurance Article, and with other stakeholders, shall conduct a study, including a cost benefit analysis, and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, of the establishment of requirements for continuity of care in the State’s health insurance markets, including:</p> <p>(1) the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children’s Health Program; and</p> <p>(2) health benefit plans offered in the individual and small group markets, both inside and outside the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange.</p>

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Citation	Agency	Topic
HB 1228, Ch. 710(2)	Maryland Higher Education Commission	That the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall: (a) Review options and make recommendations regarding the inclusion of outcome and performance measures in the funding formula for regional higher education centers in § 11–105 of the Education Article; and (b) On or before October 1, 2013, report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 ED § 11-1001(e)	Maryland Higher Education Commission	On or before September 1 each year, the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission shall submit a report to the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on: (1) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the Commission in the immediately preceding fiscal year; (2) the percentage and dollar value of the Commission’s assets in any fund established under this Article that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms in each allocated asset class; and (3) the measures the Commission undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with subsection (c)(2) of this section.
SB 843, Ch. 595 HB 1223, Ch. 596 ED § 11-202.2(g)	Maryland Higher Education Commission	On or before December 1 each year, the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly: (1) the number of institutions of postsecondary education that apply for registration under this section; (2) the type and size of the institutions that apply; (3) the number of institutions approved for registration; (4) the number of institutions denied registration; and (5) the number of Maryland students enrolled in institutions required to register under this section.
SB 843, Ch. 595 HB 1223, Ch. 596 ED § 11-203(e)	Maryland Higher Education Commission	On or before December 1 each year, the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, regarding: (1) the number of claims made against each guaranty fund established under this section; (2) the type, size, and program of the institutions against which the claims are made; (3) the number of claims that are approved and the associated payouts from the funds; and (4) the number of claims that are denied.
SB 967, Ch. 327 ED § 11-106.1(h)	Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Transfer Advisory Committee	On or before December 1, 2013, and in each odd–numbered year thereafter, the [Student Transfer Advisory] Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The [Maryland Higher Education] Commission shall provide staff for the Committee.
SB 8, Ch. 451(2)	Maryland Income Tax Refund - Anne Arundel County - Warrants	That, on or before December 1, 2013, the Office of the Comptroller shall report to the House Ways and Means Committee and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this [Maryland Income Tax Refund – Anne Arundel County – Warran] Act.

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Citation	Agency	Topic
HB 866, Ch. 683	Maryland Insurance Administration	<p>(a) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) study closing or settlement protection practices of the title insurance industry, including mechanisms for, and associated costs of, compensating consumers, title insurers, mortgage lenders, and other parties for monetary losses that result from the theft, misappropriation, or misuse of funds held in escrow by a title insurance producer in connection with a real estate transaction; and</li> <li>(2) make recommendations for changes to the closing and settlement protection practices of the title insurance industry in the State.</li> </ul> <p>(b) In conducting the study, the Commissioner shall consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) title insurance producer defalcations reported to the Maryland Insurance Administration by title insurers;</li> <li>(2) title insurance producer defalcations discovered by the Administration as a result of a complaint received by the Administration;</li> <li>(3) the extent to which any regulations relating to the on-site review by title insurers of their appointed title insurance producers have addressed the problem of title insurance producer defalcations;</li> <li>(4) the availability and affordability of fidelity bonds, escrow bonds, reinsurance, or other coverage to protect title insurers against the theft, misappropriation, or misuse of closing or settlement funds by its appointed title insurance producers, other agents, or employees;</li> <li>(5) the manner in which closing or settlement protection is being addressed by other states, the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, and the National Coalition of Insurance Legislators; and</li> <li>(6) any other relevant matter, as determined by the Commissioner.</li> </ul> <p>(c) In conducting the study, the Commissioner may consult with any person or entity that the Commissioner determines appropriate, including representatives of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the title insurance industry;</li> <li>(2) title insurance producers;</li> <li>(3) mortgage lenders;</li> <li>(4) the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General;</li> <li>(5) the real estate industry; and</li> <li>(6) the Maryland Real Estate Commission.</li> </ul> <p>(d) On or before December 1, 2012, the Commissioner shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the findings and recommendations of the study conducted by the Commissioner under this section.</p>
SB 745, Ch. 570(7)	Maryland Insurance Administration	<p>(d)(2) On or before October 1, 2012, the Administration shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the firm's findings and conclusions of its study of the fair value to the Legislative Policy Committee, the Fund, the Governor, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee.</p>

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SB 764, Ch. 299 HB 885, Ch. 300	Maryland Insurance Administration	<p>(d)(1) On or before December 1, 2012, the [Maryland Insurance] Administration shall submit an interim report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.</p> <p>(2) On or before December 1, 2013, the Administration shall submit a final report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.</p> <p><b>[1 of 2 reports.]</b></p>
SB 764, Ch. 299 HB 885, Ch. 300	Maryland Insurance Administration	<p>(d)(2) On or before December 1, 2013, the [Maryland Insurance] Administration shall submit a final report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.</p> <p><b>[2 of 2 reports.]</b></p>

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SB 744, Ch. 293(3) HB 1055, Ch. 294(3)	Maryland Insurance Administration workgroup on access to habilitative services benefits	<p>(a) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner shall establish a workgroup on access to habilitative services benefits.</p> <p>(b) The workgroup shall consist of :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;</li> <li>(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and</li> <li>(3) physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, pediatricians, K–12 and early intervention educators, a parent of a child with special needs, and representatives of insurers, the Maryland Insurance Administration, the Maryland Health Care Commission, the Maryland State Department of Education, the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council, the Maryland Department of Disabilities, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.</li> </ol> <p>(c) The workgroup shall determine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) whether children who are entitled to and would benefit from habilitative services under health insurance policies or contracts or health maintenance organization contracts are actually receiving them;</li> <li>(2) if the children are not receiving the habilitative services, the reasons why; and</li> <li>(3) any actions needed to promote optimum use of the habilitative services to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) maximize outcomes for children; and</li> <li>(ii) reduce long–term costs to the education and health care systems;</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>and</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(4) the costs and benefits associated with expanding habilitative services coverage to individuals under the age of 26 years.</li> </ol> <p>(d) ...</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2) On or before November 1, 2013, the Commissioner shall submit a final report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the findings and recommendations of the workgroup.</li> </ol> <p><b>[2 of 2 Reports.]</b></p>

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HB 472, Ch. 373	<p>Maryland Insurance Administration</p> <p>Commissioner's workgroup to evaluate and make recommendations relating to lead liability protection for owners of pre-1978 rental property</p>	<p>(a) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner shall convene a workgroup to evaluate and make recommendations relating to lead liability protection for owners of pre-1978 rental property.</p> <p>(b) The workgroup required under this section shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;</li> <li>(2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;</li> <li>(3) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary's designee;</li> <li>(4) the Secretary of Housing and Community Development, or the Secretary's designee;</li> <li>(5) the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee; and</li> <li>(6) representatives of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the Judiciary;</li> <li>(ii) the insurance industry;</li> <li>(iii) owners of pre-1978 rental property; and</li> <li>(iv) childhood lead poisoning advocacy groups;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(7) representatives with expertise in legal claims arising out of lead poisoning, including attorneys representing plaintiffs and defendants;</li> <li>(8) representatives from academic institutions with expertise in insurance and actuarial science; and</li> <li>(9) any other representative the Commissioner determines to be included in the workgroup.</li> </ul> <p>(c) The workgroup shall evaluate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the feasibility of encouraging the existing insurance marketplace to provide lead liability coverage for owners of pre-1978 rental property;</li> <li>(2) the feasibility of establishing other mechanisms for providing lead liability insurance coverage for owners of pre-1978 rental property;</li> <li>(3) (i) the feasibility of establishing an insurance fund for lead liability insurance coverage; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(ii) the accounting and financial reporting standards that should apply to an insurance fund;</li> <li>(iii) the minimum surplus requirements that should be met by an insurance fund, including appropriate amounts to maintain in relation to an insurance fund's risk;</li> <li>(iv) the appropriate underwriting standards to be applied to relevant policies;</li> <li>(v) the level of premiums that might be necessary to support policies in an actuarially sound manner;</li> <li>(vi) whether an insurance fund should be subject to Maryland's premium tax obligations;</li> <li>(vii) projected start-up and ongoing administrative costs associated with the establishment of an insurance fund; and</li> <li>(viii) any other relevant insurance-related matters identified in the course of the study; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(4) the extent to which private risk management tools such as insurance and bonds are available on the commercial market.</li> </ul> <p>(d) On or before December 1, 2012, the Commissioner shall report the findings of the workgroup required under this section and any recommendations of the workgroup to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p>

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<p>SB 744, Ch. 293(3) HB 1055, Ch. 294(3)</p>	<p>Maryland Insurance Administration workgroup on access to habilitative services benefits</p>	<p>(a) The Maryland Insurance Commissioner shall establish a workgroup on access to habilitative services benefits.</p> <p>(b) The workgroup shall consist of :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;</li> <li>(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and</li> <li>(3) physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech pathologists, pediatricians, K–12 and early intervention educators, a parent of a child with special needs, and representatives of insurers, the Maryland Insurance Administration, the Maryland Health Care Commission, the Maryland State Department of Education, the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council, the Maryland Department of Disabilities, and the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.</li> </ol> <p>(c) The workgroup shall determine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) whether children who are entitled to and would benefit from habilitative services under health insurance policies or contracts or health maintenance organization contracts are actually receiving them;</li> <li>(2) if the children are not receiving the habilitative services, the reasons why; and</li> <li>(3) any actions needed to promote optimum use of the habilitative services to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) maximize outcomes for children; and</li> <li>(ii) reduce long–term costs to the education and health care systems; and</li> </ol> </li> <li>(4) the costs and benefits associated with expanding habilitative services coverage to individuals under the age of 26 years.</li> </ol> <p>(d)(1) On or before November 1, 2012, the Commissioner shall submit an interim report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the findings and recommendations of the workgroup.</p> <p><b>[1 of 2 Reports.]</b></p>
<p>SB 672, Ch. 561 HB 806, Ch. 562 SPP § 21-122(a)(4)</p>	<p>Maryland State Retirement Agency</p>	<p>On or before October 1, 2012, and each October 1 thereafter, the Board of Trustees shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Pensions, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the current salaries of the deputy chief investment officer and the managing directors of the investment division;</li> <li>(ii) any salary increases the deputy chief investment officer or managing directors of the investment division have received in the fiscal year immediately preceding that October 1; and</li> <li>(iii) 1. the number of individuals in the investment division of the State Retirement Agency who were employed as professional investment staff and terminated employment with the state retirement agency in the fiscal year immediately preceding that October 1;</li> <li>2. the number of years of employment an individual described in item 1 of this item had accrued with the state retirement agency at the time the individual terminated employment with the State Retirement Agency; and</li> <li>3. to the extent possible, the new employer, position, and salary the individual described in item 1 of this item accepted upon terminating employment with the State Retirement Agency.</li> </ol>

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HB 805, Ch. 396(2)	Prince George's County Board of Education	That, on or before September 1, 2012, the Prince George's County Board of Education shall submit to the Prince George's County Delegation to the General Assembly a report regarding the recycling program established under § 4-127 of the Education Article, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a copy of the recycling program;</li> <li>(2) the status of the implementation of the recycling program; and</li> <li>(3) the methods used to promote and determine compliance with the recycling program requirements.</li> </ul>
HB 898, Ch. 402 TP § 7-516(c)	Prince George's County Office of the County Executive	On or before January 1 of each year, the Prince George's County Executive or the County Executive's designated agency shall submit a report to the Prince George's County Council and to the Prince George's County House and Senate Delegations of the General Assembly of Maryland that contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a description of each project for which the county entered into a payment in lieu of taxes agreement under this section during the prior fiscal year, including a statement of:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the basis on which each project met the requirements for the definition of an economic development project set forth in subsection (a) of this section; and</li> <li>(ii) the analysis of the project described in subsection (b)(1) of this section; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(2) for those projects that have a payment in lieu of taxes agreement and for which construction or rehabilitation has been completed:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the number and types of jobs created during the preceding fiscal year and estimated to be created during the following fiscal year;</li> <li>(ii) the total taxes that the project is estimated to have generated directly and indirectly for the county during the preceding fiscal year and estimated to be generated during the following fiscal year; and</li> <li>(iii) any other economic benefits of the project.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
HB 898, Ch. 402(2)	Prince George's County Office of the County Executive	That, on or before December 31, 2016, the Prince George's County Office of the County Executive shall report to the Chairs of the Prince George's County House and Senate Delegations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of this Act.

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Citation	Agency	Topic
SB 765, Ch. 573 HB 1269, Ch. 574	Public Service Commission	<p>(a) The Public Service Commission shall convene a workgroup to study and make recommendations on how to develop a mechanism to allow tenants in residential properties to pay for their utilities when the landlord responsible for utility payments defaults on that responsibility.</p> <p>(b) The workgroup shall include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the Office of People’s Counsel;</li> <li>(2) the Public Justice Center;</li> <li>(3) Energy Advocates;</li> <li>(4) the Legal Aid Bureau;</li> <li>(5) representatives from each gas and electric utility company operating in the State;</li> <li>(6) representatives from private and public water utility companies and municipalities;</li> <li>(7) representatives from a landlord association or a property owners association; and</li> <li>(8) other interested stakeholders.</li> </ol> <p>(c) In conducting the study, the workgroup shall examine:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) how to ensure proper notice is given to an occupant of a residential property when utility termination due to nonpayment is pending;</li> <li>(2) what mechanism would be most effective in allowing a tenant to pay for utility usage when a landlord defaults on the landlord’s responsibility to pay;</li> <li>(3) how to protect a utility company’s rights to pursue bad debt;</li> <li>(4) how to protect a tenant’s right to pursue breach of contract remedies;</li> <li>(5) how similar efforts in other states have worked;</li> <li>(6) how to eliminate the opportunity for fraud in the payment for utility usage by a tenant when a landlord defaults on the landlord’s responsibility to pay; and</li> <li>(7) any other matters the workgroup identifies as pertinent to the respective interests of the tenants, utilities, and landlords.</li> </ol> <p>(d) On or before December 1, 2012, the Public Service Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.</p>
SB 929, Ch. 624(2) HB 520, Ch. 625(2)	Public Service Commission	<p>That, on or before January 1, 2013, the Public Service Commission shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the progress of the implementation of this Act and the regulations under COMAR 20.50.11: Deanna Camille Green Rule – Contact Voltage Survey Requirement and Reporting Authority, including the status and availability of contact voltage technology in the State.</p>
SB 253, Ch. 201(2)	Secretary of State Division of State Documents	<p>That, on or before December 1, 2012, the Division of State Documents shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, regarding the compliance of the units in the Executive Branch of the State government with the requirements of this [State Government - Administrative Procedure] Act.</p>

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SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 SPP § 35-302(b)(4)	State Retirement Agency Board of Trustees	On or before September 1 each year, the Board [of Trustees, State Retirement Agency] shall submit a report to the Governor's office of minority affairs and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on: (i) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the board in the immediately preceding fiscal year; (ii) the percentage and dollar value of the assets that are under the control of the board that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms for each allocated asset class; and (iii) the measures the Board undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection.
SB 792, Ch. 585(2) HB 571, Ch. 586(2)	Treasurer's Office	(a) The State Treasurer shall meet with representatives from the Maryland banking industry and any related stakeholders and identify: (1) impediments to participating in the procurement process for the selection of designated State depositories, including State agency and linked-deposit programs; (2) any possible solutions to any impediments identified under item (1) of this subsection. (b) On or before December 31, 2012, the Treasurer shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the results of the meetings with representatives from the Maryland banking industry and any related stakeholders to the General Assembly.
HB 679, Ch. 671	universities, colleges, and higher education programs of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, social work, public health, and allied health in the State	That, on or before December 1, 2012, universities, colleges, and higher education programs of medicine, nursing, pharmacy, dentistry, social work, public health, and allied health in the State shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities on the courses that have been developed independently by the colleges, universities, and higher education programs or through a collaboration with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities under § 20-1004(15) of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.
HB 442, Ch. 450 ED § 12-104.1(e)	University System of Maryland Board of Regents	On or before October 1 of each year, the Board of Regents [of University System of Maryland] shall report to the Board of Public Works, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee on the high impact economic development activities undertaken under this section during the preceding fiscal year.
HB 288, Ch. 118 HG § 24-1505	University System of Maryland University of Maryland School of Public Health, College Park Baby Boomer Initiative Council	On or before December 31, 2013, and annually thereafter, the [Baby Boomer Initiative] Council shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> 24-1504 § (b) The University of Maryland School of Public Health shall provide staff for the Council. <b>[Reestablishes the Baby Boomer Initiative Council.]</b>

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HB 896, Ch. 685(2)	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	<p>On or before December 31, 2012, the Task Force [to Study Rates and Charges in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Montgomery County and Prince George’s County delegations to the General Assembly.</p> <p><b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission shall provide staff for the Task Force.</p>

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SB 379, Ch. 66 SF § 14-303(a)(1)(ii)	Board of Public Works	<p>(a)(1) (i) In accordance with Title 10, Subtitle 1 of the State Government Article, the Board shall adopt regulations consistent with the purposes of this Division II to carry out the requirements of this subtitle.</p> <p>(ii) The Board shall keep a record of information regarding any waivers requested in accordance with § 14-302(A)(6)(I) of this subtitle and subsection (b)(8) of this section and submit a copy of the record to the General Assembly on or before October 1 of each year, in accordance with 2-1246 of the State Government Article.</p> <p><b>[DRAFTER’S NOTE: Error: Erroneous cross-references in § 14-303(a)(1)(ii) and (b)(8) of the State Finance and Procurement Article. Occurred: As a result of Chs. 252 and 253, Acts of 2011.]</b></p>
SB 779, Ch. 577 HB 916, Ch. 578 SPP § 21-116(d)(4)	Board of Trustees for the State Retirement & Pension System - Investment Committee	<p>On or before September 1 each year, the Investment Committee shall submit a report to the Board of Trustees, the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:</p> <p>(i) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the Investment Committee in the immediately preceding fiscal year;</p> <p>(ii) the percentage and dollar value of the assets that are under the control of the Investment Committee that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms; and</p> <p>(iii) the measures the Investment Committee undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection.</p> <p><b>[Reenactment.]</b></p>
HB 1290, Ch. 426 ART 24 § 9-10B-01	Charles County Commissioners	<p>(F) The Charles County Commissioners shall report to the General Assembly on or before August 1 each year, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the following items, for the preceding fiscal year:</p> <p>(1) The amount of the tax set by the Charles County Commissioners for each dwelling type;</p> <p>(2) The amount of proceeds derived from the issuance and sale of the county’s new school capacity construction bonds;</p> <p>(3) The number of parcels of real property improved by new residential development in Charles County; and</p> <p>(4) The number of square feet of new public school capacity approved for construction in Charles County by the Interagency Committee on School Construction.</p> <p><b>[REVISOR’S NOTE: Chapter ____, Acts of 2012, which enacted the Land Use Article, also enacted this section, of which subsections (a) and (c) through (f) formerly were Art. 66B, § 14.05(f). Subsection (b) of this section is new language patterned after former Art. 66B, § 14.05(a).]</b></p>

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SB 1301, Ch. 1, 2012 Special Session	Department of Budget & Management	HB 72/Ch. 397, Sec. 24, 2011 as amended by HB 1301/Ch. 1, Sec. 3, 2012: (d) On or before December 1, 2011, and December 1, 2012, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department of Budget and Management shall submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee that details the policies adopted to designate operationally critical staff, all executive branch staff identified as critical under subsection (b)(4) of this section, and any merit increases awarded as a consequence of this designation. <b>[Creates another one time report.]</b>
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 EC § 14-102	Department of Business & Economic Development	The Department [of Business and Economic Development], the Maryland State Office of Minority Business Enterprise, the Division of Labor and Industry of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the Public Service Commission shall summarize their efforts to promote the policies related to broadening the ownership of capital in their respective annual reports as required by law. <b>[Reenactment.]</b>
SB 674, Ch. 287 HB 1219, Ch. 288 ED § 7-1002(e)	Department of Education	The Department [of Education] shall submit to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before September 1, 2004, a report on the progress of the Maryland Virtual Learning Opportunities Program, including a description of the available online courses and services. <b>[Changes on-line to online to a one time report that was due 9/1/2004 and submitted in 2005.]</b>
HB 641, Ch. 669 HG § 18-1002	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	On or before December 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the activities of the Department in implementing § 18-1001 of this subtitle. <b>[Removes expiration date.]</b>
SB 230, Ch. 196 IN § 19-808(b)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	On or before March 15 of each year, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the Legislative Policy Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on: (1) the amount of money disbursed to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program under § 19-807 of this subtitle; (2) the amount of increase in fee-for-service health care provider rates; and (3) the amount of increase in capitation payments to managed care organizations. <b>[Changes code cite from (c) to (b) and reporting agency.]</b>

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SB 379, Ch. 66 HG § 13-809	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Community Services Reimbursement Rate Commission	<p>On or before October 1 of each year, the [Community Services Reimbursement Rate] Commission shall issue a report to the Governor, the Secretary, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly that:</p> <p>(1) Describes its findings regarding:</p> <p>(i) The changes in wages paid by providers to Direct Care Workers;</p> <p>(ii) The financial condition of providers and the ability of providers to operate on a solvent basis in the delivery of effective and efficient services that are in the public interest;</p> <p>(iii) The incentives and disincentives incorporated in the rate-setting methodologies utilized and proposed by the Mental Hygiene Administration and the Developmental Disabilities Administration and how the methodologies might be improved;</p> <p>(iv) How incentives to provide quality of care can be built into a rate-setting methodology; (v) The recommended methodologies for the calculation of rate update factors and the rate update factors recommended for the next succeeding fiscal year;</p> <p>(2) Recommends the need for any formal executive, judicial, or legislative action;</p> <p>(3) Describes issues in need of future study by the Commission; and</p> <p>(4) Discusses any other matter that relates to the purposes of the Commission under this subtitle.</p> <p><b>[DRAFTER’S NOTE: Error: Omitted hyphens in § 13-809 (1)(iii) and (iv) of the Health – General Article. Occurred: Ch. 566, Acts of 1999.]</b></p>
HB 443, Ch. 152(2) IN § 15-1205(d)(3)(ii)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission	<p>On or before January 1, 2013, the [Maryland Health Care] Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee regarding the effect of the 50% rate adjustments authorized under paragraph (1) of this subsection and the effect of the adjustment to the community rate for health status authorized under subsection (g) of this section on participation in health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed under this subtitle.</p> <p><b>[Changes code cite from (c)(2)(ii) to (d)(3)(ii).]</b></p>
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 EC § 14-102	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Division of Labor & Industry	<p>The Department [of Business and Economic Development], the Maryland State Office of Minority Business Enterprise, the Division of Labor and Industry of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the Public Service Commission shall summarize their efforts to promote the policies related to broadening the ownership of capital in their respective annual reports as required by law.</p> <p><b>[Reenactment.]</b></p>

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HB 394, Ch. 368 BR § 5-204(1)(3)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Office of Cemetery Oversight	Beginning with a report due on January 31, 2009, for fiscal year 2008, the Director [of the Office of Cemetery Oversight] shall report annually to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of an action plan, if appropriate, to address any noncompliance issues identified by the assessment required under paragraph (2) of this subsection. <b>[Reenactment.]</b>
HB 394, Ch. 368 BR § 5-204(1)(1)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Office of Cemetery Oversight	Beginning with a report due on December 1, 2008, the Director [of the Office of Cemetery Oversight] shall conduct an inventory of all known burial sites in the State and shall update the inventory and report every 5 years to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the number of for-profit cemeteries, nonreligious-nonprofit cemeteries, bona fide religious-nonprofit cemeteries, veterans' cemeteries, and local government-owned cemeteries. (2) beginning December 1, 2008, the Director shall annually assess the rate of compliance with the registration, permit, and reporting requirements of this title by comparing the lists required under subsection (i)(1)(ii) and (iii) of this section with the most recent inventory of all known burial sites conducted under paragraph (1) of this subsection. <b>[Reenactment.]</b>
HB 394, Ch. 368 BR § 5-311(h)(2)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Office of Cemetery Oversight	Beginning December 31, 1998, and on or before December 31 of each year thereafter, the Director [of Office of Cemetery Oversight] shall report, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on: (i) the number of complaints resolved within the schedule adopted under paragraph (1) of this subsection ; (ii) the number of complaints and the number of inquiries received under subsection (c)(2) of this section by the type of registrant, permit holder, or exemption from the registration and permit requirements of this title; (iii) the number of complaints and the number of inquiries received under subsection (c)(2) of this section by persons subject to, but not in compliance with, the registration and permit requirements of this title; (iv) the nature of complaints and inquiries received under subsection (c)(2) of this section, including whether complaints are related to the illegal recycling of graves; (v) the type of purchase, focus of dissatisfaction, and type of resolution for both complaints and inquiries; (vi) whether complaints reported under item (i) of this paragraph were resolved through negotiation, binding arbitration, or another method; and (vii) any disciplinary or enforcement actions taken against a registrant, permit holder, or a person subject to, but not in compliance with, the registration and permit requirements of this title. (3) the Director shall provide a copy of the annual report required under paragraph (2) of this subsection to each member of the Advisory Council. <b>[Adds to reporting requirement.]</b>

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HB 283, Ch. 658 SG § 8-403(b)(45)	Department of Legislative Services	<p>(a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.</p> <p>(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(45) Pharmacy, State Board of (§ 12–201 of the Health Occupations Article: July 1, 2022)</p> <p><b>[Extends sunset date.]</b></p>
HB 511, Ch. 667(9) SG § 8-403(b)(22)	Department of Legislative Services	<p>(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(22) Environmental Health Specialists, State Board of (§ 21–201 of the Health Occupations Article: July 1, 2016);</p> <p><b>[Extends sunset date.]</b></p>
HB 72, Ch. 350(2) SG § 8-403(b)(61)	Department of Legislative Services	<p>(a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.</p> <p>(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(61) Residential Child Care Program Professionals, State Board for Certification of (§ 20–202 of the Health Occupations Article: July 1, 2023)</p> <p><b>[Extends sunset date.]</b></p>
HB 74, Ch. 351 SG § 8-403(b)(32)	Department of Legislative Services	<p>(a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.</p> <p>(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(32) Interior Designers, State Board of Certified (§ 8–201 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article: July 1, 2023)</p> <p><b>[Extends sunset date.]</b></p>

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SB 609, Ch. 273 HB 936, Ch. 274	Department of Legislative Services Task Force on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund	SB 639/Ch. 266, 2011 as amended by HB 936/Ch. 274, 2012 and SB 609/Ch. 273, 2012: (g) On or before January 1, 2013, the Task Force [on the Establishment of a Statewide Spay/Neuter Fund] shall report its findings and legislative recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the Environmental Matters Committee. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Task Force. <b>[Extends Task Force and changes due date of report.]</b>
HB 1290, Ch. 426 LU § 1-208(e)	Department of Planning	On or before January 1 of each year, the Department of Planning, in consultation with the National Center, shall submit a report to the Governor and General Assembly, in accordance with § 2- 1246 of the State Government Article, on the measures and indicators collected under this section. <b>[REVISOR'S NOTE: This section formerly was Art. 66B, § 3.10(a)(1) and (2) and (b) through (e).]</b>

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<p>HB 1290, Ch. 426 LU § 1-207</p>	<p>Department of Planning</p>	<p>(b) Required. On or before July 1 of each year, a planning Commission shall prepare, adopt, and file an annual report for the previous calendar year with the legislative body.</p> <p>(c) Contents. the annual report shall:</p> <p>(1) index and locate on a map any changes in development patterns that occurred during the period covered by the report, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) land use;</li> <li>(ii) transportation;</li> <li>(iii) community facilities patterns;</li> <li>(iv) zoning map amendments; and</li> <li>(v) subdivision plats;</li> </ul> <p>(2) state whether the changes under item (1) of this subsection are consistent with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) each other;</li> <li>(ii) the recommendations of the last annual report;</li> <li>(iii) the adopted plans of the local jurisdiction;</li> <li>(iv) the adopted plans of all adjoining local jurisdictions; and</li> <li>(v) the adopted plans of state and local jurisdictions that have responsibility for financing or constructing public improvements necessary to implement the local jurisdiction's plan;</li> </ul> <p>(3) contain statements and recommendations for improving the planning and development process within the local jurisdiction;</p> <p>(4) state which local laws or regulations have been adopted or changed to implement the visions in § 1-201 of this subtitle as required under § 1-417 of this title or § 3-303 of this Article; and</p> <p>(5) contain the measures and indicators required under § 1-208(c) of this subtitle.</p> <p>(d) Review. the legislative body shall review the annual report and direct that any appropriate and necessary studies and other actions be undertaken to ensure the continuation of a viable planning and development process.</p> <p>(e) public availability. the local jurisdiction shall make the annual report available for public inspection.</p> <p>(f) Department of Planning. (1) the local jurisdiction shall mail a copy of the report to the Secretary of Planning. (2) the Department of Planning may comment on the report.</p> <p><b>[REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 66B, § 3.09.]</b></p>

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HB 1201, Ch. 708 SG § 9-1406(h)(1)(vii)	Department of Planning Smart Growth Subcabinet	<p>(1) The [Smart Growth] Subcabinet shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) provide a forum for discussion of interdepartmental issues relating to activities that affect growth, development, neighborhood conservation, and resource management;</li> <li>(ii) work together using all available resources to promote the understanding of smart growth;</li> <li>(iii) work together to create, enhance, support, and revitalize sustainable communities across the State;</li> <li>(iv) meet at least biannually with county and municipal elected leaders and planning officials to discuss local government issues relating to activities that affect smart growth, development, neighborhood conservation, and resource management;</li> <li>(v) subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, make recommendations to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the Department of Business and Economic Development in accordance with § 5–1304 of the Economic Development Article;</li> <li>2. the Department of Housing and Community Development in accordance with § 6–206 of the Housing and Community Development Article;</li> <li>3. the Department of Planning in accordance with § 5A–303 of the State Finance and Procurement Article; and</li> <li>4. the Department of Transportation in accordance with § 7–101 of the Transportation Article;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(vi) in coordination with State agencies, evaluate and report annually to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of this article, to the General Assembly on the implementation of the State’s smart growth policy; and</li> <li>(vii) perform other duties assigned by the Governor.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The failure of the Subcabinet to make a recommendation under paragraph (1)(v) of this subsection may not be construed as prohibiting a department to act in accordance with the department’s authority under State law.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The annual report required in subsection (h)(1) of this section shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a description of the projects, programs, and costs of activities located in priority funding areas;</li> <li>(2) a description of projects, programs, and costs of activities funded under the exceptions allowed in § 5–7B–06 of the State Finance and Procurement Article;</li> <li>(3) projects submitted to the Board of Public Works for funding outside priority funding areas under the extraordinary circumstances exception in accordance with § 5–7B–05 of the State Finance and Procurement Article and the impact of these projects upon the State’s smart growth policy;</li> <li>(4) a list of programs and policies reviewed and changed to ensure compliance with the State’s smart growth policy; and</li> <li>(5) a list of projects or programs approved and funded under Chapter 759, § 2 of the Acts of 1997.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>[Changes code cite from (1)(vi) to (1)(vii).]</b></p>

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HB 1411, Ch. 722 EN § 5-203.1(d)	Department of the Environment	On December 31 of each year and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Department shall prepare and submit an annual report to the House Environmental Matters Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee on the Wetlands and Waterways Program Fund, including an accounting of financial receipts deposited into the Fund and expenditures from the Fund. <b>[Reenactment.]</b>
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 LE § 10-122(e)	Injured Workers' Insurance Fund	On or before September 1 each year, the Board [for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund] shall submit a report to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the Board in the immediately preceding fiscal year;</li> <li>(2) the percentage and dollar value of the [Injured Workers' Insurance] Fund assets that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms in each allocated asset class; and</li> <li>(3) the measures the Board undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with subsection (c)(2) of this section.</li> </ul> <b>[Adds to reporting requirement.]</b>
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 IN § 20-303(c)(4)	Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund	On or before September 1 each year, the Financial Management Committee [of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund] shall submit a report to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the Financial Management Committee in the immediately preceding fiscal year;</li> <li>(ii) The percentage and dollar value of the fund assets that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms in each allocated asset class; and</li> <li>(iii) The measures the financial management committee undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection.</li> </ul> <b>[Adds to reporting requirement.]</b>
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 EC § 14-102	Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland State Office of Minority Business Enterprise	The Department, the Maryland State Office of Minority Business Enterprise, the Division of Labor and Industry of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the Public Service Commission shall summarize their efforts to promote the policies related to broadening the ownership of capital in their respective annual reports as required by law. <b>[Reenactment.]</b>

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SB 820, Ch. 592 TR § 4-312(c)(4)	Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration	Prior to fixing or revising tolls on any part of any transportation facilities project, the [Transportation] Authority shall provide, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Ways and Means Committee information on the proposed toll charges, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the annual revenues generated by the toll charges;</li> <li>(ii) the proposed use of the revenues; and</li> <li>(iii) the proposed commuter discount rates.</li> </ul> <b>[Reenactment.]</b>
SB 292, Ch. 475 ED § 18-604(k)(3)(ii)	Maryland Higher Education Commission	(i) At the end of the fiscal year, the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission shall prepare an annual report on the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Fund that includes an accounting of all financial receipts and expenditures to and from the fund. (ii) The Commission shall submit a copy of the report to the General Assembly as provided under § 2-1246 of the State Government Article. <b>Staffing Statement:</b> (k)(2)(i) There is a Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship Fund in the [Higher Education] Commission. <b>[Reenactment.]</b>
SB 364, Ch. 495 HB 613, Ch. 496 ED § 18-1505	Maryland Higher Education Commission Office of Student Financial Assistance	Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Office of Student Financial Assistance shall report to the General Assembly by January 1 of each year on the implementation of the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program. <b>[Reenactment.]</b>

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SB 745, Ch. 570(5)	Maryland Insurance Administration	<p>(a) The Maryland Insurance Administration shall study, in consultation with the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund and the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc., whether the Chesapeake Employers' Insurance Company should be subject to Title 11 of the Insurance Article, including whether the Company should be a member of the rating organization.</p> <p>(b) In conducting the study, the Administration:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(1) may consult with any other person or entity that the Administration considers appropriate;</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(2) shall consider the impact on the Company and its policyholders if the Company is made subject to Title 11 of the Insurance Article, including the impact of the membership and transaction fees payable to the rating organization and additional administrative and system costs associated with complying with Title 11 of the Insurance Article; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(3) if the Administration determines that the Company should be subject to Title 11 of the Insurance Article, shall consider:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(i) the extent to which the Company should be in compliance with the rating plan requirements under Title 11 of the Insurance Article; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">(ii) an appropriate timeline for the Company to phase in participation in the rating plan requirements to avoid disruption to its policyholders.</p> <p>(c) On or before October 1, 2012, the Administration shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.</p> <p><b>[Repeals reporting requirement.]</b></p>
HB 1290, Ch. 426 LU § 15-204	Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission	<p>On or before October 31 of each year, the [Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning] Commission shall issue a report to the Montgomery County and Prince George's county delegations to the House of Delegates and Senate of Maryland, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, that:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(1) evaluates the results of the program through June 30 of that year; and</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">(2) makes appropriate recommendations.</p> <p><b>[REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 28, § 2-304.]</b></p>
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 EC § 14-102	Public Service Commission	<p>The Department [of Business and Economic Development], the Maryland State Office of Minority Business Enterprise, the Division of Labor and Industry of the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the Public Service Commission shall summarize their efforts to promote the policies related to broadening the ownership of capital in their respective annual reports as required by law.</p> <p><b>[Reenactment.]</b></p>

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<p>SB 59, Ch. 14 HB 117, Ch. 15 CP § 6-209(a)</p>	<p>State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy</p>	<p>The [State] Commission [on Criminal Sentencing Policy] shall review annually sentencing policy and practice and, on or before January 31 of each year, report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the activities of the preceding calendar year.</p> <p>(b) (1) The report shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) include any changes to the sentencing guidelines made during the preceding year;</li> <li>(ii) review judicial compliance with the sentencing guidelines, including compliance by crime and by judicial circuit;</li> <li>(iii) review reductions or increases in original sentences that have occurred because of reconsiderations of sentences imposed under § 14-101 of the Criminal Law Article; and</li> <li>(iv) categorize information on the number of reconsiderations of sentences by crimes as listed in § 14-101(a) of the Criminal Law Article and by judicial circuit.</li> </ul> <p>(2) The Commission shall consider a sentence to a corrections options program to be within the sentencing guidelines if the sentence falls within a corrections options zone shown on the matrix.</p> <p><b>[Changes due date to Jan 31 and adds "on the activities of the preceding calendar year."]</b></p>
<p>SB 293, Ch. 476 HB 1227, Ch. 477 ED § 7-203(f)</p>	<p>State Department of Education</p>	<p>The State Superintendent shall send the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly a report each January that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Documentation of the progress of the Department, the county boards, and each public school in this State towards their respective goals and objectives; and</li> <li>(2) Recommendations for legislation that the State Board and the State Superintendent consider necessary to improve the quality of education in this State.</li> </ul> <p>SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That if funding is not provided in the fiscal year 2013 State budget bill (Chapter 148 (S.B. 150) of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2012) in an amount sufficient to administer the Maryland high school assessment for government to meet the requirements of this Act, the Governor shall include an appropriation in the fiscal year 2014 State budget bill in an amount sufficient to administer the Maryland high school assessment for government to meet the requirements of this Act.</p> <p><b>[Changes code cite from (e) to (f).]</b></p>

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SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 SPP § 21-116(d)(4)	State Retirement Agency	<p>On or before September 1 each year, the Investment Committee shall submit a report to the Board of Trustees, the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the Investment Committee in the immediately preceding fiscal year;</li> <li>(ii) the percentage and dollar value of the assets that are under the control of the Investment Committee that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms for each allocated asset class; and</li> <li>(iii) the measures the Investment Committee undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Adds "for each allocated asset class".]</b></p>
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 SF § 6-222(e)(4)	Treasurer's Office	<p>On or before September 1 each year, the Treasurer shall submit a report to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the Treasurer in the immediately preceding fiscal year;</li> <li>(ii) the percentage and dollar value of the assets under the custody of the Treasurer that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms in each allocated asset class; and</li> <li>(iii) the measures the Treasurer undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with paragraph (2)(ii) of this subsection.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Adds to reporting requirement.]</b></p>
SB 343, Ch. 488 HB 277, Ch. 489 SF § 6-222(c)	Treasurer's Office	<p>Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Treasurer shall report by January 3 of each year to the General Assembly on investment activities for unexpended or surplus money over which the Treasurer has custody which have been conducted during the previous fiscal year. At a minimum, the report shall specify for General Fund investments and all other investments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the inventory of investments with maturity dates and the book and market value as of June 30;</li> <li>(2) the net income earned;</li> <li>(3) the percentage share of each category of investment in the portfolio; and</li> <li>(4) any sale of investments prior to the maturity date.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Adds to reporting requirement.]</b></p>

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<p>HB 442, Ch. 450 ED § 12-113(d)</p>	<p>University System of Maryland</p>	<p>(a) Consistent with § 15–107 of this article and any other applicable law, the Board of Regents may establish, invest in, finance, and operate businesses or business entities when the Board finds that doing so would further one or more goals of the University and is related to the mission of the University.</p> <p>(b)(1) A business entity established, invested in, financed, or operated in accordance with this section may not be considered an agency or instrumentality of the State or a unit of the Executive Branch for any purpose.</p> <p>(2) A financial obligation or liability of a business entity established, invested in, financed, or operated in accordance with this section may not be a debt or obligation of the State or University.</p> <p>(c)(1) subject to the requirements of this section, an institution may establish, invest in, finance, or operate a corporation, foundation, consortium, or other entity that is intended to support a high impact economic development activity, as defined in § 12–104.1 of this subtitle.</p> <p>(2) notwithstanding the provisions of §§ 15–501 through 15–504 of the state government article and subject to § 15–523 of the state government article, an official or employee of a public institution of higher education may be a director, official, or employee of an entity intended to support a high impact economic development activity, if the individual’s participation advances the interests of the institution.</p> <p>(3) division ii of the State Finance And Procurement Article does not apply to transactions between an entity established, financed, or operated under this subsection and the institution or consortium of institutions that established, financed, or operated the entity.</p> <p>(4)(i) the Board of Regents shall adopt policies and procedures governing the establishment of high impact economic development entities to ensure that the institution’s participation in the entity furthers the interests of the institution, the university system of Maryland, and the state.</p> <p>(ii) the policies and procedures under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall include requirements for:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. recognition of the entity by the Board of Regents;</li> <li>2. an annual audit of the entity by an independent certified public accountant; and</li> <li>3. adequate safeguards with regard to conflicts of interest, proper contracting practices, and other fundamental ethical and business practice standards.</li> </ol> <p>(d) The Board of Regents shall submit to the Governor, and in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, an annual report on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The business entities established in accordance with this section;</li> <li>(2) Funds invested in, and financing provided to, business entities established in accordance with this section;</li> <li>(3) Ownership interests in any business entities established in accordance with this section; and</li> <li>(4) The current status of the business entities</li> </ol> <p><b>[Changes code cite from (c) to (d).]</b></p>

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SB 1301, Ch. 1(3), 2012 Special Session	University System of Maryland Morgan State University St. Mary's College	HB 72/Ch. 397, Sec. 24, 2011 as amended by SB 1301/Ch. 1, Sec. 3, 2012: (c) On or before December 1, 2011, and December 1, 2012, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary's College of Maryland shall each submit a report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee that details the policies adopted by the governing boards of those institutions to designate operationally critical staff, all staff identified as critical under subsection (b)(4) of this section, and any merit increases awarded as a consequence of this designation. <b>[Creates another one time report.]</b>
HB 902, Ch. 404 PU § 20-204(b)(9)(ii)	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	(b) Regulations that establish the program under subsection (a) of this section shall include provisions that: ... (9)(ii) require the [Washington Suburban Sanitary] Commission to report annually to the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly on any waivers granted under this subsection. <b>[Extends sunset to 7/1/2017.]</b>
HB 902, Ch. 404 PU § 20-207(a)	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	By September 15 of each year, the [Washington Suburban Sanitary] Commission shall issue a report to the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly concerning: (1) the implementation and administration of the Minority Business Enterprise Programs under this subtitle for the fiscal year ending on the preceding June 30; and (2) appropriate recommendations concerning the programs. <b>[Extends sunset to 7/1/2017.]</b>
HB 902, Ch. 404 PU § 20-207(b)	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	(1) the [Washington Suburban Sanitary] Commission may conduct an impartial fact-finding study in connection with a minority business enterprise program for consistency with applicable law. (2) the Commission shall report the findings of a study completed under this subsection to the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly. <b>[Extends sunset to 7/1/2017.]</b>
HB 442, Ch. 450 EC § 10-460	Maryland Technology Development Corporation	The Corporation shall include, as part of its annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly under § 10-415 of this subtitle, a detailed description of: (1) the number of technology transfer transactions or projects for which the initiative provided funding; (2) the amount and source of funds the initiative identified to assist in the development of technologies; (3) the qualifying universities or entities for which funding was awarded; (4) the commercial value of technology that was transferred to the commercial industry; and (5) any recommendations for improving the overall effectiveness of technology transfer through the initiative. <b>[Makes additions to Annual Report.]</b>

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<p>HB 979, Ch. 694 ART 19 § (a)(2)(iii)</p>	<p>Calvert County Commissioners</p>	<p>(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each county, municipal corporation, and taxing district in the State shall by the first day of November after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(2)(i) Each county, municipal corporation, or taxing district with a population of more than 400,000 may by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(ii) Unless subparagraph (i) of this paragraph applies, Howard County may by the first day of December after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(iii) Calvert County may by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department Of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(iv) Frederick County may by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(v) Queen Anne’s County may by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(vi) St. Mary’s County may by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(vii) Wicomico County may by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p><b>[Alters the date by which Calvert County may file its annual financial report for the fiscal year with the Department of Legislative Services.]</b></p>
<p>SB 524, Ch. 530(2) HB 886, Ch. 531(2) HU § 8-1105</p>	<p>Governor's Office for Children Maryland After-School and Summer Opportunity Fund Program</p>	<p>Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, The Executive Committee [of the Advisory Board, of the Maryland After-School Opportunity Fund Program] shall report by December 31 of each year to the General Assembly on the implementation of the Program, including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the after-school and summer opportunity programs funded by grants under the Program.</p> <p><b>Staffing Statement:</b> HU § 8–1104.</p> <p>(a) The Office [for Children] shall administer the Fund as directed by the Executive Committee.</p> <p><b>[Changes code cite and administering agency.]</b></p>

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SB 121, Ch. 27 IN § 14-512(f)	Health Insurance Plan Board of Directors	<p>On or before January 1 of each year, the Board [of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan], in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, shall report to the General Assembly on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the number of individuals on the waiting list for the [Senior Prescription Drug Assistance] Program; and</li> <li>(2) to the extent that the Board is able to collect the information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the number of enrollees with out-of-pocket prescription drug costs that exceed \$2,250, broken down for each fiscal quarter; and</li> <li>(ii) the total annual out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for enrollees.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>[Extends sunset date to 2014.]</b></p>
SB 167, Ch. 467 ED § 21-309(i)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation	<p>The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall administer the [Work, Not Welfare, and Qualifying Employees with Disabilities] tax credit and report to the Governor, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly, before January 15 of each year on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Marketing activities for the credit under this section;</li> <li>(2) The number of business entities who hired a qualified employee with a disability during the preceding year;</li> <li>(3) The number of qualified employees with disabilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Hired in each business sector for the preceding year; and</li> <li>(ii) Hired during the preceding year and employed for less than 1 year;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(4) A summary of the average hourly wages paid to qualified employees with disabilities for the preceding year;</li> <li>(5) The number and amount of credits claimed during the preceding year; and</li> <li>(6) The number and amount of credits claimed for child care or transportation expenses, including a summary of the types of transportation expenses incurred by business entities.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Extends sunset date to 6/30/13.]</b></p>
HB 394, Ch. 368 SG § 8-403(b)(10)	Department of Legislative Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.</li> <li>(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units: ... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(10) Cemetery Oversight, Office of (§ 5–201 of the Business Regulation Article: July 1, 2022)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>[Extends sunset date.]</b></p>

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SB 921, Ch. 621 SG § 8-403(b)(40)	Department of Legislative Services	<p>(a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.</p> <p>(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units: ...</p> <p>(40) Nursing, State Board of (§ 8–201 of the Health Occupations Article: July 1, 2022)</p> <p><b>[Extends sunset date.]</b></p>
SB 95, Ch. 174 SG § 8-403(b)(64)	Department of Legislative Services	<p>(a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.</p> <p>(b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units: ...</p> <p>(64) Social Work Examiners, State Board of (§ 19–201 of the Health Occupations Article: July 1, 2023)</p> <p><b>[Extends sunset date.]</b></p>
SB 745, Ch. 570 LE § 10-122(e)	Board for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund	<p>On or before September 1 each year, the Board [for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund] shall submit a report to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:</p> <p>(1) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the Board in the immediately preceding fiscal year;</p> <p>(2) the percentage and dollar value of the [Injured Workers' Insurance ] Fund assets that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms; and</p> <p>(3) the measures the Board undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with subsection (c)(2) of this section.</p> <p><b>[Repeals reporting requirement.]</b></p>

**Changes to Old Reporting Requirements, to the Presiding Officers and the General Assembly,  
as a Result of 2012 Legislation**

<b>Citation</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Topic</b>
HB 341, Ch. 366	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers and Home Inspectors	<p>That the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before December 1, 2002, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the impact of incorporating a licensing authority for home inspectors into the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers. The report shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) an evaluation of the ability of the Commission to operate separate regulatory schemes and hearing boards for home inspectors and real estate appraisers;</li> <li>(2) a summary of the number of home inspector licenses issued and the number of complaints received against home inspectors; and</li> <li>(3) the appropriateness of the current licensing fee for home inspectors.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Repeals reporting requirement.]</b></p>

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**Part VII**  
**Reports to the Budget Committees**  
**(2012 Budget Bill/*Joint Chairmen's Report*)**

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**Department of Legislative Services**  
**Annapolis, Maryland**

**June 2012**

## Summary of 2012 *Joint Chairmen's Report* Items

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<b>Operating Budget</b>					
4	C00A Judiciary	Multi-year plan for creation of new judgeships	Judiciary	November 1, 2012	STUDY
4	C00A Judiciary	Update on Disciplinary Fund issue	DLS	2013 session	STATUS
5	C00A Judiciary	Report on appellate court caseload standards	Judiciary	November 1, 2013	STUDY
7	C81C Office of the Attorney General	Metropolitan Washington satellite office	OAG	October 1, 2012	STATUS
8	C90G00 Public Service Commission	Report on staffing requirements for common carrier investigations	PSC	October 15, 2012	STATUS
10	D05E Board of Public Works	Audited financials	Maryland Zoological Society	November 1, 2012	STATUS
10	D05E Board of Public Works	Attendance reports	Maryland Zoological Society	Monthly	STATUS
11	D13A Executive Department – Maryland Energy Administration	Report on RGGI program changes	Maryland Energy Administration Maryland Department of the Environment Public Service Commission	October 1, 2012	STATUS
13	D15A0516 Executive Department – Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention	Proposal for the consolidation of police forces	GOCCP State Law Enforcement Coordinating Council DLS	November 1, 2012	STUDY

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14	D18A Governor's Office for Children	Report on out-of-home placements	GOC	December 15, 2012	STUDY
16	D38I State Board of Elections	Status of corrective actions	SBE	December 1, 2012	STATUS ROF
20	D70J Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund	Calendar 2011 and 2012 annual reports on the reasonableness of the surplus of the Insured Division of MAIF	MIA	Concurrent with submission to the Presiding Officers of the General Assembly and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Finance and House Economic Matters committees	STUDY
21	D78Y01 Maryland Health Benefit Exchange	Long-term financing plan	Maryland Health Benefit Exchange	December 1, 2012	STATUS ROF
21	D78Y01 Maryland Health Benefit Exchange	Basic Health Plan	MHBE DHMH	December 1, 2012	STATUS ROF
25	E75D State Lottery Agency	Report on the platform and regulatory structure of online lottery sales	SLA	December 15, 2012	STATUS ROF
26	F10 Department of Budget and Management	Report on the maximization of State assets	DBM	November 1, 2012	STUDY
27	F10 Department of Budget and Management	Report on revised criteria for collection incentives	DBM	October 1, 2012	STUDY
30	G20J Maryland State Retirement and Pension System – State Retirement Agency	Report on updated pension funding, amortization, and actuarial policies	SRA DLS	November 1, 2012	STUDY

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31	J00 Department of Transportation	Capital budget changes from one CTP version to the next	Maryland Department of Transportation	With draft CTP With final CTP	STATUS
32	J00 Department of Transportation	Capital budget changes throughout the year	Maryland Department of Transportation	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds or seeking Board of Public Works approval	STATUS
32	J00 Department of Transportation	Additional regular positions and contractual FTEs	MDOT	As needed	STATUS
33	J00 Department of Transportation	Information on nontransportation expenditures exceeding \$250,000	MDOT	As needed	STATUS
34	J00A01 MDOT – The Secretary’s Office	Intermodal Facility	Secretary’s Office	October 1, 2012	STUDY ROF
34	J00A01 MDOT – The Secretary’s Office	Explanation of need for additional special funds for operating grants-in-aid	MDOT	As needed	STATUS
35	J00A01 MDOT – The Secretary’s Office	Explanation of need for additional special funds for capital grants	MDOT	As needed	STATUS
36	J00A04 MDOT – Debt Service Requirements	Justification for increasing nontraditional debt outstanding	MDOT	45 days prior to publication of a preliminary official statement	STUDY
37	J00A04 MDOT – Debt Service Requirements	Nontraditional debt outstanding and anticipated debt service payments	MDOT	With September forecast and with January forecast	STATUS
38	J00B MDOT – State Highway Administration	Report on traffic improvements needed in the Reisterstown Road corridor	SHA	December 1, 2012	STATUS

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39	J00B MDOT – State Highway Administration	Local funding agreements	MDOT SHA	October 31, 2012	STATUS
41	J00D MDOT – Maryland Port Administration	Update on the status of remediation efforts at Dundalk Marine Terminal	MPA	December 15, 2012	STATUS
42	J00E MDOT – Motor Vehicle Administration	Driver safety study	MVA	January 1, 2013 – Interim January 1, 2014 – Final	STUDY
43	J00H MDOT – Maryland Transit Administration	Financing the transit lines	MTA MDOT	October 31, 2012	STATUS
44	J00J Maryland Transportation Authority	Capital budget changes from one CTP version to the next	MDTA MDOT	With draft CTP With final CTP	STATUS
44	J00J Maryland Transportation Authority	Capital budget changes throughout the year	MDTA MDOT	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds or seeking BPW	STATUS
45	K00 Department of Natural Resources	Maryland State Parks five-year strategic plan	DNR DBM	December 1, 2012	STUDY
46	K00 Department of Natural Resources	Natural Resources Police level of service standards	DNR	December 31, 2012	STUDY
49	L00A Department of Agriculture	Report on soil conservation district field personnel position counts and funding	MDA DBM	Fiscal 2014 State budget submission and annually thereafter	STATUS
51	M00A DHMH – Office of the Secretary	Advanced Directive Registry	DHMH	October 1, 2012	STATUS

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53	M00B DHMH – Health Occupation Boards	Report that sanctioning guidelines for physicians and allied health professionals have been approved by the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review	DHMH	Date that sanctioning guidelines are approved by the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review	STATUS ROF
54	M00B DHMH – Health Occupation Boards	Budget projections for Health Occupations Boards	DHMH	August 1, 2012	STATUS
56	M00F03 DHMH – Family Health Administration	Report on home visiting programs	DHMH MSDE Children’s Cabinet	July 1, 2012	STATUS
57	M00F03 DHMH – Family Health Administration	Report on the in-state development of devices for the treatment of cancer	DHMH DBED	December 1, 2012	STUDY
57	M00F03 DHMH – Family Health Administration	Report on the feasibility of implementing SCID screening of newborns in Maryland	DHMH	December 31, 2012	STUDY
60	M00L DHMH – Mental Hygiene Administration	Various data on residential treatment centers	Mental Hygiene Administration	November 1, 2012	STUDY ROF
61	M00L DHMH – Mental Hygiene Administration	Various information on the redevelopment of Spring Grove Hospital Center	DHMH	January 1, 2013	STATUS ROF
65	M00M DMHM – Developmental Disabilities Administration	Report on financial oversight in DDA	DHMH	December 1, 2012	STUDY ROF

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65	M00M DHMH – Developmental Disabilities Administration	Mortality and Quality Review Committee annual report	DHMH	December 31, 2012	STATUS
67	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Implementation of certain fiscal 2013 cost containment proposals	DHMH	September 15, 2012	STATUS ROF
67	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Medicare waiver and approved hospital financial targets	DHMH HSCRC	Various including concurrent with any budget actions that negatively impact the Medicare waiver or HSCRC approved hospital financial targets	STATUS
68	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Chronic Health Home	DHMH	Contiguous with the submission of a State Plan Amendment	STATUS ROF
71	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Rural Access to Care	DHMH	October 15, 2012	STATUS
73	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Community Benefits	DHMH	January 1, 2013	STUDY
78	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Utilization of psychotropic medications	DHMH	December 1, 2012	STUDY
79	M00R DHMH – Health Regulatory Commissions	Use of funding for the development of HEZ	MCHRC	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds	STATUS ROF

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81	N00A DHR – Office of the Secretary	Report on funding needs	DHR	October 15, 2012	STUDY
82	N00F DHR – Office of Technology for Human Services	Report on project scope and additional costs for CARES and SAIL changes	DHR DoIT	December 1, 2012	STATUS
84	N00G DHR – Local Department Operations	Report on the federal grants for which DHR has applied or plans to apply in order to fund CATPP	DHR	November 1, 2012	STATUS
85	N00G DHR – Local Department Operations	Report on caseload data and filled positions assigned by jurisdiction for specified caseload types	DHR	December 1, 2012	STATUS
87	N00H DHR – Child Support Enforcement Administration	Status of corrective actions	DHR	November 15, 2012	STATUS ROF
89	N00I DHR – Office of Home Energy Programs	Report on the outcome of the PSC review of energy assistance programs	DHR PSC	December 1, 2012	STATUS
92	Q00 DPSCS	Parole release data	DPSCS	June 30, 2013	STATUS
92	Q00 DPSCS	Evaluation of programming needs and resources	DPSCS	December 15, 2012	STUDY
92	Q00 DPSCS	Social impact bonds	DPSCS	January 1, 2013	STUDY
94	Q00B DPSCS – Division of Correction – Headquarters	Contraband found in correctional facilities	DOC	With the Governor's annual budget submission	STATUS
94	Q00B DPSCS – Division of Correction – Headquarters	Pilot study on the use of non-opioid pharmacotherapies	DOC	February 13, 2013	STUDY

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94	Q00B DPSCS – Division of Correction – Headquarters	Additional Vivitrol pilot study outcomes	DOC	Within nine months of the commencement date	STUDY
95	Q00B DPSCS – Division of Correction – Headquarters	Expanding OCMS	DPSCS	December 15, 2012	STUDY
96	Q00C01 DPSCS – Maryland Parole Commission	Local parole statistics	MPC	With the annual budget submission	STATUS
96	Q00C01 DPSCS – Maryland Parole Commission	Consistency of implementing decisionmaking tools	MPC	November 1, 2012	STATUS
97	Q00C02 DPSCS – Division of Parole and Probation	Parole and probation agent caseload standards	DPP	January 1, 2013	STUDY
98	R00A01 MSDE – Headquarters	Report on loaned educator contracts	MSDE	December 15, 2012, and annually thereafter	STATUS
101	R00A02 MSDE – Aid to Education	Report on any transfer of funds from R00A02	MSDE	45 days prior to transfer	STATUS
103	R00A02 MSDE – Aid to Education	Report on school transfer in Baltimore County	MSDE BCPS	September 14, 2012	STUDY
105	R13M Morgan State University	Report on institutional aid by EFC category	MSU	December 14, 2012	STATUS
105	R13M Morgan State University	Loan data by EFC category	MSU	December 14, 2012	STATUS
106	R13M Morgan State University	Annual instructional workload report	MSU	December 1, 2012	STATUS

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106	R13M Morgan State University	Report on contractual personnel	MSU	September 1, 2012	STUDY
107	R14D00 St. Mary's College of Maryland	Report of institutional aid by EFC category	SMCM	December 14, 2012	STATUS
107	R14D00 St. Mary's College of Maryland	Loan data by EFC	SMCM	December 14, 2012	STATUS
108	R30B00 University System of Maryland	Report on institutional aid by EFC category	USM	December 14, 2012	STATUS
108	R30B00 University System of Maryland	Loan data by EFC category	USM	December 14, 2012	STATUS
109	R30B00 University System of Maryland	Annual report on instructional workload for tenured and tenure-track faculty	USM	December 1, 2012	STATUS
111	R62I00 MHEC	Report on fiscal 2012 outcomes by cohort of students participating in Access and Success programs	MHEC	October 15, 2012	STUDY
111	R62I00 MHEC	Report on best practices and progress toward 55% completion goal	MHEC	December 15, 2012 and each year thereafter	STUDY
112	R62I00 MHEC	Report on framework for performance-based funding	MHEC, in collaboration with USM, MSU, SMCM, and MACC	December 15, 2012	STUDY
114	R62I00 MHEC	Report of institutional aid by EFC category	MACC	December 14, 2012	STATUS
114	R62I00 MHEC	Loan data by EFC	MACC	December 14, 2012	STATUS
117	R75T00 Higher Education	Report on the use of program incentive funding	USM	December 20, 2012 June 30, 2013	STATUS

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119	R95C00 Baltimore City Community College	Systems Development Life Cycle Concept Proposal and ITPR	BCCC	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds	STUDY ROF
121	R95C00 Baltimore City Community College	Report of institutional aid by EFC category	BCCC	December 14, 2012	STATUS
121	R95C00 Baltimore City Community College	Loan data by EFC	BCCC	December 14, 2012	STATUS
121	R95C00 Baltimore City Community College	Report on contractual personnel	BCCC	September 1, 2012	STUDY
124	T00 Department of Budget and Economic Development	Report on the Small, Minority, and Women-Owned Business Account	DBED, in consultation with the Board of Public Works	December 1, 2012	STATUS
126	T50T01 TEDCO	All outstanding annual reports	TEDCO	October 1, 2012	STUDY ROF
126	T50T01 TEDCO	Report on results from stem cell research grant recipients	TEDCO	December 1, 2012	STUDY
129	U00A Maryland Department of the Environment	Report on SEIF expenditures	MDE	Fiscal 2014 budget submission and annually thereafter	STUDY ROF
130	U00A Maryland Department of the Environment	Quarterly IT updates on usage, functionality, and funding	MDE	July 1, 2012 October 1, 2012 January 1, 2013 April 1, 2013	STATUS ROF
132	V10A Department of Juvenile Services	Reception and evaluation center implementation plan	DJS	November 15, 2012	STUDY ROF

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133	V10A Department of Juvenile Services	Girls' services implementation plan and report on placement disparities	DJS	December 1, 2012	STUDY ROF
134	V10A Department of Juvenile Services	Community caseload work load data study	DJS	September 15, 2012	STUDY ROF
134	V10A Department of Juvenile Services	Staffing survey analysis	DJS	December 30, 2012	STUDY ROF
135	V10A Department of Juvenile Services	Evidence-based services outcome measures	DJS	With the Governor's annual budget submission	STATUS
135	V10A Department of Juvenile Services	Use of secure detention	DJS JJMU	December 15, 2012 June 15, 2013	STUDY
136	V10A Department of Juvenile Services	Report on expanding capacity at Silver Oak Academy	DJS	August 30, 2012	STUDY
141	Section 22	Report on status of ledger control account	IWIF	Monthly beginning on July 1, 2012	STATUS
141	Section 23	Report of components of each federal fund appropriation	DBM	With submission of fiscal 2014 budget	STATUS
143	Section 25	Annual report on indirect costs	DBM	With submission of the Governor's fiscal 2014 budget books	STATUS
143	Section 26	Executive's general fund forecast	DBM	With submission of the Governor's fiscal 2014 budget books	STATUS
145	Section 28	Consolidated report on all interagency agreements	DBM	December 1, 2012	STATUS
148	Section 30	Report on appropriations and disbursements in M00Q01.03, R00A02.07, and N00G00.01	DHMH MSDE DHR	November 1, 2012 March 1, 2013 June 1, 2013	STATUS

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149	Section 32	Certification of the status of positions created with non-State funding sources during fiscal 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013	DBM	June 30, 2013	STATUS
150	Section 33	Total number of FTEs on June 30 and July 1, 2012	DBM	July 14, 2012	STATUS
150	Section 33	Report on the creation, transfer, or abolition of regular positions	DBM	As needed	STATUS
151	Section 34	Report of all Executive Pay Plan positions	DBM	July 1, 2012; October 1, 2012; January 1, 2013; and April 1, 2013	STATUS
152	Section 36	Accounting of the employee and retiree health plan revenues and expenditures	DBM	With submission of Governor's fiscal 2014 budget books	STATUS
153	Section 37	Summary of overall Chesapeake Bay restoration expenditures and two-year milestones expenditures	DBM DNR MDE	Fiscal 2014 State budget submission and annually thereafter	STUDY
154	Section 38	Report on revenue assumptions and use of the SEIF	DBM	With submission of the Governor's fiscal 2014 budget books and annually thereafter	STATUS
156	Section 40	Report on a plan to fully fund IRC rate increases in fiscal 2014 that include training and salary increases for residential child and youth practitioners associated with new certification requirements	DHR DJS	September 1, 2012	STATUS ROF
160	Section 44	2011 Uniform Crime Report	DSP	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds	STATUS ROF
161	Section 45	Report on local destination of contractual services and grant disbursement	DHMH MDOT DHR	November 1, 2012	STATUS

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162	Section 47	Positions reduced to meet SAC position cap	DBM	With submission of Governor's fiscal 2014 budget books	STATUS
<b>Capital Budget</b>					
189	CAP00 Department of General Services	Assessment of State Center as a capital or operating lease	Treasurer	After final lease terms are available	STUDY
189	CAP00 DGS	Status of State Center timeline, PILOT, TIP, "all-in" rent	DGS	November 1, 2012	STUDY
189	CAP00 DGS	Impact of State Center rent and cost savings effect on the general fund budget	DGS	With fiscal 2014 allowance and annually thereafter	STUDY
189	CAP00 DGS	Proposed amendments to any State Center Agreements	DGS	Prior to submission to BPW	STUDY
192	DE0201 BPW – Annapolis State Government Center	Cost benefit analysis for the proposed acquisition and renovation of the Annapolis Post Office	DGS	July 1, 2012	STUDY ROF
195	DE0202 BPW – Public School Construction – IAC	Report on energy efficiency guidelines for public school construction	IAC	45 days prior to the expenditure of the funds	STATUS ROF
196	DE0202 BPW – Public School Construction – IAC	Report on providing a block grant for school construction	IAC	December 1, 2012	STUDY
197	DE0202 BPW – Public School Construction – IAC	Report on Public School Construction Policy on common and extracurricular space	IAC	October 15, 2012	STUDY
204	KA17 DNR – Fisheries Service	Report on Oyster Restoration Program expenditures and outcomes	DNR	Fiscal 2014 State budget submission and annually thereafter	STATUS

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207	MM06 DHMH – Developmental Disabilities Administration	Report on the modified scope of the SETT unit	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds	STUDY ROF
208	Q00 DPSCS	Facilities Master Plan	DPSCS	June 1, 2013	STUDY
210	RA01 MSDE	Notification of intent to transfer funds among public library projects	MSDE	As needed	STATUS
210	RA01 MSDE	Report on the operation of the Public Library Grant Program	MSDE	October 1, 2012	STUDY
212	RB00 USM	MOU or report on reason for not participating in the expansion at SMHEC	USM	June 15, 2013	STATUS
219	RC00 Baltimore City Community College	Appraisal of Harbor Campus	BCCC	45 days before the expenditure of funds	STUDY ROF
220	RC00 BCCC	Business model for Gompers School location	BCCC	September 1, 2012	STUDY
227	VE01 DJS – Baltimore Regional Treatment Center	Status of land acquisition	DGS	December 31, 2012	STATUS
229	ZA00 Miscellaneous Grant Program – Baltimore City Convention Center	Memorandum of understanding regarding the financing of the convention center expansion and related projects	Department of Budget and Management	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds	STATUS ROF
232	ZA00 Miscellaneous Grant Program – Prince George’s Hospital System	Report on the proposed use of funds to improve the Prince George’s Hospital System	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Prince George’s County Dimensions Healthcare Corporation	December 31, 2012	STATUS ROF

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233	ZA00 Miscellaneous Grant Program – High Performance Computing Data Center	MOU on governance and funding	JHU UMCP	45 days before the expenditure of funds	STATUS ROF
264	ZB02 DPSCS – Local Jails and Detention Centers	Local Jails and Detention Centers Population Statistics Analysis	DPSCS	September 1, 2012, and annually thereafter	STATUS
272	Section 2 – Southern Maryland Children’s Center	Report on the selected site and site selection process	DJS	September 30, 2012	STUDY
274	Section 2 – New Youth Detention Facility	Evaluation of the Baltimore Pre-Release Unit for Women as an alternative site for the new Youth Detention Center	DPSCS	July 30, 2012	STUDY ROF
275	Section 2 – Prince George’s Hospital System	Report on the proposed use of funds to improve Prince George’s Hospital System	Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Prince George’s County Dimensions Healthcare Corporation	September 30, 2012	STATUS ROF

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**Part VIII**  
**State Treasurer's Report**

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June 2012



**TREASURER'S REPORT TO  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**June 8, 2012**

**Nancy K. Kopp**

*State Treasurer*

**Section 5-104 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides that, “The Treasurer shall address the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly on a semi-annual basis and as necessary on issues of legislative importance, including the activities of the Board of Public Works, bond sales, and investment and procurement initiatives.” This Report is in fulfillment of that law and covers the period since the report of December 13, 2011. I invite and welcome further discussion with the Committee at your convenience.**

The State Treasurer’s activities and responsibilities are of particular concern to the Legislature. One of seven statewide Constitutional officers, and the only one elected by the General Assembly, the State Treasurer’s duties are multifaceted and extend throughout State government and higher education. The Treasurer’s duties include membership on the Board of Public Works and Board of Revenue Estimates and Chairmanship of the Capital Debt Affordability Committee. The Treasurer presently also serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the College Savings Plans of Maryland and the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System. She is a member of the governing boards of the Teachers’ and Employees’ Supplemental Retirement Plans, the Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority, the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority and of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation. Several of these Boards work under the general oversight of legislative oversight committees which are in periodic receipt of reports and communications from the Office, as do the two legislative budget committees.

While the State’s fiscal picture seems to be improving slightly due to the strength and diversity of Maryland’s economy, the State continues to face fiscal challenges. The Office’s experienced staff continues to assist State agencies in many ways including expanding the use of innovative banking services such as remote deposit, negotiating reduced insurance premiums while enhancing coverage, and advising on procurements.

We continue to plan and conduct our bond sales effectively, while striving to maintain Maryland’s coveted AAA bond rating. We monitor the market routinely to take advantage of savings as they become available, such as by refunding our General Obligation Bonds or issuing new types of debt such as Qualified School Construction Bonds, Qualified Zone Academy Bonds and Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds. Lastly, we continue to invest State funds prudently and conservatively to minimize risk to the Maryland taxpayers.

While we continue to do more with less, the Office is implementing improvements and achieving real results. The items set forth below detail a number of these achievements and we are always available to provide greater information or answer questions regarding these and other issues.

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Between December 1, 2011 and May 31, 2012, the Board of Public Works (“BPW”) met 12 times to consider State procurements, expenditures of capital appropriations, the acquisition, use and transfer of State assets, issuances of licenses to dredge and fill wetlands, and the acquisition of land and easements in support of Program Open Space, the Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, the Rural Legacy Program and the Agricultural Land Preservation Program.

During this timeframe, the following items worthy of note were considered by the Board of Public Works:

### Capital Equipment Lease-Purchase Financing

- The Legislative Policy Committee (“LPC”) approved the request of the State Treasurer periodically to lease-finance equipment acquisitions in an aggregate amount not to exceed \$40 million over a two-year period beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2013. The BPW approved the following lease-purchase equipment financing consistent with this authorization:
  1. **December 2011** Tax-Exempt Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement for financing the acquisition of approximately **\$1.76 million of capital equipment** for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Maryland Department of the Environment, and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. (12/7/11)
  2. **April 2012** Tax-Exempt Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement for financing the acquisition of approximately **\$1.67 million of capital equipment** for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. (04/18/12)
  3. **June 2012** Tax-Exempt Equipment Lease-Purchase Agreement for financing the acquisition of approximately **\$1.17 million of capital equipment** for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Information Technology, and Maryland Public Television. (05/23/12)
- Following the most recent financing (June 2012), the remaining balance of the \$40 million authorized by LPC for equipment lease-purchase financing is approximately \$35.4 million.

### Public School Construction

- I. **State School Construction – Capital Improvement Program for FY 2013:**

Approval of allocations totaling \$349.2 million (05/23/12)

  - Incorporates \$187.5 million approved by the BPW on January 25, 2012.
  - Additional projects in the amount of \$136.7 million were approved at the May 23, 2012 BPW meeting, including \$2.8 million for a project at the Maryland School for the Blind.

- Reserved \$25 million for projects that improve energy efficiency of schools, with a priority given to projects that maximize leverage, such as incremental costs required to achieve the highest levels of energy performance.
- Uses \$326.4 million of new bond authorizations and \$22.8 million in reverted funds from the Statewide Contingency Account.

**II. Aging School Program for FY 2013:** Approval of allocations totaling \$32,046,424. (05/23/12)

**III. Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program for FY 2013:** Approval of allocations totaling \$27,213,951. (05/23/12)

**IV. Supplementary Appropriation - Alcoholic Beverages Tax Increase**

During the 2011 Legislative Session, legislation (HB 1213/ Chapter 572) was passed to increase the tax on alcoholic beverages from 6% to 9%. The bill requires a **supplementary appropriation** of **\$47.5M** in FY12 for public school construction projects in local jurisdictions. The BPW is required to approve the individual projects for each local jurisdiction based upon criteria set forth in the legislation. The following requests were approved:

- **Eastern Shore Region: \$1.25 million.** (01/25/12)
  - **Caroline County Public Schools: \$148,737** for three backup power generator projects at Denton Elementary School, Greensboro Elementary School, and North Caroline High School.
  - **Dorchester County Public Schools: \$137,109** to improve the energy efficiency at Maces Lane Middle School and Hurlock Elementary School.
  - **Kent County Public Schools: \$104,177** to make improvements to the electrical, lighting, and sound systems for the auditorium at Kent County High School.
  - **Queen Anne's County Public Schools: \$179,000** to modernize instructional technology at Centreville Middle School.
  - **Talbot County Public Schools: \$135,198** to rebuild the existing HVAC system and chiller at Easton High School.
  - **Somerset County Public Schools: \$114,027** for renovations at the Promise Academy located at Marion Sarah Peyton School.
  - **Wicomico County Public Schools: \$267,221** for energy efficient lighting upgrades at Pittsville Elementary and Middle School.
  - **Worcester County Public Schools: \$164,535** for four projects at Berlin Intermediate School, Pocomoke Middle School, Snow Hill Middle School, and Stephen Decatur High School.
- **Baltimore City: \$9 million** for 20 projects addressing deferred capital maintenance. Seventeen of the 20 projects improve energy efficiency or incorporate green building principles. (01/25/12)

- Projects fell into the following categories:
  1. Fire alarm system replacements: Hilton Elementary School, Johnston Square Elementary/Middle School, and Chinquapin Building;
  2. Roof replacement: Gardenville Elementary School and Bay Brook Elementary/Middle School;
  3. Boiler/Chiller/Mechanical Equipment replacements: Frederick Elementary School, Robert Poole Building, Walter P. Carter Elementary/Middle School, and Garrett Heights Elementary/Middle School;
  4. Window/Door replacements: Dr. Bernard E. Harris, Sr. Elementary School, Govans Elementary School, Westside Elementary School, Thomas Johnson Elementary/Middle School, Medfield Heights Elementary School, Alexander Hamilton Elementary School, and Hilton Elementary School; and
  5. Window replacements: Callaway Elementary School, Langston Hughes Elementary School, Woodhome Elementary/Middle School, and Rosemont Elementary/Middle School.
  
- **Howard County:** reallocated **\$4 million** for four projects at Atholton High School, Hammond High School, Dunloggin Middle School, and Wilde Lake Middle School. (01/25/12))
  
- **Western Maryland Region: \$750,000.** (02/08/12)
  - **Allegany County Public Schools: \$124,125** to address safety concerns at Northeast Elementary School.
  - **Carroll County Public Schools: \$174,225** to install backup power generators at William Winchester Elementary School and Sykesville Middle School.
  - **Frederick County Public Schools: \$231,750** to complete a feasibility study for the Frederick High School.
  - **Garrett County Public Schools: \$48,675** for exterior repairs at Broad Ford Elementary School.
  - **Washington County Public Schools: \$171,225** for boiler replacement at Sharpsburg Elementary School.
  
- **Prince George's County: \$9 million** for eight projects at High Point High School, Bladensburg Elementary School, Bradbury Heights Elementary School, Gladys Noon Spellman Elementary School, Tall Oaks Vocational, Forestville Military Academy, Friendly High School, and Oxon Hill High School. (02/22/12)
  
- **Southern Maryland Region: \$1.25 million.** (05/23/12)
  - **Calvert County Public Schools: \$410,000** for refurbishing metal roofs at Sunderland Elementary School, Patuxent High School, Plum Point Elementary School, and Patuxent Elementary School.
  - **Charles County Public Schools: \$550,000** for improvements to the F. B. Gwynn Educational Center.

- **St. Mary's County Public Schools: \$290,000** for installation of high efficiency lighting at multiple secondary schools in the County.

### **Facilities and Services of State Agencies**

- Approval of lease of approximately 2 acres of land at Eastern Correctional Institute ("ECI") to ECOCORP, Inc. for the purpose of construction and operation of a 1MW **Anaerobic Digester Facility**, a renewable energy source, that will "digest" chicken manure and produce methane gas that will be used to produce electricity to meet a portion of the electricity needs of ECI. Approval was also given to a 20-year power purchase agreement between ECOCORP and the Maryland Environmental Service, the agency undertaking this initiative. (12/21/11)
- Approval of **Public Private Partnership** Lease and Concession Agreement (P3) between the Maryland Transportation Authority ("MDTA") and Areas USA MDTP, LLC for the refurbishment and operation of the **I-95 Travel Plazas** (Maryland House and Chesapeake House). (03/07/12)
- Approval of the procurement of **EZ Pass transponders** through an intergovernmental cooperative purchasing agreement that will enhance an interstate interoperability toll program. Under the new contract, the cost of transponders for users will be \$9, down from previous cost of \$21. (04/04/12)
- Approval of a contract to implement **cell phone managed access services at the Department of Corrections' MD Transition Center** to eliminate illegal cell phone use. Instead of using a jamming technology, the contractor, Tecore Networks, will differentiate between authorized and unauthorized cellular devices within the target area. (04/18/12)
- Award of a construction contract to build a new **athletic team building** on the East Campus of **Salisbury University** to Harkins Contracting, Inc. (05/02/12)
- To better serve the mass transit needs of Southern Maryland and to support commuter bus service to Washington, DC, approval was given for the construction of the **Charlotte Hall Park & Ride Facility** and for the acquisition of property necessary for construction of the **Dunkirk Park & Ride Project**. (05/02/12)
- Approval of a construction management contract for a new **youth detention center at Cheltenham Youth Center** in Prince George's County. A Project Labor Agreement is one of the assessment factors for this contract. (05/23/12)
- **State Employee/Retiree Health Care:** Approval was given for a 5-year, \$2.43 billion contract with Express Scripts, Inc. to provide pharmacy benefits management and **prescription coverage** for State of Maryland employees and retirees. (02/08/12)

- **Prisoner Health Care:** Action was taken on three health care contracts for inmate health services for:
  - Medical Care and Utilization Management Services contract award with Wexford Health Sources, Inc.: 5 year contract (05/02/12)
  - Mental Health Services contract award with MHM Correctional Service of MD, Inc.: 5 year contract (05/02/12)
  - Refusal by the BPW to award a new contract to Diamond Pharmacy Services in the face of a protest (12/21/11), and the extension of the existing Pharmacy Program contract with Correct Rx Pharmacy Services for six months pending determination of a protest at the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals. (01/25/12)

### **Information Technology**

- Approval for the Maryland State Lottery Commission to **lease 4719 Video Lottery Terminals** (“VLTs”) for the Anne Arundel County slots facility at a cost of \$168 million. (12/21/11)

### **BWI Marshall Airport**

- Approval for \$100M expedited procurement with a phased construction schedule for improvements at BWI Marshall to facilitate the merger between Southwest and AirTran Airlines. Improvements will include a new security checkpoint at lower level Concourse A to add screening capacity and efficiency and to increase the throughput of passengers through security and an expansion of the existing terminal between Concourses B and C creating a continuous airside connector for Concourses A, B and C. (12/07/11)
- Approval of the reimbursement of costs related to the relocation of the Silver Diner in order to accommodate the merger of Southwest and AirTran Airlines by creating a connector between Concourses B and C that would allow passengers to travel between the two without having to go through a security checkpoint and expanding Concourse C. Silver Diner, located at the top of Concourse B, will be affected by the Concourse B/C. Maryland Aviation Administration may be paying up to \$3,534,848 in order to keep Silver Diner as a tenant at BWI and to relocate Silver Diner to accommodate the Southwest/AirTran merger improvements. (03/07/11)
- Approval of the award of a contract to BWI Taxi Management, Inc. for the exclusive right to operate and manage the **airport taxicab ground transportation concession service** at BWI Airport. BWI Taxi Management, Inc. is the incumbent provider of these services. Under the terms of the lease and concession contract, there will be no change in the number of cabs operating at BWI Marshall or in the percentage of owner-operated cabs as compared to leased cabs. (04/18/12)

### **State Property Tax Rate**

- Set the State Real Property Tax Rate based upon the recommendation of the Commission on State Debt. The Rate remained unchanged at 11.2 cents per \$100 of the full assessed value of real property other than that of public utilities and 28.0 cents per \$100 of the full assessed value of real property of public utilities. (04/18/12)

### **Bonds**

- Adoption of a Resolution for the sale of \$736,340,000 of State of Maryland General Obligation Bonds:
  1. Negotiated Sale: \$56,085,000
  2. Competitive Sale: \$543,915,000
  3. Refunding Bonds: \$136,340,000 (03/07/12)
- Authorized the sale of \$105 million in refunding bonds by the Maryland Stadium Authority that resulted in:
  - Removing \$82 million in variable rate debt;
  - Terminating an interest rate swap agreement with AIG; and
  - Savings from the refunding equal to \$1.7 million. (12/07/11)
- Adopted Resolutions authorizing the issuance and sale by the Maryland Department of Transportation of its Consolidated Transportation Bonds, Series 2012 in an amount not to exceed \$260 million at a public sale to occur on or before June 30, 2012.

## **INVESTMENT DIVISION**

The Treasurer's conservative investment policy and practices have protected the investment portfolio through these continued volatile and unprecedented economic times. It is a true accomplishment in this environment to report that all principal is intact and a modest but continuous return has been earned on the portfolio. The par value of the General Fund investment portfolio for May 31, 2012 was \$4,811,128,892.46 as compared to May 31, 2011 when it was \$5,299,320,073.06. This is a decrease of over \$488 million dollars.

On May 31, 2012, the portfolio was earning an average of 1.042%, compared to 2.185% for the same date in 2011. The lower return reflects the impact of the Federal Open Market Committee maintaining the Fed Funds Target rate at .25% or less since December 16, 2008. For comparison, the three month constant maturity Treasury bill averaged .046% from July 2011 until the end of May 2012 as compared with .124% for the same time period in the previous fiscal year. The low rate environment combined with the highly conservative portfolio strategy focused on liquidity to offset unpredictable and volatile cash flows has resulted in continued moderate but positive interest earned.

The General Fund gross interest earnings received year-to-date for FY 2012 are \$65,546,816 as compared with \$121,431,955 received for the same time period in FY 2011. The over \$55 million decline in interest received is directly attributable to the continued lower interest rate environment combined with the increased liquid balances which earn a lower return.

The following chart tracks the impact of the legislation passed last fiscal year to reduce the number of individual Agency accounts that receive an interest allocation from the total interest earned on the investment portfolio. It should be remembered that as the total General Fund portfolio decreases, the proportion of Agency Funds to General Funds increases and therefore their allocated share increases.

**Total Interest Earned  
% of Total Interest Earned Allocated to State Agencies**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Net General Fund</b>	<b>Allocated to State Agencies</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of Total Allocated to State Agencies</b>
<b>2000</b>	121,951,720	103,173,287	225,125,007	46%
<b>2001</b>	136,981,074	144,249,899	281,230,973	51%
<b>2002</b>	82,641,807	66,399,769	149,041,576	45%
<b>2003</b>	37,205,637	42,240,523	79,446,160	53%
<b>2004</b>	25,037,345	29,053,449	54,090,794	54%
<b>2005</b>	52,886,074	54,538,463	107,424,537	51%
<b>2006</b>	149,613,238	109,222,108	258,835,346	42%
<b>2007</b>	150,798,001	205,589,917	356,387,918	58%
<b>2008</b>	155,170,184	207,179,098	362,349,282	57%
<b>2009</b>	102,768,740	142,619,087	245,387,827	58%
<b>2010</b>	44,190,425	87,921,654	132,112,079	67%
<b>2011</b>	53,002,765	87,698,955	140,701,720	62%
<b>May-2012</b>	24,044,082	41,502,734	65,546,816	63%

The Securities Lending Program continues to provide additional revenue. The program has earned \$416,491.78 so far in FY 2012. This compares with \$269,869.96 for the same period in FY 2011. The Federal Reserve and Federal Treasury programs designed to add liquidity to the financial markets which reduced borrowers' need for the securities in the State's portfolio is being scaled back.

The Office continues to increase MBE participation in the investment of State funds. Twenty-two MBE broker/dealers are on the Office's approved list for FY 2012 and they have handled investments of \$718 million so far this fiscal year. This compares

with FY 2011, when the Office had 19 approved MBE broker/dealers who handled \$839 million in investments by the end of May.

The Maryland Local Government Investment Pool (MLGIP) AAAM rating was reaffirmed by Standard and Poor's on March 26, 2012. The pool balance at May 31, 2012 was \$3,037,720,182.80 compared with \$2,930,626,885.08 for the same date in 2011. This is an increase of over \$100 million dollars due to the lack of safe, short-term investment alternatives for Investment Pool members at a comparable yield. The MLGIP is paying .13% as of May 31, 2012 as compared with .12% last year. The MLGIP is in total compliance with the new Money Market rules and regulations.

The Office continues to invest according to the officially adopted State Treasurer's Investment Policy, which sets out investment goals, priorities and constraints. The overriding goal is to assure sufficient liquidity to maintain uninterrupted funding of State government and legislated payments. As revenues have become less predictable and more volatile, the strategy has been adjusted to ensure liquidity. The STO continues to review and compare our cash management and investment policies and practices with those of peer AAA-rated States to ensure best practices are followed and implemented.

## **DEBT MANAGEMENT DIVISION**

### **Ratings**

Maryland is one of eight states with AAA ratings from all three rating agencies. The states are Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia, Missouri, Iowa and Utah. The State Treasurer's Office maintains frequent contact with the rating agencies and schedules conference calls with each of them prior to every bond sale as we did on February 13, 2012 just prior to the sale of 2012 First Series General Obligation Bonds. Participating in the most recent conference call were the Treasurer, Comptroller, Secretary of Budget and Management, Director of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates, Executive Director of the Maryland State Retirement Agency, and the Director of Policy Analysis for the Department of Legislative Services and staff.

In late February 2012, Moody's Investors Service, Standard & Poor's (S&P) and Fitch Ratings all affirmed the State's AAA rating. Moody's retained the assignment of a negative outlook due to the State's macroeconomic linkages to the U.S. government (to which Moody's has also assigned a negative outlook). S&P and Fitch have also expressed concerns about the effect of federal budget reductions on Maryland's credit but have also noted the State's response to any such impacts will affect their assessment.

### *Excerpts from Ratings Reports*

Generally, there is consensus among the rating agencies in evaluating the State's credit strengths and weaknesses. All three agencies cite Maryland's economy and fiscal management as a credit positive. The State's unfunded pension liability continues to be a

credit challenge, although each agency recognizes the State's recent reform efforts. The following summarizes the most recent reports:

Fitch Ratings, in assigning the AAA rating and stable outlook, noted:

- *Debt oversight is strong and centralized, and the debt burden is moderate. The State has policies to maintain debt affordability, and the constitution requires GO and transportation bonds to amortize within 15 years.*
- *Pension funding levels have deteriorated, although the State is undertaking extensive pension and other post-employment benefit (OPEB) reforms.*
- *The State has a diverse, wealthy economy, benefiting from its proximity to the nation's capital.*
- *Financial operations are conservative, and the State maintains a Rainy Day Fund to manage revenue cyclicity. The State took repeated action during the course of the recession to address projected budget gaps, including raising tax revenues, cutting spending, and using Rainy Day and other balances.*

Moody's cited the following factors that could lead to a downgrade:

- *Economic and financial deterioration that results in deficits and continued draw downs of reserves without a plan for near-term replenishment.*
- *Failure to adhere to the State's tradition of conservative fiscal management.*
- *A State economy that does not rebound in tandem with the rest of the country.*
- *Failure to adhere to plans to address low pension funded ratios.*

S&P's rating rationale notes the following:

- *Diverse, broad-based economy, which has historically outperformed the national economy;*
- *Strong wealth and income levels, coupled with unemployment that remains below the national average through economic cycles;*
- *Long history of prudent fiscal management, including making difficult decisions to restore structural budget balance; and*
- *Moderate debt burden; enhancing this are a clearly defined debt-affordability model limiting annual issuance and the maintenance of ratios within reasonable limits, including a constitutional 15-year debt maturity schedule.*

The State Treasurer's Office sends copies of the ratings reports for each bond sale to all members of the General Assembly and current reports are also available on the Treasurer's website at [www.treasurer.state.md.us](http://www.treasurer.state.md.us).

### *Discussions with Rating Agencies*

As of the date of this report, there have been no further rating actions. The Treasurer's Office has provided the rating agencies regular updates on the fiscal year 2013 budget package and the 2012 Special Session. The next conference call with the rating agencies is expected on July 10, 2012, prior to the sale of the 2012 Second Series General Obligation Bonds.

### **Closed Financing - General Obligation Bonds**

Since our last report, the State completed the successful sale of \$738.4 million of General Obligation Bonds in three series. The Series A bonds, totaling \$56.1 million, were sold exclusively to retail investors with first priority to Maryland citizens and \$543.9 million of Series B bonds were sold in a competitive sale primarily to institutions. The Series A and Series B bonds provided \$600.0 million, at a historically low TIC (True Interest Cost) of 2.40%, to finance investments in capital projects critical to our State. The Series C bonds totaled \$138.4 million to advance refund certain outstanding General Obligation Bonds. The refunding bonds saved taxpayers \$10.2 million in interest costs.

### **Closed Financing – Leases**

The Capital Lease-Financing Program allows State agencies to acquire equipment and pay for those items over a three, five, or ten year time frame. Since December 1, 2011, \$4.6 million in capital equipment was leased by State agencies through the State Treasurer's Office. On June 5, 2012, the State Treasurer's Office will finalize the financing of another equipment lease totaling \$1.2 million.

The Treasurer's Office also finances Energy Performance Leases in cooperation with the Department of General Services (DGS), providing funding for energy conservation at State facilities. The program finances significant up-front investments in conservation projects; the lease is paid using the savings in operating costs. Two energy leases totaling \$10.8 million have been financed since December 1, 2011.

### **2012 Financing Plans**

The next General Obligation Tax-Exempt financing of approximately \$540 million is planned for late July – early August 2012. The sale is expected to include \$20 million of taxable bonds and, including \$15 million of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs), is planned for late July – early August 2012. The State Treasurer's Office expects to again offer a retail component of the tax-exempt bonds with first priority to Maryland citizens. Throughout the year, the Office monitors interest rates to gauge refunding opportunities that meet present value savings criteria in debt policy. If these benchmarks are met, refunding bonds could also be issued.

The Treasurer's Office encourages legislators and all interested persons to attend the pricing calls for the negotiated sales which are tentatively scheduled for July 27 and

July 30, 2012 and/or the competitive sale on August 1. Please contact the State Treasurer's Office for the locations and times if you are interested.

### **Status of the Annuity Bond Fund**

Debt service on General Obligation Bonds is paid from the Annuity Bond Fund and the primary source of revenue for this fund is real property tax receipts. The Commission on State Debt met and released its annual report on April 16, 2012. In fiscal year 2013, no appropriations from the General Fund are necessary to support general obligation debt service. Assuming current property tax rates of 11.2 cents per \$100 of assessed value of real property, other than that of public utilities, and 28 cents per \$100 of assessed value of real property of public utilities are maintained and other assumptions remain as currently estimated, a General Fund subsidy is projected for fiscal years 2014 through 2017. The complete report is available on the Treasurer's website at <http://www.treasurer.state.md.us/debtmanagement/csd-reports.aspx>.

### **Capital Debt Affordability Committee (CDAC)**

CDAC meetings are scheduled on July 16 and August 22 to review the size and condition of State and Higher Education debt, the State's capital program and rating agency reports. Throughout the summer the Committee will conduct an affordability analysis to review projected debt authorizations in light of the affordability benchmarks that tax-supported debt outstanding should not exceed 4% of personal income and tax-supported debt service should not exceed 8% of revenues. Based on prior analyses, the State Treasurer's Office expects continued pressure on the debt service to revenues ratio of 8.0%.

CDAC is scheduled to meet on September 24 to recommend the total amount of new State debt that prudently may be authorized for the next fiscal year and the annual increase for future years. The Committee will also recommend the amount of new bonds for academic facilities for the next fiscal year by the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland and the Baltimore City Community College. Meeting materials and the final 2012 CDAC Report will be available on the Treasurer's website.

## **BANKING SERVICES DIVISION**

The primary mission of the Banking Services Division (BSD) is to manage and control relationships with vendors providing banking services for the State of Maryland, to anticipate agency banking requirements and respond timely to agency requests.

The Division is directly responsible for managing the banking needs for all agencies of the State. Over the past six months, BSD continued to be actively involved in the conversion of lockbox processing to the new statewide lockbox provider, Citibank N.A. The initial phase of this transition is nearing completion with the first two agencies, the Comptroller's Revenue Administration Division and the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation's Contributions Division, scheduled to implement with their

first lock boxes with Citibank during June 2012. These two agencies represent approximately 60% of total statewide lockbox volume. Utilizing Citibank's enhanced imaging capabilities and on-line, real-time access; both agencies anticipate a significant decrease in the amount of "exception" processing. Agency personnel will now be able to review, research, and resolve most exception items on-line. The result will be faster processing of exception deposits and reduced paper flow between the lockbox provider and agencies. The remaining 24 agencies will be converted during the second half of 2012.

Banking Services continues to ensure the accurate and timely recordation of State funds and the reconciliation of the State's bank accounts to the State's R\*STARS accounting system. The Division must account for the receipt of all warranted deposits and the disbursement of all warranted payments. To meet these responsibilities, a comprehensive daily cash reconciliation is performed which allows Banking services to proactively resolve agency banking issues. Even as the volume of transactions has increased, the processes and controls developed by BSD continue to result in a timely, accurate, and well documented reconciliation of the State's cash accounts. For FY 2012, total cash receipts and disbursements each exceeded \$140 billion through May 31<sup>st</sup> and the State's bank accounts continued to be reconciled to the penny on a daily basis to the State's general ledger.

In addition to the reconciliation duties, the Division performs daily operational functions that are critical to the movement of funds into and out of the State's bank accounts and to the recordation of these transactions in R\*STARS. These include:

- Processing the drawdown of funds from federal programs and grants
- Initiating Fed wire payments
- Managing foreign currency transactions
- Processing check stop payments, cancellations and reissues
- Initiating replacement checks for failed ACH payments
- Providing transaction research assistance to State agencies
- Managing the Unpresented and Undeliverable Check Funds
- Recordation in R\*STARS of all bank adjustments
- Maintenance of tables to allow for accurate posting of electronic receipts

During the past six months, BSD worked with several agencies in streamlining their receivables collection processes through implementation of the Bank of America Payment Collection Gateway (PCG) service:

- Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA) implemented PCG as part of an initiative to allow insurance companies to file and pay their premium taxes on the MIA website.
- Maryland Department of Natural Resources (DNR) began utilizing PCG to process collections from their sports license vendors. This allowed DNR to transition from an older telephone based voice response system. Additionally, DNR began collecting licensing fees over the internet and at their regional service centers.

- Maryland Port Administration (MPA) and Department of General Services (DGS) have begun initiatives to implement on-line collections of parking fees from cruise passengers at the cruise terminal parking facility and the online auctioning of surplus State property.

BSD continued to work with the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) and NIC USA (NIC), on the implementation of self-funded eGovernment applications using a centralized web portal. The Department of Agriculture was the first agency to begin using these services to collect fees from the waste kitchen grease disposal program. The Motor Vehicle Administration began testing in anticipation of collections for driver and vehicle record information.

The Division is assisting the Comptroller's Revenue Administration Division (RAD) in implementing Bank of America Image Cash Letter (ICL) Service. The ICL service will allow RAD to deposit tax check receipts via transmission of an image file vs. the physical delivery of paper checks to the bank. Once completed, this service will result in faster availability of funds and a reduction in armored courier fees.

Another responsibility of the Division is to ensure protection of all State funds on deposit with financial institutions through monitoring of bank account and collateral balances. Utilizing the Treasurer's Bank Account Information System (TBAIS) Banking, Services monitors over 1,800 agency bank accounts at 23 financial institutions. Total posted collateral as of March 31, 2012 was \$479 million.

The Banking Services continues to serve as the State's authority for the development, control and maintenance of statewide policies and procedures for banking products and services. We continually strive to stay at the forefront of changes in banking products and services offered in the financial industry. The Division will continue to explore new financial products and improved data delivery methods that will increase its capabilities to provide efficient, cost-saving, banking services to Maryland State agencies.

## **INSURANCE DIVISION**

The Insurance Division is responsible for administering the State's Insurance Program which is comprised of both commercial and self-insurance. Commercial insurance policies are procured to cover catastrophic property and liability losses, and other obligations derived from State contracts, statutes and regulations. Among the several exposures covered by commercial policies are State maintained toll bridges and tunnels, the Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, the Port, rail operations, assorted professional liability exposures and student athlete accidents. The State also self-insures a significant portion of its exposures and maintains the State Insurance Trust Fund to pay claims and the costs associated with handling those claims. Self-insurance coverage includes State-owned real and personal property, vehicles, and liability claims covered under the Maryland Tort Claims Act.

The Insurance Division is comprised of four units: Underwriting, Claims, Tort Litigation Management and Loss Prevention. The Division's goal is to provide statewide risk management through loss protection (Underwriting), loss restoration (Claims and Tort Litigation Management), and loss control (Loss Prevention).

## **Underwriting**

The Underwriting Unit in the Insurance Division procures broker services for the purchase of commercial insurance to protect the State Insurance Trust Fund from catastrophic loss, to meet statutory or regulatory requirements, and for compliance with agency contractual agreements. Underwriting Unit highlights for the past six months include the following:

The Maryland Port Administration (MPA) has a liability policy that renewed on January 31, 2012. The primary coverage was renewed with Allianz, and the total renewal premium was \$660,812 plus the broker fee, **saving MPA \$34,760**. This was a very good renewal especially in light of the fact that Allianz paid a large loss of \$400,000 during the past year that occurred in the 2009/10 policy term.

The Unit buys commercial marine liability insurance to cover State-owned watercraft. In the January 1, 2012 renewal the broker was able to negotiate the addition of towing and labor coverage. The expiring premium was \$40,082 for 990 vessels, and the renewal premium with improved coverage is \$43,855 for 1046 vessels.

The statewide excess property coverage renewed April 1, 2012. The insurance carriers were seeking rate increases of 15%-20% because of 2011 world-wide catastrophic losses.

The Unit provided the broker additional details on State-owned buildings to help minimize the anticipated rate increase, and the broker successfully negotiated with the insurance carriers to limit the rate increase to 11.7%. Other factors affecting the renewal pricing was a large fire loss with estimated damages of \$5,000,000 in November 2011 as well as property values going up 10.9%. The renewal also includes ten property inspections provided by the insurance carrier which will help prevent future claims. The expiring premium was \$3,461,782 and the renewal premium is \$4,264,194.

The Underwriting Unit frequently addresses agencies' questions about commercial insurance and self-insurance coverage and has worked on special projects with at least six State agencies.

- An annual meeting was held in March to include the Maryland Aviation Administration, our insurance broker, the insurance carrier and representatives of the State Treasurer' Office Insurance Division, in advance of the August 2012 policy renewal. The meeting was held at the BWI Fire and Rescue building and included a briefing on fire and rescue operations on and off airport premises. There was a video shown of a fire suppression training exercise, and both the

history and future plans were discussed. Open claims, and available loss control services for both BWI and Martin State Airport were reviewed and discussed.

- The meeting with the Maryland State Police Aviation Command (MSPAC) was held in March at their headquarters, and included our insurance broker, insurance carrier, and representatives of the State Treasurer's Office Insurance Division. The meeting was held to provide an open forum for MSPAC to present their accomplishments and future plans directly to the insurance carrier and the Insurance Division. MSPAC has worked closely with the Federal Aviation Administration to exceed the minimum safety requirements. The contract for new helicopters is being finalized with the first delivery expected in 2012. The meeting topics included but were not limited to operational and training updates, a possible flight simulator purchase, new dispatch software, new maintenance tracking software, medical insurance provider billing study, a review of the number of bases needed, and the final response to the National Transportation Safety Board recommendations after the tragic crash in 2008. The information supplied is in advance of the June 30, 2012 renewal.
- The Underwriting Manager worked with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) regarding insurance requirements in the final phase of the RFP for operations and maintenance on their Camden and Brunswick lines. A conference call included MTA staff and the insurance broker.
- The Unit received requests from three State agencies including DGS, UMCES, and Towson, to assist them with the insurance requirements in agreements with other public entities, and for leasing State-owned land and facilities to others.

The Underwriting Unit had two good opportunities to meet with insurance brokers and insurance carriers in the first half of 2012. The first was in March when an Aon London broker was in town to discuss the London insurance market and how it would affect the MTA liability renewal in July. The second was a rare opportunity for the Underwriting Manager, two of our local brokers, and the President and CEO of Aon Bermuda, to meet with three foreign and domestic insurance carriers to discuss recent and future renewals. The insurance carrier representatives in this meeting either insure or participate in insuring five State insurance liabilities with annual insurance premiums totaling over \$13,818,000.

## **Claims**

The Insurance Division's Claims Unit investigates and resolves liability claims filed under the Maryland Tort Claims Act, Md State Gov't Code Ann. §12-101 *et seq.* The Unit also handles claims for damage to State-owned property arising from sudden and accidental perils such as collision and comprehensive losses to autos, and a number of other perils such as fire, hail, lightning, and wind which may cause damage to State structures, equipment, and contents.

### Greenhouse Explosion at UMES

A build-up of noxious gases from the tenant's improper storage of peat moss in a hydroponic greenhouse at the University of Maryland, Eastern Shore, resulted in a major explosion just days after Thanksgiving. Damage estimates approach \$5 million. The University's restoration efforts will continue into FY13.

The Claims Unit and the commercial carrier are working to help the University restore the damage under the State's self-insurance and the commercial coverage. They are also collaborating to recover the damage expenses from the tenant who is domiciled in China.

The Claims Supervisor supported the Loss Prevention Manager's efforts in providing the University with strategies and loss control measures designed to prevent future greenhouse losses.

### Post Catastrophe Updates

#### Hurricane Irene

Nearly one year has passed since Hurricane Irene struck Maryland. The Claims Unit and the commercial carrier adjusters determined that 14 State agencies suffered approximately \$779,000 in damage. By contrast, in September, 2003, over 20 agencies sustained approximately \$5,000,000 in damage from Tropical Storm Isabel. The Department of Natural Resources suffered the majority of the State's damage (approximately \$500,000) when Irene destroyed several State park structures such as boat ramps and pavilions. Other agencies reported damage to buildings and contents caused by flooding, wind and wind driven water. To date, approximately \$113,500 has been reimbursed from the State Insurance Trust Fund and seven agency claims have been closed.

#### Earthquake

Inspections continue to State-owned property as agencies discover more damage from the 5.8 magnitude earthquake that shook Maryland last summer. The commercial carrier and the Claims Unit have engaged structural engineers and other experts to evaluate the extent of the damage reported statewide. The Claims Unit and commercial carrier are working to derive an aggregate damage estimate. At this time, it appears unlikely that the damage will exceed the State's \$2,500,000 self-insured property coverage.

### **Tort Litigation Management**

The Litigation Manager works closely with the Office of the Attorney General to proactively resolve these matters by investigating and evaluating cases, providing settlement authority or when necessary, by briefing the Insurance Review Committee on high dollar value settlements, and by attending settlement conferences and other court

mandated activities. The Litigation Manager also works closely with the claims adjusters to provide feedback on investigations conducted by the adjuster. The Litigation Manager may also brief an adjuster on the status of certain litigation claims of interest.

The Litigation Manager tracks the reason for or actual method of disposition of all cases closed. The Tort Unit handles a rolling docket of 120 suits at any one point in time. The disposition reason or method of each case disposed of between July 1, 2011 and May 31, 2012, is noted in the following table:

Disposition	Reason or Method	Count
Dismissal	Motions granted	30
	Notice of claim not provided	0
	State not served	0
	Non – State	0
	Voluntary w/o prejudice	4
	Voluntary w/prejudice	4
Verdict	Adverse	3
	State	5
Settlement	Pre trial settlement	11
	Pre trial settlement conference	9
	Mediation	4
	Settlement at trial	0
	Post trial settlement	0
TOTAL CASES CLOSED AS OF MAY 31, 2012		70

### Loss Prevention

The Division often receives requests from State agencies for information about how to determine what type or how much insurance is required for various reasons including, when entering into contracts, Requests for Proposal, and lease agreements. In response to these requests, the Loss Prevention Manager developed a “Minimum Insurance Requirements” guidance document to assist State personnel. The Division consulted with the State’s insurance brokers and with the Office of the Attorney General to develop the guidelines.

A 5-year loss analysis of State colleges and universities was completed in March 2012. The University of Maryland, College Park, University of Maryland, Baltimore, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore were selected for further examination due to their high hazard and/or high severity property claims. The following month, the Insurance Division met individually with the University of Maryland, College Park, University of Maryland Baltimore, and the University of Maryland Baltimore County; and discussions were held with University of Maryland Eastern Shore in response to the greenhouse fire. Each discussion centered on property claims trends, loss control, and the corrective actions taken to minimize future losses.

The State's insurance carrier provided a free live-webcast on flood planning. An invitation was extended to the colleges and universities, due to repetitive water damage claims caused by heavy rain events and localized flooding on various campuses. The webcast provided tips to help entities reduce damage and downtime so that operations can be quickly restored following a flood event. The webcast topics included facility audits, pre-planning, and elements of a flood emergency plan; precautions to take before, during and after a flood, and claim reporting.

In April 2012, Bowie State University participated in the Aerial Infrared Testing program. The university requested the service after learning about it during the State insurance program workshop last November. The purpose of testing is to identify the location of moisture penetration of roofing systems before there are visible signs, structural damage or business interruption. With the results of this analysis and implementation of preventive measures, State agencies, colleges and universities can significantly extend the life of roofing structures while reducing maintenance expenditures and potential property-related claims.

The Electrical Infrared Testing program for 2012 began in May, with the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and Frostburg State University. These inspections provide valuable information on the condition of equipment in State agency facilities. Thermographic imaging identifies potential equipment failures and loose connections that create heat that can be imaged to show the exact location of a threat so that appropriate action can be taken before costly repairs and downtime are incurred.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION**

The Information Technology (IT) Division provides a platform of integrated systems that include midrange, server, and web based hardware hosting customized and industry standard applications and communications that support the State Treasurer's Office's (STO) operations.

Over the last six months, the IT Division worked with the Office's Divisions and our State agency clients to support many changes and upgrades. The IT Division added enhancements to the Treasurer's Bank Account Information System (TBAIS) including a Stat Dashboard, a utility to globally change Bank ID's due to bank mergers, added a bank account notes feature, and added the Web X-1 number field to TBAIS for cross reference and tracking. Additional programming is currently in progress and will bring new functionality to bank collateral and account interest reporting and tracking.

Other projects included adding R\*STARS information to the Investment Division's Interest Allocation process, automation of Annual Loss Queries and creation of new programs to link Urepresented and Undeliverable checks in FMIS. The IT and Investment Division worked with the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to create a new daily report for Investments that will identify the total dollars and specific large dollar payments that are pending in FMIS. The hope is that this report will complement the Investments Division's existing process for estimating and funding daily disbursements. A Task Order RFP (TORPF) was completed for programmers to assist

with the maintenance of programs that support the State's disbursement operations, Banking Division's reconciliation of deposits and disbursements, Investment Division's reporting and the Insurance Division's Claim Management application.

IT continued to work to enhance operations with State agencies by implementing a more streamlined communications process for Quik Pay checks that shortens the processing time and ensures same day reconciliation and adding a Direct Debit option for vendor payments of Admissions & Amusement fees.

The Network Services staff maintained their support of all network, firewall, email, web, file and application server hardware and software for the agency. Additional responsibilities include maintaining reliable PC hardware and software built via a standard image. This standard provides the staff with the ability to utilize automated scripts for the deployment of security, anti-virus and application patches. They also maintain all custom software utilized within the agency, including, but not limited to, Mun-ease, Sungard, LAS (Leave Accounting System), M&T Check Viewer, Matter Tracker, PTX Viewer, Rumba, J-Walk, NGS Query, Orgplus and the entire MS Office Suite including MS Project. Recent accomplishments include upgrades of network server spam, antivirus, backup software, and the installation of updated server hardware drivers and firmware that ensures the continuation of a reliable infrastructure. Recent projects include the support of another successful retail (BuyMarylandBonds.com) and competitive bond sale in March 2012.

Disaster Recovery (DR) planning is an important responsibility of the Division. In March of this year, the Division executed a Disaster Recovery test at our DR vendor's office. The DR Team replicated an actual workday that included the retrieval, processing, printing and transmission of the files from the ADC mainframe to the disbursement bank. The test system was a mirror copy of our production system that included all of our customized programs and software that are necessary to keep the money moving. Other testing included the receipt and formatting of State deposit files from our depository bank and the generation of reconciliation reports. This test, like many in the past, always results in new ideas and streamlined methods to better prepare the Office for an actual contingency.

***As noted in the opening section of this Report, present revenue and market conditions continue to impact the operations and achievements of the State Treasurer's Office in many ways. The Treasurer appreciates the opportunity to provide this report to the Legislative Policy Committee on a regular schedule. A copy of this report is also available on the State Treasurer's website: [www.treasurer.state.md.us](http://www.treasurer.state.md.us). If the Committee or its members would care to pursue further these or other STO developments, or any other aspects of the Treasurer's activities, please call the Treasurer at (410) 260-7160 or Chief Deputy Treasurer, Bernadette T. Benik at (410) 260-7390.***