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During the 2017 Interim

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Annapolis, Maryland

June 2017
Review of Legislative Committees Authorized to Function During the 2017 Legislative Interim

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- Management of Public Funds, Joint Committee on the
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to you regarding the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee’s 2017 interim schedule.

In the fall, the full committee will attend the fiscal briefing with the Spending Affordability Committee and the House Appropriations and Ways and Means committees. As always, if other matters arise that require the attention of the committee, briefings will be scheduled. Additionally, members of the committee will be busy serving on other task forces and workgroups.

The committee is looking forward to continuing our work for the citizens of Maryland. As always, your input regarding our interim schedule and participation in any of the meetings is welcome.

Sincerely,

Edward J. Kasemeyer
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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate
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The Honorable Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in response to your request for an agenda of the proposed 2017 interim work of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

Alcoholic Beverages Laws and Regulation

Immediately following the conclusion of the Legislative Session, Comptroller Peter Franchot announced that he would convene a task force entitled “Reform on Tap” to review alcoholic beverages laws that govern the manufacture, distribution, and sale of Maryland craft beer. The group will hold its first meeting on May 24, 2017, and the membership roster includes Senator Salling and Senator Young, among other legislators. The task force will continue to hold meetings until late October, at which time recommendations are anticipated. Because any changes to the alcoholic beverages laws of the State will require the approval of the General Assembly, the committee intends to follow closely the work of this task force and to hold briefings or hearings, as appropriate, in order to best inform its members of the substance of the issues and any recommendations made by the group.

Education

The Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) is the most recent re-authorization of the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which provides federal funds for elementary and secondary education. During the Legislative Session, House Bill 978 Education – Accountability – Consolidated State Plan and Support and Improvement Plans was enacted to require the State’s accountability plan (State Plan) to include specified school quality and academic indicators, as well as to establish a composite score that provides for meaningful differentiation of schools. The State Board of Education (State Board) will review a draft State Plan at its meeting on June 27, 2017. Shortly thereafter, the State Board will submit the draft State Plan to the Legislative Policy Committee (LPC), in addition to soliciting further public comment and review from interested stakeholders, including the Governor’s Office. The
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Committee is very interested in the draft State Plan, both to monitor compliance with House Bill 978 and to understand the elements of the State Plan that go beyond what was required in the legislation. The committee intends to serve as a resource to LPC in reviewing and commenting on the draft State Plan as well as to be briefed by the State Board regarding the draft State Plan. A final State Plan must be submitted to the United States Department of Education by September 18, 2017.

Election Law

In late April, the Office of Legislative Audits released an audit report critical of some of the operations and practices of the State Board of Elections (State Board), particularly in the areas of ballot security, voter registration information protection and integrity, disaster preparedness, contracting, and financial management. In response, the State Administrator of Elections acknowledged and agreed with most of the auditor’s findings, but stated that most of the deficiencies have been addressed. To gain additional information and insight into the audit findings and the State Board’s response to the findings, the committee plans to hold a briefing with representatives of the Office of Legislative Audits and the State Board concerning this matter.

Health Occupations

The committee referred Senate Bill 611 Health Occupations – Requirements for the Practice of Optometry – Miscellaneous Revisions to Interim Study. This bill would have altered various provisions of law that relate to the practice of optometry, including the authority to administer topical ocular diagnostic pharmaceutical agents. Senator Zucker and Senator Pinsky will co-chair a workgroup that will hold several meetings to explore the issues raised by the legislation. The House Health and Government Operations Committee will be invited to contribute and collaborate. Recommendations to the committee are anticipated by November 1, 2017.

Public Safety/Housing

During the 2017 Legislative Session, the committee heard testimony on Senate Bill 722 Public Safety – Light Frame Combustible Construction – Requirements. Among other things, the bill would have required the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to adopt by regulation statewide building codes concerning fire safety features for specified buildings over three stories high that are constructed with light frame combustible construction. Additionally, the bill would have prohibited a multi-family construction project that uses light
frame combustible methods from proceeding unless a fire watch warden certified by the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) within the Department of State Police is present 24 hours a day.

In late April, a five-alarm fire in a six-story apartment building under construction in College Park, Maryland has caused concerns about fire safety in multi-story buildings under construction to resurface. The fire caused an estimated $39 million in damage, forced the evacuation of a nearby senior center, and closed the University of Maryland campus for a day due to poor air quality. In response, the committee plans to hold a briefing with representatives of DHCD and OSFM concerning this issue.

Further, the committee will participate in site visits and consider other issues that arise or that are referred to it by the Legislative Policy Committee.

Sincerely,

Joan Carter Conway
Chair

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The Senate Finance Committee’s plans for the 2017 interim include briefings on a variety of issues and a site visit. Below is a list of briefings that may be planned for the fall, although some of the briefings may be postponed until early in the 2018 session:

- an update on a variety of energy issues, including energy efficiency programs, the renewable portfolio standard, and onshore and offshore wind projects;

- an update on the regulation of transportation network services by the Public Service Commission and the Maryland Insurance Administration;

- an update on the implementation of the package of bills enacted during the 2016 session that are aimed at reducing the rate of uninsured drivers in the State (Chapters 446/447 – established a Program to Incentivize and Enable Uninsured Vehicle Owners to Be Insured; Chapters 401/402 – required proof of insurance while driving; and Chapters 426/427 – allowed certain drivers to reject personal injury protection coverage);

- a site visit to one of BGE STRIDE projects in Baltimore City, which replace obsolete gas infrastructure to improve safety and reliability;

- a general briefing on insurance company solvency and the role of the Maryland Insurance Administration as the regulator of the financial condition of Maryland’s domestic insurance carriers (“Insurance Company Solvency 101”);

- a briefing on any preliminary findings and recommendations of the Maryland Financial Consumer Protection Commission (Chapter 18 of 2017);

- a briefing on the findings and recommendations of the Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular (Senate Bill 717/House Bill 1619 of 2017);
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- a presentation on the final report of the Workgroup on Rural Health Care Delivery, due on October 1, 2017;

- a briefing on the Maryland Stadium Authority’s Market and Economic Study of Pimlico Racecourse;

- an update on the implementation of federal health care reform in the State, including the status of enrollment in qualified health plans offered in the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange (MHBE) and in Medicaid, a review of rate filings for health plans offered in the individual and small group health insurance markets in the State, efforts to establish standards for health plan networks, and a review of any health reform developments at the federal level that may necessitate State action; and

- a briefing on the adoption and use of electronic health records by health care providers in the State.

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 Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight; the Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology; the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; the Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Disorders; the Task Force to Study Family and Medical Leave Insurance; the Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular; the Maryland Financial Consumer Protection Commission; and the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission.

Please contact me or the committee analysts, Tami Burt, David 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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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is in response to your memorandum requesting a tentative agenda from the Judicial Proceedings Committee for the 2017 interim.

Unless an issue demanding immediate attention should arise, the committee will not meet during the interim.

Sincerely,

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Senator Bobby A. Zirkin
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The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chair
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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to provide the 2017 interim schedule for the House Appropriations Committee
and its standing subcommittees to the Legislative Policy Committee. The full committee will have
a site visit to Southern Maryland on September 6 and 7. Additionally, the full committee will 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.

The Education and Economic Development Subcommittee, The Public Safety and
Administration Subcommittee, and the Transportation and Environment Subcommittee each plan
to have at least one site visit.

The Capital Budget Subcommittee held a briefing on May 2 regarding Baltimore
Clayworks and will join other subcommittees on cross-jurisdictional site visits throughout the
interim.

I welcome any suggestions you may have for the work of the committee and subcommittees
during the interim. The committee and/or subcommittees reserve the right to add additional
meetings or site visits as needed to respond to any other issues that may arise during the interim.

Sincerely,

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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

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 2017 legislative session, we have identified a few issues that require further work during the interim. The committee is in the process of planning a site visit in the fall to visit several pertinent sites and to discuss a broad range of issues. Additionally, starting in the fall, the full committee will meet on general issues as needed.

One bill in the area of labor and employment warrants committee action over the interim. The committee gave House Bill 1511 (Prevailing Wage Rates - Public Work Contracts - Suits by Employees) an unfavorable report and agreed to instead send a letter to the Prevailing Wage Unit under the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation. The purpose of the letter will be to ascertain why workers’ prevailing wage claims are getting resolved or settled before they go on to court, leading to lower recoveries for the workers.

During session, the committee considered Senate Bill 280 and House Bill 1239 (Environment - Nonwoven Disposable Products - Advertising and Labeling). Although the committee did not believe that the bills could move forward, the committee does believe that the issue raised by the bills warrant exploration by interested stakeholders. The committee will gather information regarding possible definitions of nonwoven disposable products and industry practices regarding nonwoven disposable products.

The committee continues to be concerned about a number of issues in the regulation of alcoholic beverages in the State. The operations and oversight of the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners were significantly reformed under House Bill 1317 and Senate Bill 488. The committee will keep an eye on the implementation of this legislation. Much attention was paid to the licensing of general beer manufacturers and their operations under Class 5 licenses in the consideration of House Bill 1283. The committee is keenly interested in the outcome of that legislation and the reopening of a major brewery anticipated by its enactment.
In the area of public utilities, the committee passed House Bill 1002 and Senate Bill 966, which directed the Public Service Commission and the Department of Human Resources to develop a plan for spending certain funds for low-income energy assistance. In conjunction with selected members of the Senate Finance Committee, members will oversee these plans and will review the operation of the Electric Universal Service Program. The committee will also review the work of the new Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service under House Bill 1169, which will explore options for improving telecommunication access in rural areas of the State.

In the related area of renewable energy, the committee will monitor the proceedings of the study of the renewable energy portfolio standard by the Power Plant Research Program in light of the passage of House Bill 1414, and the energy storage study the program will conduct under House Bill 733. The committee will review the activities of the new Maryland Energy Innovation Institute and the coordination of the Maryland Clean Energy Center with it under House Bill 410 and Senate Bill 313.

The committee anticipates receiving recommendations from the Maryland Insurance Administration on strengthening the oversight of travel insurance, as Commissioner Al Redmer is currently chairing a workgroup of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners on this very subject. The committee will also monitor the operations and funding of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund as Senate Bill 910 goes into effect.

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

Sincerely,

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May 31, 2017

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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the following agenda for the Environment and Transportation Committee (committee) for the 2017 interim. The committee has identified several issues for study, as well as one site visit, that stem from either ongoing concerns or legislation considered during the 2017 session.

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

Issues

Motor Vehicles and Transportation

Personal Motor Vehicle Rentals

House Bill 1520 of 2017 would have established a statutory framework for the rental of a personal motor vehicle to another person through the use of a personal motor vehicle rental program. Because of the complexity of the issues raised by this legislation (especially motor vehicle insurance issues), the committee referred the legislation to interim study, to be done in conjunction with the Senate Finance Committee, the Motor Vehicle Administration, the Maryland Insurance Administration, and other interested stakeholders.

Housing and Real Property

Lead-based Paint in Residential Housing

While there are some resources to assist in abating lead-based paint hazards in residential housing, as well as resources to support the Lead Poisoning Prevention Program within the Maryland Department of the Environment, lead-based paint in residential housing remains a significant public health hazard in the State. House Bill 1358 of 2017 would have allowed the State, a local government, or an owner of a residential building to bring an action against a
manufacturer of lead pigment under a market share liability theory for damages caused by the presence of lead-based paint in a residential building. Because of the complexities of the issues relating to standards of liability and responsibility for lead hazard abatement, the committee intends to further examine issues related to House Bill 1358 over the interim.

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Open Space

Forest Conservation

Senate Bill 365 of 2017 would have established the Task Force on the Forest Conservation Act Offset Policy to review and study specified issues relating to the impact of development on forested land and the extent to which forest loss is offset through reforestation policies under the Forest Conservation Act. The committee intends to meet with stakeholders over the interim to further examine forest conservation related issues, including an examination of the Act offset policy.

Environment

Septic Systems

Chapter 280 of 2009 required, among other things, the installation of septic systems that utilize the best available technology (BAT) for nitrogen removal for new construction or replacement systems in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area (Critical Area). Through regulations adopted in 2012, the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) expanded the requirements of Chapter 280 beyond the Critical Area, requiring septic systems that utilize BAT for new construction in the Chesapeake Bay watershed, the Atlantic Coastal Bay watershed, and the watershed of a nitrogen-impaired water body. In 2016, MDE adopted new regulations that retracted the expansions established by the 2012 regulations, among other things. House Bill 281 of 2017 sought to codify the 2012 regulatory requirements for BAT outside of the Critical Area. Recognizing the importance of reducing nutrient pollution to waters of the State, the committee intends to further examine the issue of nitrogen pollution from septic systems, including an evaluation of State and local laws and incentives germane to this issue.

Solar Energy Production

The committee intends to investigate the role of land management as it relates to the utility scale production of solar energy. With the recent and dramatic decreases in the cost of solar energy, it has become apparent that we should consider strategies that would encourage development without unduly impacting current land use and preservation objectives.
Polystyrene

House Bill 229 of 2017 would have placed restrictions on the use of polystyrene products in the food services industry, as well as on the use of polystyrene packaging products, such as packing peanuts. The committee intends to review research relating to the impacts of polystyrene on public health and the environment to ensure that the committee has the most up-to-date information and peer reviewed scientific research to inform its deliberations on the topic.

Full Committee Site Visit

The full committee has plans for one site visit during the interim. Earlier this month, the committee visited the Baltimore County Central Acceptance Facility to learn more about single stream recycling.

Task Forces, Commissions, and Study Groups

- **Task Force to Study Recording Deeds for Victims of Domestic Violence** (established by Chapter 602 of 2016) – membership includes one delegate from the Environment and Transportation Committee, Delegate Anne Healey – final report due December 1, 2017.


- **Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety on Maryland Highways** (established by Chapters 835 and 836 of 2017) – membership includes two senators and two delegates – report due December 31, 2017.

- **Autonomous and Connected Vehicle Working Group** (established by the Motor Vehicle Administration) – members of the Motor Vehicle and Transportation Subcommittee participate in the working group.
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Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House
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 2017 interim. At this time, the committee plans to hold two meetings. The meetings will be held on September 19 and October 3, at 1 p.m. The meetings will include briefings on the following topics:

- findings from the Office of Legislative Audits regarding the Maryland Medical Cannabis Commission in the April 2017 audit report on the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) Regulatory Services;
- a report on the Rural Health Care Delivery Workgroup’s findings and recommendations;
- approved health insurance rates and requirements for health insurance solvency, presented by the Maryland Insurance Administration; and
- a report from DHMH and the Advisory Committee on Prescription Drug Monitoring on Prescription Drug Monitoring Program modifications.

In addition, the committee voted to send to interim study HB 807, Health Occupations – Requirements for the Practice of Optometry – Miscellaneous Revisions and is prepared to handle any additional issues that arise or any matters referred by the Legislative Policy Committee.

Sincerely,

Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass
Chair
Health and Government Operations Committee

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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The House Judiciary Committee has identified the following issue for possible study during the 2017 interim.

On February 7, 2017, the Maryland Court of Appeals approved changes to the Maryland Rules regarding pretrial release of criminal defendants, which will take effect on July 1, 2017. The new rules are designed to promote the release of defendants on their own recognizance or unsecured bond, when necessary. Under the rules, a judicial officer should impose additional conditions on release only if needed to ensure the defendant’s appearance in court; to protect the community, victims, witnesses, or other persons; and to maintain the integrity of the judicial process, as demonstrated by the circumstances of the individual case. Preference should be given to additional conditions without financial terms.

While the amended rules still authorize the imposition of financial conditions of release, the rules (1) establish that unless a judicial officer finds that no permissible nonfinancial condition of release will reasonably ensure the defendant’s appearance in court or public safety, the judicial officer must release the defendant on personal recognizance or unsecured bond, with or without conditions; (2) require a judicial officer to impose the least onerous conditions of release to ensure the defendant’s appearance as required and ensure public safety; and (3) require a judicial officer to consider the specific facts and circumstances applicable to the defendant, including the defendant’s ability to meet financial conditions of release.
The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman
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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee
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In response to these developments, several bills to alter pretrial release procedures in the State were introduced during the 2017 legislative session. However, none of these bills passed.

The committee will continue to study this issue during the upcoming interim.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The House Ways and Means Committee has a full agenda of site visits, briefings, and studies planned for the 2017 interim.

Organizational Meeting and Briefing

On June 15, 2017, the committee will hold an organizational meeting followed by a briefing from the Maryland Stadium Authority on Phase 1 of the Market and Economic Study of Pimlico Race Course.

Site Visits

The committee will visit several locations related to its legislative work. On August 29, 2017, the full committee will visit the Amazon Fulfillment Center and the Under Armour Port Covington campus in Baltimore City, each of which have received significant tax incentives from the city and the State. If time allows, the committee will also visit the Horseshoe Casino. The day will conclude with an Orioles game at Camden Yards.

In October, the full committee will visit several facilities related to the horse racing industry, including Pimlico Race Course in Baltimore City, Laurel Park in Anne Arundel County, and Bowie Race Course Training Center in Prince George’s County.

In the fall, the Education subcommittee will visit several sites to observe innovative uses of technology in schools and educational facilities. The subcommittee will visit two of the following locations: Green Street Academy in Baltimore City, James E. Richmond Science Center in Charles County, Pathways in Technology Early College High School (P-TECH) at Paul Laurence Dunbar High School in Baltimore City, P-TECH at Carver High School in Baltimore City, or P-TECH at Frederick Douglass High School in Prince George’s County.
Summer Studies

The committee will conduct several studies of legislative issues during the summer months. Members of the Revenues subcommittee will review and consider legislation implementing prior recommendations of the Tax Credit Evaluation Committee regarding the One Maryland, Film Production Activity, and Enterprise Zone tax credits.

Members of the Education subcommittee will focus on two bills from the 2017 session that were referred for further study: HB 1351 (Education – Foreign Language Requirement – Computer Programming Language Courses) and HB 1486 (Teachers and Teacher Preparation Programs – Research-Based Reading Instruction).

Briefings

The committee will keep informed about important policy issues through a series of briefings in the fall. In September, the full committee will be briefed on the cybersecurity of election systems, including the findings of the recent audit of the State Board of Elections by the Office of Legislative Audits. If possible, this briefing will be conducted jointly with the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. The Election Law subcommittee will subsequently consider legislative measures to improve the cybersecurity of election systems.

The Revenues subcommittee will hold a briefing on proposals for a new dedicated tax in the Washington, DC region to fund the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. Legislation to authorize a regional tax is expected to be introduced in the 2018 session. The Revenues subcommittee will also be briefed on the most recent reports of the Tax Credit Evaluation Committee concerning the Biotechnology Investment and Research and Development tax credits.

The Education subcommittee will hold briefings on the Achieving College Excellence and Success (ACES) program and one additional topic. The ACES program is a collaborative effort between Montgomery College, Montgomery County Public Schools, and the Universities at Shady Grove to support students and provide a seamless path to a bachelor's degree.

In December, the full committee will hold a briefing on marijuana taxation. Also at this meeting, each subcommittee that studied an issue over the summer will report to the full committee on its findings and recommendations. The Election Law subcommittee will report on its recommendations for improving the cybersecurity of election systems.
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The committee looks forward to a productive interim that will benefit the committee’s work in the 2018 session.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Kaiser
Anne R. Kaiser
Chair

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cc. Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
Mr. Ryan Bishop
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May 24, 2017

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

Senators and Delegates:

As in previous years, the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) anticipates that its 2017 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,

[Signatures]

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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Audit Committee has identified issues to be reviewed during the 2017 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, Stephen Ross or Hannah Dier at (410) 946-5510, if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Sincerely,

Senator Craig J. Zucker
Senate Chairman

Delegate C. William Frick
House Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
    Ms. Carol L. Swan
    Mr. Ryan J. Bishop
Joint Audit Committee  
2017 Interim Schedule  

Location: House Appropriations Committee Room, Annapolis, Maryland  

Senator Craig J. Zucker, Senate Chairman  
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September 13, 2017 (Wednesday) @ 10:00 a.m. – Audits To Be Presented in Annapolis/Items for Consideration  

• Certain Audits Yet To Be Issued  
• Summary of Audit Reports and Recommended Action  

December 5, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 p.m. – Audits To Be Presented in Annapolis/Items for Consideration  

• Certain Audits Yet To Be Issued  
• Fraud Hotline Update Report  
• Report on Follow-up Process and Repeat Audit Findings  
• Update of Summary of Audit Reports and Recommended Action  

Committee Staff: Stephen M. Ross and Hannah E. Dier (410) 946-5510  

Note: Meetings and locations are subject to change. The hearing schedule will contain the most up-to-date information.
Maryland General Assembly
Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area

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May 31, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing in response to your request for an agenda of the proposed 2017 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 2017 interim, the joint committee intends to continue to monitor the ongoing 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 intends to schedule for early summer an informational briefing on the Critical Area Program by the Critical Area Commission for the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays. Topics for the briefing will likely include mapping of the critical area, living shorelines, and critical areas in the Atlantic coastal bays. The joint committee also would like to schedule a site visit at some point later in the interim. We will forward you the dates and locations of the briefing and site visit as soon as they are scheduled.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Senator James N. Mathias
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitted for your review is the proposed 2017 interim schedule for the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. The joint committee will focus this interim on child care policy in Maryland. The joint committee has scheduled three meetings for the completion of its interim workload, and the proposed agenda for those meetings is enclosed.

We look forward to a productive interim and welcome your participation in our activities. Please contact the committee staff, Caroline Boice or Hannah Dier at (410) 946-5510, if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Sincerely,

Senator Nancy J. King
Senate Chair

Delegate Ariana Kelly
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Enclosure

cc: Members, Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
Ms. Carol Swan
Mr. Ryan Bishop
Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families
2017 Interim Schedule

Location: House Appropriations Committee Room, Annapolis, Maryland

Senator Nancy J. King, Senate Chairman
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September 12, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 p.m.

- Overview of 2017 Session Legislation and Fiscal 2018 Budget Related to Committee Issue Areas

- Presentation of December 2016 Department of Legislative Services Child Care Subsidy Report and Updates

October 10, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 p.m.

- Presentation by the Maryland State Department of Education on Child Care Subsidy Reports Required by Senate Bill 293/House Bill 395 and Senate Bill 294/House Bill 418 of 2017

- Overview of Pre-Kindergarten Expansion Options Considered by the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education

November 7, 2017 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 p.m.

- Summary of Two-Generation Approach and Activities of the Governor’s Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission and Pilot Program

Committee Staff: Caroline L. B. Boice and Hannah E. Dier (410) 946-5510

Note: Meetings and locations are subject to change. The hearing schedule will contain the most up-to-date information.
Maryland General Assembly
Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology respectfully submits a tentative work plan for the 2017 interim. As you know, the joint committee’s statutory charge is to “work to broaden the support, knowledge, and awareness of advances in cybersecurity, information technology, and biotechnology to benefit the people of Maryland, evaluate State cybersecurity systems and the adequacy of economic development and job skills training programs to advance cybersecurity in the State, and make recommendations regarding actions to promote cybersecurity, information technology, and biotechnology industries in the State.”

During the 2017, the joint committee may hear briefings on the following issues:

- economic impact of emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence and robotics;
- update of federal internet consumer privacy policy (prohibiting the sale or transfer of a consumer’s personally identifying information to a person without the consumer’s consent); and
- challenges of cybersecurity of the “Internet of things” (connection of any device to the Internet).
Please contact us or the committee staff, Tami Burt, Ricky Duncan, or Jody Sprinkle at (410) 946-5530 if you have questions concerning the joint committee’s plans.

Respectfully submitted,

James C. Rosapepe  
Senate Chairman

C. William Frick  
House Chairman

cc: Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
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May 31, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitted for your review is the proposed 2017 interim schedule for the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight. The committee plans to meet at least once this interim in Annapolis on September 27 at 1:00 p.m.

The topics of the meeting include:

• 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
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CC: Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
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Joint Committee on Federal Relations

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

During the 2017 interim, the Joint Committee on Federal Relations plans to hold two briefings in the fall, on dates to be determined. One briefing, likely in September or October, will address impacts on the State and its residents of federal legislative initiatives that develop over the summer and the other, likely in November, will address Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) reform efforts. The committee will also undertake its annual interstate compact review.

Based on indications so far in 2017, federal legislative initiatives over the course of this year may have considerable impacts on the State and its residents. The committee plans to hold a briefing in the fall to analyze and discuss those impacts, and then report relevant information and conclusions to the Legislative Policy Committee. The briefing will likely focus at least on impacts on the State under the federal fiscal year 2018 budget, and possibly also on impacts of tax reform or health care legislation and the possibility of a new round of base realignment and closure. The committee will develop a more focused agenda for the briefing closer to the fall, depending on how legislation has progressed in Congress at that point.

In 2016, the joint committee served as a forum for information gathering and discussion regarding draft legislation establishing the federally-mandated Metrorail Safety Commission (that has since been enacted in Maryland, D.C., and Virginia). The committee hopes to serve a similar purpose this interim with respect to efforts to reform the governance and funding structure of WMATA. The Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2017 requires the State Secretary of Transportation to work with the secretary's counterparts in Virginia and Washington, D.C., federal officials, and the Montgomery and Prince George's counties' departments of transportation to develop, propose, and seek agreement on WMATA reforms. The committee's briefing in the fall will provide an update on the various efforts in the region, pursuant to the BRFA language and otherwise, to develop reform proposals, as well as a preview of any related legislation that may be introduced in the 2018 session.
The joint committee will also undertake its annual review of a portion of the interstate compacts that Maryland is a member of, addressing whether Maryland’s membership in the compacts continues to serve the interests of the State and/or whether any legislative modifications are needed. In relation to one compact in particular that is up for review this interim, the Driver’s License Compact, the committee plans to solicit information and/or testimony (potentially as a separate portion of the briefing addressing WMATA reforms) on the effectiveness and accuracy of interstate enforcement of State vehicle, parking, and toll laws and regulations under interstate compacts/agreements.

Please let us know if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions regarding the joint committee’s planned 2017 interim work.

Sincerely,

Senator Brian J. Feldman
Senate Chair

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May 24, 2017

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 meet this interim to implement the provisions of Chapter 31 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2017 – the Public Integrity Act. The committee will meet on July 12, 2017, and August 29, 2017. The committee will schedule additional meetings as necessary.

Additionally, the Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics may be called upon to respond to ethics-related complaints and will schedule additional meetings as appropriate.

Sincerely,

James E. DeGrange, Sr.
Senate Chairman

Adrienne A. Jones
Acting House Chairman

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May 25, 2017

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 a tentative agenda and proposed meeting schedule for the Joint Committee on Legislative Information Technology and Open Government for the 2017 interim. The joint committee plans to meet at least once during the fall, on November 8, 2017. The meeting will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Budget & Taxation Committee Room (3 West, Miller Senate Building, Annapolis).

The meeting will include an update on Office of Information Systems projects and briefings from the Maryland Open Meetings Act Compliance Board, the Maryland Public Information Act Compliance Board, and the Public Access Ombudsman. The meeting may also include briefings on any additional information technology or open government initiatives proposed by the Governor or Executive Branch.

The joint committee may add topics or additional meetings as needed to respond to any other issues that may arise during the interim. We look forward to a productive interim and welcome your participation in our activities.

Respectfully submitted,

James E. DeGrange, Sr.
Senate Co-chair

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Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds

May 31, 2017

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

Ladies and Gentleman:

This letter is in response to your memorandum requesting a tentative agenda from the Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds for the 2017 interim. The committee is planning to meet three times to focus on the following items:

July or August, Date TBA

- 9-1-1 Modernization: The Emergency Number Systems Board (ENSB) and the Maryland Association of Counties (MACo) will provide a briefing on the modernization of 9-1-1 systems and the challenges it creates for local governments. Additional organizations may also brief the committee on this topic as needed.

October 10, 2017

- Update from the Comptroller and Treasurer: The State Comptroller and the State Treasurer will provide an annual update on the activities of their respective offices; discuss their priorities; and discuss any proposed legislation for the 2018 session.

- 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.

Date TBA

- Small Business and Economic Development Programs: The Department of Commerce and the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority will update the committee on various State economic development programs, as well as the Nonprofit
Interest-Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) account. The committee will also be briefed on the recent funding, allocation, and performance of the Small, Minority, and Women Owned Business Account, including other similar accounts.

We welcome any suggestions you may have for the work of the committee during the interim. The committee reserves the right to add meetings as needed to respond to any other issues that may arise during the interim.

Sincerely,

Senator Cheryl C. Kagan
Senate Chair (Presiding)

Delegate Ana Sol Gutierrez
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cc: Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
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May 31, 2017

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:

The Spending Affordability Committee’s 2017 tentative interim work plan is attached for your information. The committee will hold its meetings beginning in the fall for purposes of setting spending affordability recommendations for fiscal 2019. 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,

Roger Manno
Presiding Chair

Delegue Ben Barnes
House Chair

Enclosure

cc: Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
    Ms. Carol L. Swan
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## Spending Affordability Committee

**Senator Roger Manno, Presiding Chair**  
**Delegate Ben Barnes, House Chair**

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Tami D. Burt, Laura H. Atas, and Stephen M. Ross
Department of Legislative Services
May 31, 2017

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 2017 interim. Most likely, the meeting will be held in early December 2017.

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

• the status of the balance of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund;

• the tax table anticipated to be in effect for calendar 2018;

• the implementation of 2017 departmental legislation (Chapters 244/245, 248/249, 250, and 251) relating to the recovery of benefits, the work search requirement in cases of temporary business operation closures, the electronic transmission of specified information and documents, and appeal rights for employer determination cases;

• the potential impact to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund of implementation of legislation to increase the maximum weekly benefit amount for claimants; and

• the status of proposed changes to current regulations that would alter the standard for worker classification in the unemployment insurance context (during the 2017 session, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation agreed to work with labor representatives and stakeholders on consensus changes to current regulations).

It is anticipated that the joint committee will discuss any recent changes to federal law relating to the amount of the taxable wage base or other employer contribution requirements.
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The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
May 31, 2017  
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Please contact us or the committee staff, Tami D. Burt, Laura H. Atas, and Stephen M. Ross at (410) 946-5350, if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Middleton  
Senate Chair

Cheryl D. Glenn  
House Chair

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cc: Warren G. Deschenaux  
Vicki L. Gruber  
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Maryland General Assembly
Joint Committee on Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight
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Department of Legislative Services
May 31, 2017

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 2017 interim. It is anticipated that the meeting will be held in early December 2017.

During the 2017 interim, the committee may continue discussing the enactment of Chapter 147 of 2016, which requires certain prescribers and all pharmacists to register with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program by July 1, 2017, and alters other related requirements. The committee may further discuss legislation that was enacted following the 2017 session, including survival benefits for specified permanent total disability claims to dependents or other individuals (Chapters 69 and 70); the effect, if any, of express statutory authorization for tiered rating plans and merit rating plans that insurers file with the Insurance Commissioner (Chapters 263 and 264); the implementation of a new penalty for an employer’s failure to report an accidental personal injury (Chapters 565 and 566); and the implementation of new standards governing payment for medical services and treatment (Chapters 567 and 568).

In addition, several members of the committee recently attended a conference hosted by the National Council on Compensation Insurance, in which representatives of other state legislatures, departments of insurance, and workers’ compensation commissions discussed legislative and regulatory issues and trends (i.e., opioid addiction and workplace protection for all workers in a sharing economy). At our next meeting, we may discuss whether these issues and trends impact Maryland. Also, as with prior interims, the committee plans to request that various interested parties bring issues before the committee during the interim 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 or Laura Atas, at (410) 946-5510, if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Sincerely,

Katherine Klausmeier
Senate Chair

Kriselda Valderrama
House Chair

cc: Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
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    Ms. Alexandra Hughes
    Ms. Carol L. Swan
    Mr. Ryan Bishop
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Opioid Use Disorders
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND OPIOID USE DISORDERS

May 31, 2017

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 Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders for the 2017 interim. At this time, the committee plans to hold two meetings. The meetings will be held on July 18 and September 26 and will include briefings on the following topics:

- the findings of the Behavioral Health Advisory Committee’s needs assessment;
- an update from the Governor on opioid use initiatives;
- alternative options for treating opioid abuse (i.e., meditation, acupuncture, and other holistic approaches);
- an update from Medicaid on Parity compliance;
- hospital-based Screening, Brief Intervention, Referral to Treatment services provided in the State; and
- supervised injection facilities.

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

Sincerely,

Katherine Klausmeier
Senate Chair

Eric M. Bromwell
House Chair

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Enclosure

cc: Members, Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
Ms. Carol L. Swan
Mr. Ryan J. Bishop
Maryland General Assembly
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JOINT COMMITTEE ON GAMING OVERSIGHT

May 30, 2017

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:

The Joint Committee on Gaming Oversight’s tentative schedule for the 2017 interim is attached for your information. The committee is tasked with examining the status of the State’s gaming program and the implementation of laws relating to gaming.

The committee’s tentative schedule includes briefings by the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency relating to:

- the future of skill-based gambling; and
- the future of sports betting.

The committee may also add additional topics or meetings as needed to respond to other issues that may arise during the interim.

We look forward to an interesting and productive interim.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Nancy J. King
Senate Chair

Delegate Eric G. Luedtke
House Chair

NJK:EGL/MJB/mrm
Enclosure

cc: Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
    Mr. J. Ryan Bishop
    Ms. Carol L. Swan

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Joint Committee on Gaming Oversight

Senator Nancy J. King, Senate Chair
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2017 Interim Schedule (Tentative)

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Note: Representatives of the gaming industry or other interested parties may be asked to brief the committee on any of these topics as necessary.

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May 31, 2017

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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitted for your review is the proposed interim schedule for the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness. Chapter 104 of 2016 increased the membership of the joint committee (from 10 to 16) effective October 1, 2016. The joint committee, however, currently has 13 members (7 from the House of Delegates and 6 from the Senate).

The joint committee plans to hold three meetings during the 2017 interim (September 12, October 10, and November 7). Each of the meetings will be held at 1 p.m. The joint committee anticipates continuing to build on the work conducted during the 2015 and 2016 interims focusing on areas of recommendations made in prior years. In addition, the joint committee will hear from the Interagency Council on Homelessness regarding the work of the council and the transition of the homeless services programs from the Department of Human Resources to the Department of Housing and Community Development. Specific agendas for each planned meeting have not been determined at this time but will be provided to committee members in advance of each meeting.

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

Sincerely,

Richard S. Madaleno, Jr.
Senate Chair

Mary L. Washington, PhD
House Chair

RSM:MLW/TDZ:JAK/km
Enclosure
cc: Members, Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness
    Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
    Ms. Carol L. Swan
    Mr. Ryan J. Bishop
Maryland General Assembly
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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS
May 11, 2017

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’ 2017 tentative interim schedule is attached for your information. The joint committee’s tentative interim schedule includes the annual reports/overviews on investments, board-requested legislation, and the most recent actuarial valuation. Additionally, the joint committee will have briefings on several required studies and reports, including a study on the vesting requirements of the system, a report on the staffing and compensation of the State Retirement Agency’s Investment Division, a report on the agency’s statutory spending cap, and a report on membership in the Employees’ Pension System for individuals who are employed less than 500 hours per fiscal year. 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.

We look forward to an interesting and productive interim.

Respectfully submitted,

[Signatures]

Senator Guy Guzzone
Senate Chair

Delegate Benjamin S. Barnes
House Chair

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
    Mr. Ryan Bishop
    Ms. Carol Swan
Joint Committee on Pensions
Senator Guy Guzzone, Senate Chair
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2017 Interim Schedule

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Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation
2017 Interim
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Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation

May 31, 2017

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 2017 interim.

The subcommittee plans to hold one briefing on November 8, 2017, with backup dates of November 21 and December 21, 2017. The subcommittee will invite representatives from Maryland’s Department of Agriculture (MDA), Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Department of Planning to discuss a number of issues related to Program Open Space (POS), the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF), 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:

- **Program Open Space Acquisition Goals** – reaching acquisition goals in non-achievement counties and increasing acquisition acreage with existing funds;

- **Effectiveness of DNR and MDA** – enhancing the general effectiveness of DNR and MDA;

- **MALPF** – increasing easement acquisitions with existing funds and making general improvements to the program; and

- **Land Preservation Coordination** – coordinating POS, Rural Legacy Program, and MALPF to achieve greater land protection.
The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee
May 31, 2017
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The subcommittee looks forward to addressing the subject matter summarized above as well as other timely issues during the 2017 interim.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald N. Young
Senator Ronald N. Young
Senate Chairman

James W. Gilchrist
Delegate James W. Gilchrist
House Chairman

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cc: Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
    Ms. Carol L. Swan
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House Special Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse

May 3, 2017

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:

During the 2017 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.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey D. Waldstreicher
Chair

JDW/JKB/kmc

cc: Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux
    Ms. Carol L. Swan
    Mr. Ryan J. Bishop
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TBA End of Interim LFC Meeting

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Note: Meetings of the Legislative Policy Committee other than those noted during the 2017 Legislative session are subject to the discretion of the President and Speaker.
Part III
Legislation Related to the Legislative Policy Committee as a Result of the 2017 Session

Department of Legislative Services
Annapolis, Maryland

June 2017
Legislation Relating to the Legislative Policy Committee
As a Result of the 2017 Session

Attorney General
*Attorney General – Powers – Maryland Defense Act of 2017 (House Bill 913/Chapter 26)*

The Act authorizes the Attorney General to investigate, commence, and prosecute or defend any civil or criminal suit or action that is based on the federal government’s action or inaction that threatens the public interest and welfare of the residents of the State with respect to 1) protecting the health of the residents of the State and ensuring the availability of affordable health care; 2) safeguarding public safety and security; 3) protecting civil liberties; 4) preserving and enhancing the economic security of workers and retirees; 5) protecting financial security of the residents of the State, including their pensions, savings, and investments, and ensuring fairness in mortgages, student loans, and the marketplace; 6) protecting the residents of the State against fraud and other deceptive and predatory practices; 7) protecting the natural resources and environment of the State; 8) protecting the residents of the State against illegal and unconstitutional federal immigration and travel restrictions; or 9) otherwise protecting as *parens patriae*, the State’s interest in the general health and well-being of its residents. The Attorney General must report to the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee on actions taken pursuant to the bill’s provisions by December 1 of each year.

Citizens Advisory Board on Legislative Ethics
*Public Integrity Act of 2017 (House Bill 879/Chapter 31)*

This Act establishes the Citizens Advisory Board on Legislative Ethics (CABLE) to periodically recommend changes in the Maryland Public Ethics Law. With the consent of the Legislative Policy Committee, the President and Speaker may remove a member for incompetence or misconduct.

Minority Business Enterprise Program
*Minority Business Enterprises – Program Participation – Requirements and Reauthorization (Senate Bill 4/Chapter 340)*

This Act requires the Maryland Department of Transportation to submit the final report on the next disparity study that is undertaken to the Legislative Policy Committee before September 30, 2021.

Minority Business Enterprise Program
*State Finance and Procurement – Small and Minority Business Participation (Senate Bill 309/Chapter 438)*

The Maryland Department of Transportation must conduct an analysis of the 2017 disparity study, to determine if it applies to the type of work likely to be performed by an approved offshore wind project, and report its findings to the Legislative Policy Committee before December 1, 2017.
Maryland Stadium Authority

Maryland Stadium Authority – Maryland Sports and Affiliated Foundations - Establishment
(House Bill 1619/Chapter 575)

This Act requires the Maryland Stadium Authority to report annually to the Legislative Policy Committee the names of the officials and employees serving as a director or official of an affiliated foundation and how certain policies and procedures for the operation of affiliated foundations have been implemented in the preceding year.
Part IV
New Reports to the General Assembly
And Its Committees

Department of Legislative Services
Annapolis, Maryland

June 2017
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| SB 313, Ch. 365  | A. James Clark School of Engineering of the University of Maryland     | (a) on or before October 1 each year, the [Maryland Energy Innovation] Institute shall report to the Governor, the Administration, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  
(b) the report shall include a complete operating and financial statement covering the Institute’s operations and a summary of the Institute’s activities during the preceding fiscal year.  
Staffing Statement: EC § 10–829 (b) the Institute is a part of the A. James Clark School of Engineering of the University of Maryland. (c) the A. James Clark School of Engineering shall manage the Institute according to the policies of the University of Maryland and the University System of Maryland with the advice of the Institute Board. |
| HB 410, Ch. 364  | Maryland Energy Innovation Institute                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| EC § 10-839      |                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| SB 313, Ch. 365  | A. James Clark School of Engineering of the University of Maryland     | (1) the Maryland Energy Innovation Institute, established by Section 2 of this Act, shall study and evaluate:  
(i) the availability and efficiency of the use of funds for the development and deployment of clean energy technology in the State and the commercialization of that technology, including funds from the Strategic Energy Investment Fund, and other practical forms of financing;  
(ii) the forecast need, if any, for additional funding or financing options for these purposes; and  
(iii) appropriate sources and levels of funding and financing options for these purposes; and  
(2) on or before December 1, 2019, the Institute shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations under this section to the Governor, the Maryland Energy Administration, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  
Staffing Statement: EC § 10–829 (b) the Institute is a part of the A. James Clark School of Engineering of the University of Maryland. (c) the A. James Clark School of Engineering shall manage the Institute according to the policies of the University of Maryland and the University System of Maryland with the advice of the Institute Board. |
| HB 410, Ch. 364  | Maryland Energy Innovation Institute                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| SB 26, Ch. 632   | Attorney for each municipal corporation                               | (a) beginning October 1, 2016, the Office of the Attorney General and the attorney for each county, the attorney for each Municipal Corporation shall report annually to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the following information for the previous fiscal year:  
(1) the number of civil actions filed under this [False Claims] Title;  
(2) the number of civil actions under this title in which a judgment was entered, whether by settlement or adjudication; and  
(3) the number of claims made by the governmental entity based on alleged violations of § 8–102 of this Title that are settled without the filing of a civil action under this Title.  
[Adds 157 annual reports by adding "Municipal Corporations" to the requirement.] |
<p>| GP § 8-110       |                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| HB 1021, Ch. 590 | Attorney General                                                       | That, on or before October 1, 2018, the Office of the Attorney General shall report to the Governor Board of Public Works and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on a process for establishing a centralized procurement attorney office within the Office of the Attorney General to represent all State procurement units in matters within the jurisdiction of the Maryland State Board of Contract Appeals. |</p>
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<td>Attorney General Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee</td>
<td>On or before January 1 annually, beginning January 1, 2019, the [Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding] Committee shall report on the Committee’s activities during the prior fiscal year to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <strong>Staffing Statement:</strong> (h) in fiscal year 2018 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor shall include funds in the state budget to implement this section, including funds to: (1) employ a full–time Assistant Attorney General to: (i) staff the committee; and (ii) assist with the implementation of regulations adopted under this section</td>
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<td>HB 152, Ch. 23(17)</td>
<td>Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners</td>
<td>That, on or before November 1, 2017, and quarterly until November 1, 2019, Baltimore City Public Schools shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on the status of the school system’s structural budget deficit and the actions that have been taken to reduce the gap between ongoing revenues and expenditures, including: (1) the size and components of the structural deficit in the current year and projected for the next year; (2) the actions that have been taken to reduce the structural deficit accompanied by the ongoing impact of the action on revenues or expenditures; (3) the joint procurement of goods or services, or shared services, with the City of Baltimore or other jurisdictions that have promoted efficiency and reduced costs; (4) the alignment of employee personnel contributions and benefits with the City of Baltimore; (5) savings from the strategic implementation of the Career Pathways and Achievement Units Compensation System; (6) consolidation or right–sizing of underutilized school facilities, in addition to the requirements of Chapter 647 of the Acts of 2013; (7) administrative and operational efficiencies at the central office and school levels; and (8) initiatives and efforts to retain students and attract new students to the school system.</td>
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<td>HB 76, Ch. 319 ED § 4-320(b)(3)</td>
<td>Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners</td>
<td>(b) on or before January 1, 2020, the [Baltimore City] Board [of School Commissioners] shall: (1) apply the scoring system developed under subsection (a) of this section to projects for 75% of the public school facilities that are: (i) operated by the Baltimore City Public School System; and (ii) utilized by students; (2) publish the project scores on the Baltimore City Public School System’s web site; and (3) report the project scores to the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.</td>
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<td>Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners</td>
<td>(c) on or before January 1, 2021, the [Baltimore City] Board [of School Commissioners] shall:</td>
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<td>ED § 4-320(c)(3)</td>
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<td>(1) apply the scoring system developed under subsection (a) of this section to projects for the remaining 25% of public school facilities described under subsection (b) of this section;</td>
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<td>(2) publish the project scores on the Baltimore City Public School System’s web site; and</td>
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<td>(3) report the project scores to the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.</td>
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<td>HB 76, Ch. 319</td>
<td>Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners</td>
<td>(d) on or before January 1, 2021, and every 4 years thereafter, the [Baltimore City] Board [of School Commissioners] shall:</td>
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<td>ED § 4-320(d)(3)</td>
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<td>(1) update the evaluation of projects for each public school facility using the scoring system developed under subsection (a) of this section;</td>
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<td>(2) publish the updated project scores on the Baltimore City Public School System’s web site; and</td>
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<td>(3) report the updated project scores to the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.</td>
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<td>SB 1024, Ch. 607</td>
<td>Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners</td>
<td>(a) As a condition of receiving State funds under Section 1 of this Act, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall comply with the requirements of this section.</td>
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<td>(b) The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall develop a financial recovery plan that shall:</td>
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<td>(1) address all repeat findings from the Office of Legislative Audits; and</td>
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<td>(2) include steps to:</td>
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<td>(i) eliminate the structural deficits of the Baltimore City Public School System by fiscal year 2020;</td>
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<td>(ii) balance the Baltimore City Public School System budget and future deficits;</td>
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<td>(iii) alter permanent and temporary staffing levels and review existing employment contracts and attrition levels to achieve greater efficiency, including size and scope of the Baltimore City Public School System central office;</td>
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<td>(iv) alter the administrative organization of the Baltimore City Public School System to achieve greater efficiency;</td>
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<td>(v) conduct special audits or further studies to analyze the effectiveness of the financial recovery plan; and</td>
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<td>(vi) establish a capital budget that maximizes the use of available resources to address infrastructure deficiencies.</td>
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<td>(c) By August 1, 2017, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall submit the financial recovery plan to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Secretary of Budget and Management, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.</td>
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| **SB 1024, Ch. 607((4)(d))**<br>HB 684, Ch. 6((4)(d)) | Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners | (d)(1) The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall report quarterly on the progress of the financial recovery plan to the Mayor of Baltimore City, the Secretary of Budget and Management, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.  
(2) The first quarterly report shall be submitted no later than November 1, 2017.  
(3) The financial recovery plan shall be a public record and be posted on the Baltimore City Public School System’s Web site. |
| **SB 1024, Ch. 607(3)**<br>HB 684, Ch. 6(3) | Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners' contracted CPA | (a) (1) On or before December 31, 2017, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall contract with an independent certified public accountant to conduct an independent, comprehensive audit of the Baltimore City Public School System.  
(2) The Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall consult with the Secretary of Budget and Management on the scope of the audit.  
(b) The accountant selected under subsection (a) of this section:  
(1) shall be licensed to practice accounting in the State;  
(2) shall be experienced and qualified in accounting and auditing public bodies; and  
(3) may not have a direct or indirect personal interest in the affairs of Baltimore City or the Baltimore City Public School System.  
(c) The Baltimore City Public School System shall fully submit to the audit and provide any and all documents, records, and information requested by the accountant.  
(d) The accountant shall perform the audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards.  
(e) On or before December 31, 2019, the accountant shall report and present its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to the Secretary of Budget and Management; the State Board of Education; in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee; the Mayor of Baltimore City; and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners. |
| **HB 52, Ch. 604**<br>ED § 4-318(h) | Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners  
Baltimore City School Police Force | Beginning July 1, 2017, and every 2 years thereafter, the Baltimore City School Police Force shall submit a report to the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on:  
(1) the condition of vehicles and firearms of the Baltimore City School Police Force; and  
(2) the anticipated needs of the Baltimore City School Police Force for vehicles and firearms for the following 2 years. |
<p>| <strong>SB 1127, Ch. 848</strong>&lt;br&gt;HB 1595, Ch. 847&lt;br&gt;ED § 16-505.2 | Baltimore City Community College Board of Trustees | On or before December 1 each year, the [Baltimore City Community College] Board 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 Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly regarding its progress in implementing the duties and responsibilities listed under § 16–505(c) of this subtitle. |</p>
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<td>HB 685, Ch. 329(2)</td>
<td>Baltimore City Council</td>
<td>That, on or before December 31, 2017, the Baltimore City Council shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the logistical and financial assistance that the Baltimore City Council provides to Baltimore City Public Schools in accordance with Section 1 of this [Ryan Christine Oliver Pfeiffer] Act.</td>
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<td>SB 1024, Ch. 607((4)(e))</td>
<td>Baltimore City, Mayor of Baltimore City Council</td>
<td>(e) By August 1, 2017, the Mayor of Baltimore City and the Baltimore City Council shall develop a plan to sell, lease, convey, assign, or dispose of surplus school system assets and submit the plan to the Secretary of Budget and Management, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.</td>
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<td>HB 1287, Ch. 762</td>
<td>Center for Dispute Resolution at the University of Maryland School of Law Commission on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices</td>
<td>(j) On or before January 1, 2019, the Commission [on the School-to-Prison Pipeline and Restorative Practices] shall report its final findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <strong>Staffing Statement:</strong> (e) The Center for Dispute Resolution at the University of Maryland School of Law shall provide staff for the Commission.</td>
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<td>SB 1149, Ch. 785</td>
<td>City of Baltimore Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners</td>
<td>On or before December 1, 2018, and on or before December 1 each year thereafter, providing for a delayed effective date; the City of Baltimore and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on: (1) the financial condition of the Baltimore city public school system; (2) the impact of the services provided under this section; and (3) whether there is a need to maintain: (i) the services required under this section; and (ii) the prohibition on the collection of fees and reimbursement by the administration for services provided under this section.</td>
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<td>HB 22, Ch. 603 ART Article II – General Powers Section (7) The Charter of Baltimore City</td>
<td>City of Baltimore Baltimore City Fire Department</td>
<td>(b) beginning July 1, 2017, and every two years thereafter, the Baltimore City Fire Department shall submit a report to the members of the Baltimore City Delegation to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, on: (1) the condition of motorized fire equipment of the Department; and (2) the anticipated needs of the Department for motorized fire equipment for the following two years.</td>
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<td>SB 371, Ch. 550(2)</td>
<td>Comptroller Board of Revenue Estimates Consensus Revenue Monitoring and Forecasting Group</td>
<td>(a) The Consensus Revenue Monitoring and Forecasting Group established under § 6–105 of the State Finance and Procurement Article shall study the methodology described under § 6–104(e) of the State Finance and Procurement Article to determine whether improvements to the methodology are recommended. (b) If the Group determines that improvements to the methodology described under § 6–104(e) of the State Finance and Procurement Article are recommended, on or before January 1, 2018, the Group shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on recommendations to improve the methodology.</td>
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<td>SB 416, Ch. 232 HB 472, Ch. 233 TG § 10-741(g)</td>
<td>Department of Agriculture</td>
<td>On or before January 1, 2018, and January 1 each year thereafter until January 1, 2021, the Secretary [of Agriculture], in consultation with the Comptroller, shall submit a report to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the use and impact of the tax credit established under this section. [Food Donation Pilot Program]</td>
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<td>SB 422, Ch. 788 HB 602, Ch. 787 AG § 3-1004</td>
<td>Department of Agriculture</td>
<td>(b) on or before December 1, 2019, and each December 1 thereafter, the Department [of Agriculture] shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on data collected [publicly available data on the use in the state of medically important antimicrobial drugs in cattle, swine, and poultry] under subsection (a) of this section.</td>
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<td>HB 152, Ch. 23 SF § 3-207(d)</td>
<td>Department of Budget &amp; Management</td>
<td>(1) subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, on or before December 1 each year, the Department [of Budget &amp; Management] shall report a summary of the findings of the review required under subsection (b) of this section to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Department of Legislative Services, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. (2) the report due on or before December 1, 2017, shall include a review of Interagency Agreements that have a total of more than $750,000 in actual expenditures in fiscal years 2015 through 2017. (3) in each report required under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department shall provide the following information: (i) the interagency agreements that will continue; (ii) services that will be competitively procured; (iii) services that will be provided by the agency or unit as a result of the review; (iv) services that have been or will be canceled as a result of the review; and (v) actions taken to address recruitment or retention issues identified as a result of the review.</td>
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<td>HB 152, Ch. 23 SF § 7-314(r)(2)</td>
<td>Department of Commerce</td>
<td>On or before December 1, 2017, and each December 1 through 2021, the Department of Commerce shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on the compliance of a company with the letter of intent described under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection. [Economic Development Opportunities Program Account]</td>
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<td>SB 317, Ch. 149 EC § 6-809</td>
<td>Department of Commerce</td>
<td>On or before December 1 each year, the Department [of Commerce] shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the qualified business entities receiving final certification in the preceding fiscal year.</td>
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<td>SB 317, Ch. 149(2) TG § 10-741(e)</td>
<td>Department of Commerce</td>
<td>On or before July 1 each year, the Department [of Commerce] shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the amount of tax credits necessary to: (1) maintain the current level of manufacturing activity in the state; and (2) attract new manufacturing activity to the State.</td>
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<td>Department of Commerce</td>
<td>That, on or before December 31, 2020, the Department of Commerce shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the bridge loans issued under the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program, including: (1) the number of bridge loan applications the Department received; (2) the number of bridge loans provided to nonprofit entities; (3) the dollar amount of the bridge loans provided; (4) the length of time the Department took to process bridge loan applications and award funds; (5) the length of time between when nonprofit entities receive bridge loans and repay the bridge loans; and (6) the availability of funds to meet bridge loan demands.</td>
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<td>SB 807, Ch. 180(2) HB 349, Ch. 181(2)</td>
<td>Department of Commerce</td>
<td>That, on or before June 30, 2020, the Secretary of Commerce shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the effectiveness of the tax credit established under this [Hire Our Veterans Act of 2017] Act.</td>
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<td>HB 1240, Ch. 715</td>
<td>Department of Education</td>
<td>(a) The State Department of Education, in consultation with each local school system, shall: (1) review and assess the current allocation of State Department of Education staff, local school system staff, and other State agency staff and supporting resources that are available to assist the parents and guardians of children with disabilities to participate in the individualized education program (IEP) process, including all procedures relating to the identification, evaluation, and educational placement of a child, the provision of a free and appropriate education, and the dispute resolution procedures provided under § 8–413 of the Education Article; (2) review and assess the current population density of children with IEPs in each local school system and in geographical regions in the State; (3) review and assess the current population density of special education teachers in each local school system and in geographical regions in the State; and (4) make recommendations for reallocating public agency staff and resources on the basis of geographical region so that public agencies may more effectively assist the parents and guardians of children with disabilities to participate in the IEP process and more timely and cost effectively resolve disputes concerning a child’s special education services or program. (b) On or before December 31, 2018, the State Department of Education shall report its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.</td>
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<td>HB 1240, Ch. 715(2)</td>
<td>Department of Education</td>
<td>(a) (1) On or before July 1, 2018, the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Legislative Services, shall contract with a public or private entity to conduct an independent study of the individualized education program (IEP) process in the State, including the procedures relating to the identification, evaluation, and educational placement of a child, the provision of a free and appropriate education, and the dispute resolution procedures provided under § 8–413 of the Education Article. … (d) On or before July 1, 2019, the State Department of Education shall report the findings and recommendations of the study, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.</td>
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(3) On or before December 1, 2018, … the Department [of Education] shall report the information provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.* |
| SB 1060, Ch. 574, HB 1082, Ch. 573, ED § 7-426.5(f)(3) | Department of Education | *(f)(1) On or before October 1 each year, each public school shall submit, on the form that the Department requires, a report to the Department on each incident at the school that required the use of naloxone or other overdose–reversing medication. … 
(3) On or before December 1, 2019, the Department [of Education] shall report the information provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.* |
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(3) On or before December 1, 2020, the Department [of Education] shall report the information provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.* |
| SB 293, Ch. 740 | Department of Education | That, on or before October 1, 2017, the State Department of Education shall report to the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on:
1. whether an alternative methodology for setting child care subsidy reimbursement rates in the Child Care Subsidy Program should replace the market rate survey or be used in addition to the market rate survey;
2. the benefits and constraints of various alternative reimbursement rate setting methodologies;
3. how other states set child care subsidy reimbursement rates;
4. feedback on reimbursement rate setting methodologies from stakeholder meetings of the Office of Child Care Advisory Council, resource and referral agencies, child care worker organizations, and other appropriate entities; and
5. what alternative reimbursement rate setting methodology should be used or, if no alternative is recommended, whether there are ways to modify the market rate survey method to better measure the actual cost of child care and the cost of improvements to the quality of child care.* |
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<td>SB 294, Ch. 210</td>
<td>Department of Education</td>
<td>On or before September 1, 2017, and by September 1 every 2 years thereafter, the Department [of Education] shall report to the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on: (1) the methodology of the analysis required under subsection (b) of this section; (2) cost estimates for raising the program’s reimbursement rates to the 45th, 55th, 65th, and 75th percentile of child care providers in each of the state’s market regions; (3) the minimum base payment rate that is required for child care providers to meet health, safety, quality, and staffing requirements in accordance with federal law and the factors used to determine that rate; (4) the rate adjustment that the Department will implement based on the analysis; (5) any adjustments to program eligibility or family copay amount that will be implemented; and (6) any potential impacts on families and providers due to any adjustments made to the program.</td>
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<td>SB 319, Ch. 591</td>
<td>Department of Education</td>
<td>On or before December 1 each year, the Department [of Education], in consultation with the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission, shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the implementation of the program in the State, including: (1) the number of students enrolled in each P-TECH school; (2) the industry partners associated with each P-TECH school; (3) the pathway sequence created for each P-TECH school; (4) how P-TECH students performed on federal and state assessments; (5) the number of P-TECH students graduating from each P-TECH school and receiving a high school diploma and an associate’s degree; (6) the year in which each P-TECH student graduated and received the degree.; (7) the number of P-TECH students in each P-TECH school who receive paid internships with each industry partner; (8) the number of P-TECH students in each P-TECH school on track for on–time completion of the pathway sequence; (9) the rate of attrition, if any, from each P–TECH school by grade and by cohort; (10) the number of students at each P–TECH school who have an IEP plan, have a 504 plan, or are English language learners; (11) the percentage of P–TECH students who meet the free and reduced meal plan income criteria in each P–TECH school; (12) the number of P–TECH students in each P–TECH school who, by the fourth year of the pathway sequence, complete the requirements for a high school diploma; (13) the number of P–TECH students in each P–TECH school who are employed after completion of the pathway sequence with each industry partner or who matriculate to a public or private senior higher education institution after finishing the pathway sequence; (14) the base and supplemental costs of operating a P–TECH school; (15) the total amount of funds distributed to each P–TECH school in accordance with this subtitle; (16) an accounting of each P–TECH school’s expenditures; and (17) whether all funds distributed under this subtitle were spent.</td>
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<td>SB 581, Ch. 779 HB 516, Ch. 25</td>
<td>Department of Education</td>
<td>(g) On or before September 1, 2017, the Workgroup [to Study the Implementation of Universal Access to Prekindergarten for 4-Year-Olds] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Commission on Innovation and Excellence in Education.</td>
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<td>SB 786, Ch. 611 ED § 7-1102.1(4)(II)</td>
<td>Department of Education</td>
<td>Beginning with the 2018–2019 school year, on or before December 1 each year: (1) each public agency and nonpublic school shall submit to the Department [of Education] a report for the prior school year on the number of physical restraint and seclusion incidents, disaggregated by the student’s jurisdiction, disability, race, gender, age, and type of placement. (2) each public agency and nonpublic school shall submit to the Department a report for the prior school year on the professional development provided to designated school personnel related to positive behavioral interventions, strategies, and supports and trauma–informed interventions. (3) each public agency and nonpublic school shall: (i) personally observe and review seclusion rooms; (ii) review training plans for the use of seclusion; and (iii) report to the Department regarding findings made under items (i) and (ii) of this paragraph. (4) the Department shall: (i) provide guidance to public agencies and nonpublic schools regarding the requirements of the use of seclusion and rooms for seclusion; and (ii) report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, regarding findings and recommendations reported to the Department under this section.</td>
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<td>SB 943, Ch. 714 HB 456, Ch. 713</td>
<td>Department of Education Workgroup on Dispute Resolution Process</td>
<td>(e) On or before October 1, 2017, the State Department of Education shall submit to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, a report that includes: (1) the dispute resolution process developed by the workgroup in accordance with the provisions of this [Children With Disabilities and Child Care Providers - Dispute Resolution Process] Act; and (2) draft legislation or regulations to implement the dispute resolution process developed by the workgroup.</td>
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<td>SB 1060, Ch. 574(2) HB 1082, Ch. 573(2)</td>
<td>Department of Education workgroup on Heroin and Opioid Education and Community Action Act of 2017</td>
<td>That the State Department of Education shall: (1) convene a workgroup of local health officers, behavioral and substance abuse disorder counselors and therapists, representatives of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland, the Maryland State Education Association, AFT–Maryland, and other interested stakeholders to: (i) evaluate programs that provide behavioral and substance abuse disorder services in the public schools in the State; and (ii) develop proposals to expand the programs evaluated under item (1) of this paragraph to other jurisdictions, if appropriate, including recovery schools; and (2) on or before December 1, 2017, report its findings and recommendations determined under this section to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.</td>
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<td>SB 866, Ch. 609 HB 1381, Ch. 608 ED § 9.7-109(b)</td>
<td>Department of Education Department of Labor, Licensing &amp; Regulation</td>
<td>On or before December 1, 2020, the Department [of Education] and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall jointly submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly a report that includes: (1) an evaluation of each [Adult High School] Pilot approved under this subtitle; (2) a recommendation as to expansion, continuation, modifications to, or termination of the Program; (3) demographic information on student enrollment under the Program; and (4) the fiscal solvency of the Program.</td>
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<td>SB 317, Ch. 149(5)</td>
<td>Department of Education Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center</td>
<td>That the State Department of Education, the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, and the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center jointly shall determine ways to expand and analyze available data, including participation in career and technology education courses, relating to individuals who participate in registered apprenticeship training programs. On or before September 1, 2017, the State Department of Education and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation jointly shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, regarding the results of the discussions and determinations made under this section.</td>
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<td>SB 319, Ch. 591 ED § 7-1806(b)</td>
<td>Department of Education Maryland Higher Education Commission</td>
<td>On or before December 1, 2023, the Department, in consultation with the Commission, shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly: (1) an analysis of the annual data reported under subsection (a) of this section; and (2) an evaluation of whether the P–TECH program is successful in preparing students for the workforce or for further postsecondary education.</td>
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<td>SB 786, Ch. 611 ED § 7-1102(d)(2)</td>
<td>Department of Education, Superintendent Task Force on Restraint and Seclusion - Consideration and Reporting</td>
<td>(d) the Task Force [to consider the circumstances under which, and the schools or types of schools in which, restraint and seclusion shall be prohibited and to consider contraindications for restraint and seclusion and who may authorize restraint and seclusion] shall: (1) review existing regulations relating to seclusion; and (2) on or before October 1, 2017, make recommendations to the State Board and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly regarding: (i) findings and recommendations determined under this section, including consideration of the following factors if the task force determines that there are circumstances under which seclusion may be used: 1. the types of doors and locking mechanisms that may be used; 2. the safety of the rooms used for seclusion; 3. the requirements for observation of the rooms used for seclusion; 4. the period of time for the use of seclusion; and 5. the requirements for the discontinuation of seclusion; and (ii) changes that are needed to update regulations to be consistent with § 7–1103 of this subtitle or any other findings and recommendations. (e) the Department shall submit proposed regulations to the State Board of Education on or before December 1, 2017.</td>
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**Staffing Statement:** (a) The State Superintendent [of schools] shall convene a task force in accordance with this section.
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<td>HB 1021, Ch. 590(5)</td>
<td>Department of General Services</td>
<td>That, on or before October 1, 2018, the Department of General Services, in consultation with the Department of Budget and Management, the Department of Information Technology, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Department of Transportation, and the Maryland Port Commission, shall report to the Governor, the Board of Public Works, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the administrative work plan to implement Section 1 of this Act, including a structure for delegating and overseeing specified types of procurement to units with expertise in those types of procurement.</td>
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| HB 1021, Ch. 590(2) | Department of General Services Chief Procurement Officer | That, on or before October 1, 2020, the Chief Procurement Officer shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on:  
(1) the development of performance metrics and the implementation of strategic sourcing;  
(2) recommendations for consolidating and deleting reporting requirements;  
(3) recommendations for reporting requirements for units exempt from the oversight of the Board of Public Works, including procurements for which the Maryland Department of Transportation and the University System of Maryland are exempt;  
(4) whether the policy of the State as provided by § 13–102 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, which requires the use of competitive sealed bids unless another procurement method is specifically authorized, should be changed and how;  
(5) whether the small procurement dollar thresholds established under § 13–109 of the State Finance and Procurement Article should be raised and to what amount; and  
(6) recommendations on what exemptions from State procurement laws and obsolete programs should be repealed, including the Small Business Preference Program. |
| HB 185, Ch. 773 HG § 24-307(f)(2) | Department of Health Department of Health & Mental Hygiene | On or before October 1 each year, the Department [of Health] shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on:  
(i) the development of enforcement strategies required under paragraph (1) of this subsection; and  
(ii) training and assistance to tobacco retailers to improve compliance with § 10–107 of the Criminal Law Article.  
[Distribution of Tobacco Products to Minors] |
<p>| SB 82, Ch. 214 | Department of Health Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene | Renaming the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to be the Maryland Department of Health; renaming the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to be the Secretary of Health; providing that the Maryland Department of Health is the successor of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; providing that specified names and titles of a specified unit and officials in laws and other documents mean the names and titles of the successor unit and officials; etc. |</p>
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<td>SB 967, Ch. 572(11) HB 1329, Ch. 571(11)</td>
<td>Department of Health Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene</td>
<td>(1) it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene use the $10,000,000 in general funds included in Supplemental Budget No. 2 in the Opioid Crisis Fund to prioritize the funding of services established under this Act; and (2) on or before January 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee on how funds were used and the criteria for the use of funds.</td>
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<td>SB 967, Ch. 572(2) HB 1329, Ch. 571(2) HG § 16-201.3(h)(1)</td>
<td>Department of Health Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene</td>
<td>On or before December 1, 2018, the Department [of Health] shall submit an interim report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the delivery system through which Community–Based Behavioral Health services should be provided and any preliminary recommendations regarding the payment system required under this section.</td>
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<td>SB 967, Ch. 572(2) HB 1329, Ch. 571(2) HG § 16-201.3(h)(2)</td>
<td>Department of Health Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene</td>
<td>On or before December 1, 2019, and on or before December 1 each year thereafter, the Department [of Health] shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the impact of the rate adjustments and the payment system required under this section on community providers, including the impact on: (i) the wages and salaries paid and the benefits provided to direct care staff and licensed clinicians employed by community providers; (ii) the tenure and turnover of direct care staff and licensed clinicians employed by community providers; and (iii) the ability of community providers to recruit qualified direct care staff and licensed clinicians.</td>
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<td>SB 967, Ch. 572(5) HB 1329, Ch. 571(5)</td>
<td>Department of Health Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene</td>
<td>That, on or before December 1, 2019, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly that: (1) details outcome measures that reasonably can be collected for each treatment modality offered by community providers for which the rate of reimbursement would be adjusted under § 16–201.3 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act; and (2) includes recommendations regarding how reimbursement rates can be tied to outcomes, such as: (i) differential payment for implementation of, and adherence to, evidence–based and promising practices; (ii) differential payment based on outcomes; (iii) payments made to align incentives with the goals of the State’s all–payer model contract; and (iv) any other financial payment system linking reimbursement to outcomes.</td>
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<td>SB 967, Ch. 572(8) HB 1329, Ch. 571(8)</td>
<td>Department of Health Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene</td>
<td>That, on or before January 1, 2018, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in consultation with the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention and interested stakeholders, shall report to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the House Judiciary Committee on new, innovative, evidence–based programs and methods to better manage the State’s substance abuse and opioid crisis.</td>
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<td>SB 1042, Ch. 577&lt;br&gt;HB 1383, Ch. 576&lt;br&gt;HG § 7.5-205.1(c)</td>
<td>Department of Health&lt;br&gt;Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene&lt;br&gt;Behavioral Health Administration</td>
<td>If the [Behavioral Health] Administration establishes a Pilot Program under subsection (a) of this section, on or before December 1 each year the Pilot Program is in existence, the Administration shall submit to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, a report that includes: &lt;br&gt;(1) the number of individuals admitted into the Pilot Program during the immediately preceding 12–month period; &lt;br&gt;(2) the number of applications for admission into the Pilot Program submitted during the immediately preceding 12–month period; &lt;br&gt;(3) the cost of administering the pilot program for the immediately preceding 12–month period; &lt;br&gt;(4) the percentage of individuals admitted into the pilot program who adhered to the treatment plan established for the individual under the pilot program; &lt;br&gt;(5) treatment outcomes; &lt;br&gt;(6) the type, intensity, and frequency of services provided to individuals admitted into the pilot program; and &lt;br&gt;(7) any other information that may be useful in determining whether a permanent outpatient civil commitment process should be established.</td>
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<td>SB 967, Ch. 572&lt;br&gt;HB 1329, Ch. 571&lt;br&gt;HG § 7.5-207(d)</td>
<td>Department of Health&lt;br&gt;Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene&lt;br&gt;Behavioral Health Administration</td>
<td>On or before September 1, 2017, and on or before September 1 each year thereafter until the Administration establishes crisis treatment centers required under subsection (a) of this section, the Administration shall submit, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, a report on the status of the establishment of crisis treatment centers under this section to the Joint Committee on Behavioral Health and Opioid Use Disorders.</td>
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<td>SB 549, Ch. 217(2)&lt;br&gt;HB 1265, Ch. 218(2)</td>
<td>Department of Health&lt;br&gt;Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene&lt;br&gt;Board of Physicians</td>
<td>That, in the annual report the State Board of Physicians is required to submit under § 14–205.1 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, on or before October 1, 2017, the Board shall include: &lt;br&gt;(1) a description of the efforts the Board has taken to meet the goal of issuing licenses within 10 days after the receipt of the last qualifying document, especially for the allied health professionals; and &lt;br&gt;(2) whether it is feasible to describe any underlying sexual misconduct in order summaries and, if it is not feasible, a description of other steps that the Board can take to make it easier for the public to determine whether a case involved sexual misconduct.</td>
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<td>SB 549, Ch. 217(3)&lt;br&gt;HB 1265, Ch. 218(3)</td>
<td>Department of Health&lt;br&gt;Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene&lt;br&gt;Board of Physicians</td>
<td>That, in the annual report the State Board of Physicians is required to submit under § 14–205.1 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, on or before October 1, 2019, the Board shall include: &lt;br&gt;(1) the results of the internal fiscal analysis and reassessment of fees that was recommended by the Department of Legislative Services in the December 2016 publication “Sunset Review: Evaluation of the State Board of Physicians and the Related Allied Health Advisory Committees”, including any possible changes to the fee schedules for physicians and allied health professionals; &lt;br&gt;(2) comments on the Board’s fund balance in light of the additional retained revenue that resulted from Chapter 178 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016; and &lt;br&gt;(3) steps the Board has taken to address ongoing issues with filling staff vacancies and the impact that filling vacancies will have on Board expenditures and the Board’s fund balance.</td>
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### Reports to the Presiding Officers and the General Assembly, as a Result of 2017 Legislation

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| SB 549, Ch. 217(4) HB 1265, Ch. 218(4) | Department of Health Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Board of Physicians | That, in the annual report the State Board of Physicians is required to submit under § 14–205.1 of the Health Occupations Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, on or before October 1, 2019, the Board shall report:  
1) whether criminal history records checks are causing delays in licensure;  
2) whether existing Board staff are able to manage the criminal history records checks workload; and  
3) any other concerns the Board has regarding the criminal history records checks requirement. |
| SB 549, Ch. 217 HB 1265, Ch. 218 HO § 14-205.1 | Department of Health Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Board of Physicians | On or before October 1 each year, the Board shall 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:  
1) relevant disciplinary indicators, including:  
   (i) the number of physicians investigated under each of the disciplinary grounds enumerated under § 14–404 of this Article;  
   (ii) the number of physicians who were reprimanded or placed on probation or who had their licenses suspended or revoked;  
   (iii) the number of cases prosecuted and dismissed and on what grounds;  
   (iv) the criteria used to accept and reject cases for prosecution; and  
   (v) the number of unresolved allegations pending before the board;  
2) the average length of the time spent investigating allegations brought against physicians under each of the disciplinary grounds enumerated under § 14–404 of this Article;  
3) the number of cases not completed within 18 months and the reasons for the failure to complete the cases in 18 months;  
4) for both physicians and allied health professionals:  
   (i) the number of initial and renewal licenses issued;  
   (ii) the number of positive and negative criminal history records checks results received;  
   (iii) the number of individuals denied initial or renewal licensure due to positive criminal history records checks results; and  
   (iv) the number of individuals denied initial or renewal licensure due to reasons other than a positive criminal history records check; and  
5) the adequacy of current board staffing in meeting the workload of the Board. |
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| SB 600, Ch. 222(2) HB 775, Ch. 221(2) | Department of Health Department of Health & Mental Hygiene | (a) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with affected stakeholders, shall develop a statewide plan to expand the Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP) program to assist obstetric, primary care, pediatric, and other health care providers in addressing the emotional and mental health needs of pregnant and postpartum women.  
(b) The affected stakeholders with whom the Department collaborates under subsection (a) of this section shall include:  
(1) the directors of the Maryland Behavioral Health Integration in Pediatric Primary Care (BHIPP) program; and  
(2) any other public or private institution or organization with links to the targeted populations of providers and patients that the Department considers appropriate.  
(c) In developing the plan required under subsection (a) of this section, the Department shall identify and address:  
(1) the scope of emotional and mental health conditions to be included in the plan;  
(2) methods to accomplish provider outreach and education;  
(3) staffing requirements;  
(4) consultation standards;  
(5) clinical resources; and  
(6) funding requirements and mechanisms.  
(d) On or before December 1, 2017, the Department, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, shall submit the plan developed under this section to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.  |
| SB 548, Ch. 824(2) HB 824, Ch. 823(2) | Department of Health Department of Health & Mental Hygiene State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors | That on or before November 1, 2017, the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors 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, regarding the comparability of § 5–513(g)(2)(i) of the Health – General Article to the laws and regulations of other states. The report shall include a survey of other states, if any, that conduct inspections, either announced or unannounced, of out–of–state facilities to which the body of a decedent may be transported.  |
| SB 548, Ch. 824(3) HB 824, Ch. 823(3) | Department of Health Department of Health & Mental Hygiene State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors | That on or before January 1, 2018, the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors shall:  
(1) conduct:  
(i) a workload analysis to determine whether fees collected from each group regulated by the Board adequately reflect the costs associated with regulating that group; and  
(ii) an internal fiscal analysis, including a reassessment of its fee schedule; and  
(2) submit a report to the Department of Legislative Services on:  
(i) the findings of the Board’s workload analysis;  
(ii) the findings of the Board’s internal fiscal analysis and reassessment of its fee schedule;  
(iii) any proposed changes to the Board’s fee schedule; and  
(iv) the status of filling the vacant staff position and, if filled, the impact of filling the position on the Board’s expenditures, the fund balance, and the number of overtime hours worked by Board staff.  |
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| SB 548, Ch. 824(4) HB 824, Ch. 823(4) | Department of Health Department of Health & Mental Hygiene State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors | That, on or before October 1, 2019, the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors 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:  
(1) Board action taken in response to the findings of the workload analysis and internal fiscal analysis required to be conducted by the Board under Section 3 of this Act; and  
(2) Board efforts to:  
(i) ensure sufficient staff resources;  
(ii) work with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to facilitate Board record keeping and improve the Board’s Web site;  
(iii) work to improve the negative perception of the Board by some licensees; and  
(iv) further enhance communications with the industry. |
| SB 503, Ch. 499 | Department of Health Department of Health & Mental Hygiene each health occupations board: | That, on or before January 1, 2018, each health occupations board established under the Health Occupations Article shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Government Operations Committee an update on the efforts to educate individuals regulated under the health occupations board regarding:  
(1) reducing and eliminating racial and ethnic health disparities;  
(2) improving health literacy;  
(3) improving cultural and linguistic competency; and  
(4) achieving the goal of racial and ethnic health equity. |

**Staffing Statement:**

TITLE 1A. Acupuncturists.
TITLE 3. Chiropractors.
TITLE 4. Dentistry.
TITLE 5. Licensed Dietitian-Nutritionists.
TITLE 6. Massage Therapy.
TITLE 7. Morticians and Funeral Directors.
TITLE 8. Nurses.
TITLE 10. Occupational Therapists.
TITLE 11. Optometrists.
TITLE 13. Physical Therapists.
TITLE 15. Physician Assistants.
TITLE 16. Podiatrists.
TITLE 17. Professional Counselors and Therapists.
TITLE 18. Psychologists.
TITLE 20. Residential Child Care Program Professionals.
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<td>SB 823, Ch. 616 HB 659, Ch. 615</td>
<td>Department of Housing &amp; Community Development Task Force to Study Tax Sales in Maryland</td>
<td>(b) On or before December 1, 2017, the Task Force [to Study Tax Sales in Maryland] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <strong>Staffing Statement:</strong> (e) The Department of Housing and Community Development shall provide staff for the Task Force.</td>
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<td>SB 717, Ch. 621 HB 1169, Ch. 620</td>
<td>Department of Information Technology Task Force on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service</td>
<td>(g) On or before November 30, 2017, the Task Force [on Rural Internet, Broadband, Wireless, and Cellular Service] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <strong>Staffing Statement:</strong> (d) The Department of Information Technology shall provide staff for the Task Force.</td>
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| SB 674, Ch. 654(2) HB 721, Ch. 653(2) | Department of Juvenile Services | (a) On or before December 31, 2017, the Department of Juvenile Services shall submit an interim report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the implementation of the requirements specified in § 9–238.1(a)(7) of the Human Services Article, as enacted by this [Juvenile Services - Services and Programs for Females] Act.  
[1 of 2 reports.]
| SB 674, Ch. 654(2) HB 721, Ch. 653(2) | Department of Juvenile Services | (b) On or before December 31, 2018, the Department shall submit a final report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the implementation of the requirements specified in § 9–238.1(a)(7) of the Human Services Article, as enacted by this [Juvenile Services - Services and Programs for Females] Act.  
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<td>SB 982, Ch. 487</td>
<td>Department of Juvenile Services</td>
<td>(a)(1) The Department of Juvenile Services shall prepare a progress report on the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force to Study the Restraint, Searches, and Needs of Children in the Juvenile Justice System that was established by Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016. (2) In preparing the report required under this section, the Department shall compile information on: (i) changes to Department policies and procedures regarding the use of: 1. visual body searches; and 2. mechanical restraints during transportation; (ii) the collection of data related to the use of visual body searches, including: 1. the number of searches conducted; 2. the circumstances leading to the searches; 3. whether contraband was removed as a result of the searches; and 4. the type of contraband recovered; (iii) the collection of data related to the use of mechanical restraints during transportation, including: 1. the number of times youth are transported in mechanical restraints: A. from a staff–secure placement; B. while being released on an earned home pass; or C. while being released back to the community; and 2. an evaluation of the potential for creating a nonsecure transportation unit, including both the fiscal and operational impact; and (iv) the ages, race, and gender of youth in each facility operated by the Department. (b) On or before December 1, 2017, the Department of Juvenile Services shall submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly the report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force and the information specified in paragraph (a)(2) of this section.</td>
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<td>SB 921, 2016, Ch. 2(2)</td>
<td>Department of Labor, Licensing &amp; Regulation</td>
<td>That the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall: (1) study the workforce development training needs for the clean energy industry in the State; (2) in conducting the study required under item (1) of this section, seek input from: (i) State agencies, including the Department of Budget and Management, the Department of Commerce, the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the Maryland Clean Energy Center; (ii) clean energy industry stakeholders; and (iii) any other persons that the Department determines appropriate; (3) identify: (i) existing programs that could help address the clean energy industry workforce needs; (ii) any new program that could be developed to provide workforce development training for the clean energy workforce; (iii) ways to advance clean energy job training and employment opportunities for: 1. individuals from economically distressed areas; and 2. disadvantaged workers who have barriers to entry into the labor force, including homelessness, prior criminal records, receipt of public assistance, unemployment with no high school education, veterans of the armed forces of the United States, and former foster care youth; (iv) barriers to entry for small, minority, and women–owned businesses in the clean energy industry; (v) funding ways that may be used to provide incentives for the development of clean energy workforce development training programs, including through tax credits, grants, or other forms; and (vi) options for funding sources, including the Strategic Energy Investment Fund, money directed by Public Service Commission orders, and other sources; and (4) on or before July 1, 2017, report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly its findings and any recommendations.</td>
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<td>HB 1106, 2016, Ch. 1(2)</td>
<td>Department of Labor, Licensing &amp; Regulation</td>
<td>[Veto Override.]</td>
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SG § 9-1A-35 (c)(1) in this subsection, “eligible fund manager” means an entity that has: (i) invested in small, minority, and women–owned businesses in the state for at least a 5–year period; and (ii) at least 75% of its entire investment portfolio in debt and equity and near equity types of investments made for the purpose of investing in small, minority, and women–owned businesses for the purpose of creating and retaining jobs in the state.
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<td>SB 392, Ch. 484(2)</td>
<td>Department of Labor, Licensing &amp; Regulation Commissioner of Financial Regulation</td>
<td>That the Commissioner of Financial Regulation shall: (1) monitor the requirements implemented by the federal Consumer Financial Protection Bureau relating to disclosures provided to borrowers of mortgage loans under the “Know Before You Owe” mortgage disclosure rule, including: (i) the Loan Estimate Disclosure under 12 C.F.R. § 1026.37, which includes information on closing and loan costs and the terms of a loan and must be provided to a borrower within 3 days after application for a mortgage loan; and (ii) the Closing Disclosure under 12 C.F.R. § 1026.38, which includes information that binds a lender to the loan terms and must be provided to a borrower at least 3 days before the closing of a mortgage loan; and (2) notify the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly if the Commissioner determines that the federal disclosure requirements described in item (1) of this section are proposed to be modified or have been modified to be less stringent or less consumer friendly.</td>
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<td>SB 190, Ch. 57(2)</td>
<td>Department of Labor, Licensing &amp; Regulation Elevator Safety Review Board</td>
<td>(a) On or before October 1, 2018, the Elevator Safety Review Board shall submit a report to the Department of Legislative Services and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee on: (1) the results of the Board’s assessment of licensing activity and its projected revenues and expenditures; and (2) how the Board plans to ensure that it has sufficient funding to continue operating. (b) The report shall include discussion on options related to: (1) reducing spending; (2) increasing the license fees charged by the Board to the maximum allowed under § 12–824(b) of the Public Safety Article; (3) increasing the maximum license fees authorized under § 12–824(b) of the Public Safety Article; (4) the feasibility of increasing the inspection and registration fees collected under § 12–809(c) and (d) of the Public Safety Article that support the Elevator Safety Review Board Fund; and (5) modifying the reversion requirement in § 12–824.1(j) of the Public Safety Article to allow the Board to retain a greater percentage of the Elevator Safety Review Board Fund balance annually.</td>
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<td>SB 317, Ch. 149(6)</td>
<td>Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation</td>
<td>That the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall explore ways to combine the Youth Apprenticeship Pilot Program with the Apprenticeship and Training Program. On or before December 1, 2018, the Department shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, regarding its findings and recommendations in this regard.</td>
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| SB 307, Ch. 30(2) | Department of Legislative Services Workgroup on the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act | (g) On or before January 1, 2020, the Workgroup [on the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  
**Staffing Statement:** (d) (1) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Workgroup. |
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| SB 571, Ch. 17   | Department of Legislative Services  
Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
Maryland Insurance Administration  
Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission | (i) On or before December 31, each year, the [Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection] Commission shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  
**Staffing Statement:**  
(e) The Department of Legislative Services, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, and the Maryland Insurance Administration jointly shall provide staff for the Commission.  
[Expires: 6/30/20]                                                                 |
| HB 68, Ch. 461   | Department of Natural Resources                                         | That, on or before December 31, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the number of discounted angler’s licenses and trout stamps, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses and associated State-issued stamps and permits issued to recipients of the Purple Heart award under this Act.  
[Hunting and Fishing - Discounted Licenses - Purple Heart Recipients]                                                                 |
| SB 46, Ch. 463(2)  
HB 4, Ch. 462(2) | Department of Natural Resources                                         | That, on or before December 31, 2019, the Department of Natural Resources shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:  
(1) the number of discounted angler’s licenses and trout stamps, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses and associated State-issued stamps and permits issued to recipients of the Purple Heart Award under this Act;  
(2) the number and identity of any other states that have enacted legislation authorizing the issuance of a lifetime complimentary angler’s license, a recreational salt water sport fishing license, or a hunting license to a Maryland resident who certifies that the resident is a former prisoner of war or a 100% service connected disabled veteran;  
(3) the total number of complimentary angler’s licenses, recreational salt water sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses issued to Maryland residents under the legislation; and  
(4) the total number of complimentary angler’s licenses, Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing licenses, and hunting licenses issued by the Department to out-of-state persons under this Act and § 10–303(a)(2)(ii) of the Natural Resources Article. |
| SB 964, Ch. 380  
HB 1200, Ch. 381 | Department of Natural Resources                                         | That the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with interested stakeholders, shall:  
(1) review the conflicts that arise when implementing its policies of protecting submerged aquatic vegetation and promoting aquaculture in the State;  
(2) develop solutions to these conflicts that take into account the benefits provided by both submerged aquatic vegetation and aquaculture; and  
(3) report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017.  
[While not cross filed these two bills are identical.]                                                                 |

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<td>HB 773, Ch. 382</td>
<td>Department of Natural Resources</td>
<td>On or before December 1, 2018, the Power Plant Research Program shall present a report to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, of the findings of the [Energy Storage Technology] study required under this section and any recommended policy actions.</td>
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<td>HB 1414, Ch. 393</td>
<td>Department of Natural Resources</td>
<td>(a) The Power Plant Research Program shall conduct a study of the renewable energy portfolio standard and related matters in accordance with this section. (b) the study shall be a comprehensive review of the history, implementation, overall costs and benefits, and effectiveness of the renewable energy portfolio standard in relation to the energy policies of the State … (e)(1)(i) on or before December 1, 2018, the Program shall submit an interim report on any preliminary findings of the study under this section, including any observations and requests for alteration or clarification of the scope, subjects, procedures, and intergovernmental cooperation that may be required to complete the study and submit a final report under this subsection. (ii) if the program determines that any preliminary findings under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph warrant reporting earlier than December 1, 2018, the program may submit a preliminary interim report on those preliminary findings. … (3) the interim, any preliminary interim, and final reports shall be submitted to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.</td>
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<td>HB 1414, Ch. 393</td>
<td>Department of Natural Resources</td>
<td>(e)(2) on or before December 1, 2019, the [Power Plant Research] Program shall submit a final report on the findings of the study [of the renewable energy portfolio standard and related matters], including proposals for any alteration of the renewable portfolio standard, alternative mechanisms for furthering the State’s energy policies, and related matters, and any proposed legislative or regulatory changes recommended to implement the findings of the study. (3) the interim, any preliminary interim, and final reports shall be submitted to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.</td>
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| SB 967, Ch. 572(7) HB 1329, Ch. 571(7) | Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services | (a) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and each local jail and detention center, in collaboration with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and stakeholders, shall develop a plan to increase the provision of substance use disorder treatment, including medication–assisted treatment, in State prisons and each local jail and detention center.  
(b) On or before November 1, 2017, each local jail and detention center shall submit the plan required under subsection (a) of this section to the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.  
(c) On or before December 1, 2017, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall submit a report that includes the plans required under subsection (a) of this section and any recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. |
| HB 232, Ch. 829 COR § 3-207.1 | Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services Division of Correction | (a) on or before October 31, 2017, and on or before October 31 in every odd–numbered year thereafter, the Commissioner [of Correction] shall submit a security and staffing report covering the prior 2–year period to the Secretary, the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  
(b) the report shall be based on a joint survey conducted by the administration of the division of correction and the exclusive collective bargaining representative of the employees.  
(c) the report shall include:  
(1) a post–by–post analysis that identifies the actual number of positions needed to safely and securely staff each institution;  
(2) the amount of overtime currently being used to meet minimum standards;  
(3) an accounting of all institution activities that have been impacted by staffing levels;  
(4) an assessment of expected future turnover in personnel; and  
(5) an analysis of the need for additional staff. |
| HB 270, Ch. 386 EN § 6-1502(e) | Department of the Environment Department of Education | On or before December 1, 2018, and on or before December 1 each year thereafter, the Department [of the Environment] and the State Department of Education jointly shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the findings of the testing required under this section, including:  
(1) the name and address of each school found to have elevated levels of lead in its drinking water; and  
(2) the type, location in the building, and use of each drinking water outlet with an elevated level of lead. |
<p>| SB 917, Ch. 353 TR § 24-113.2(h)(5) | Department of Transportation State Highway Administration | On or before December 31 each year, the State Highway Administration shall report the information submitted under paragraph (2) of this subsection [a complete list of registered combinations of vehicles used for carrying live poultry in accordance with this section that includes the following information for each vehicle] and the determination made under paragraph (4) of this subsection to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Environment and Transportation Committee in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. |</p>
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| SB 917, Ch. 353(2) | Department of Transportation State Highway Administration | (a) The State Highway Administration shall notify the Department of Legislative Services within 5 days after determining that 45% of the poultry processing facility industry’s combinations of vehicles used for carrying live poultry have an axle configuration of not less than six axles.  
(b)(1) If the notice required under subsection (a) of this section is not received by the Department of Legislative Services on or before October 31, 2020, this [Seasonal Exceptional Poultry Hauling Permit] Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly.  
(2) If the notice required under subsection (a) of this section is received by the Department of Legislative Services on or before October 31, 2020, this Act shall, at the end of October 31, 2022, be abrogated and of no further force and effect without the necessity of further action by the General Assembly. |
| SB 1, Ch. 728 ED § 5-111.1(b) | each County Board of Education | Beginning with the 2018–2019 school year, on or before December 1 each year, each County Board [Allegany County, Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Calvert County, Caroline County, Carroll County, Cecil County, Charles County, Dorchester County, Frederick County, Garrett County, Harford County, Howard County, Kent County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Queen Anne's County, St. Mary's County, Somerset County, Talbot County, Washington County, Wicomico County, Worcester County] shall submit to the Department and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly a report for the prior school year on:  
(1) the number of students who received specialized intervention services;  
(2) the grades in which specialized intervention services were provided; and  
(3) the annual budget, including all federal, state, and local funds, for specialized intervention services, including screenings, evaluations, materials, professional development, and staffing. |
| SB 1017, Ch. 164 | Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking | HB 456/Ch. 91, 2015 as amended by SB 863/Ch. 80, 2016 and HB 786/Ch. 81, 2016 as amended by SB 1017/Chapter 164, 2017:  
(3) on or before December 1, 2017, the Workgroup [to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking] shall submit a supplemental report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  
**Staffing Statement:** (e) The Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for the Workgroup.  
[1 of 2 reports.] |
| SB 1017, Ch. 164 | Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking | HB 456/Ch. 91, 2015 as amended by SB 863/Ch. 80, 2016 and HB 786/Ch. 81, 2016 as amended by SB 1017/Chapter 164, 2017:  
(4) on or before December 1, 2018, the Workgroup [to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking] shall submit a supplemental report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  
**Staffing Statement:** (e) The Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall provide staff for the Workgroup.  
[2 of 2 reports.] |
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<td>SB 317, Ch. 149(7)</td>
<td>Governor's Office</td>
<td>(a) The General Assembly finds that the widespread adoption of tax subsidies intended to move jobs from one state to another reduces revenues in all participating states without increasing the total number and quality of jobs. Therefore, the Governor should work with the chief executive officers of Delaware, the District of Columbia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia to negotiate an agreement among all of these states by July 1, 2018, for the repeal of any law in each state that provides a tax subsidy, including any tax credit, deduction, exemption, or other modification, that is intended to create new jobs or entice new jobs to the state. The agreement shall specify the laws of each state that allow for such a tax subsidy and shall provide that each state will adopt legislation to repeal those laws, contingent on the enactment of the corresponding legislation by each of the other states. In connection with the agreement, the executives shall propose approaches for ensuring continuing compliance with the terms of the agreement. On or before September 15, 2018, the Governor shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the status of reaching an agreement. (b) If the agreement under subsection (a) of this section is not reached by September 15, 2018, the Governor shall include in the report alternatives to encourage agreement among the respective states, including but not limited to, increasing the amount of the job creation tax credit.</td>
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<td>SB 348, Ch. 799</td>
<td>Governor's Office of Crime Control &amp; Prevention</td>
<td>(g) On or before December 15, 2017, the Task Force [to Study Erroneous Conviction and Imprisonment] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</td>
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<td>SB 116, Ch. 406(2)</td>
<td>Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation</td>
<td>That the Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation shall: (1) review the State’s standard for land acquisition of 30 acres per 1,000 people to determine whether adjustments may be made to the standard to encourage the additional acquisition of land under Program Open Space; and (2) on or before October 1, 2018, 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 Environment and Transportation Committee.</td>
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<td>SB 313, Ch. 365(4)</td>
<td>Maryland Clean Energy Center</td>
<td>Maryland Clean Energy Center shall: (1) establish a work plan to become self–sustaining within 5 years after the effective date of this Act using funding provided under this Act and other funding that the Center may obtain, and projected revenues from project financing activities of the Center under Title 10, Subtitle 8 of the Economic Development Article; and (2) submit a report, which may be part of its annual report, on or before December 1, 2019, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the Center’s: (i) progress since enactment of this Act to become self–sustaining with its current activities and funding and revenue levels; and (ii) recommendations for changes, including additional necessary funding, to continue on the trajectory path to reach the goal to become self–sustaining within 5 years.</td>
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<td>SB 169, Ch. 721</td>
<td>Maryland Dental Action Coalition</td>
<td>(c)(1) On or before December 1, 2017, [Maryland Dental Action] Coalition may report to the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the General Assembly the findings of the study conducted under subsection (a) of this section.</td>
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| SB 314, Ch. 367(3)  | Maryland Department of the Environment          | (a) Beginning July 1, 2018, the Department of the Environment shall report each year to the Bay Restoration Fund Advisory Committee on the implementation of this Act.  
(b) On or before October 1, 2020, the Department of the Environment shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the House Environment and Transportation Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee on the implementation of this Act. [Clean Water Commerce Act of 2017]. |
| HB 417, Ch. 366(3)  | Maryland Department of the Environment          | (a) The Department of the Environment shall:  
(1) study the diversion of yard waste, food residuals, and other organic materials from refuse disposal facilities in the State, including any State laws or regulations governing the diversion of yard waste, food residuals, or other organic materials; ...  
(c) On or before July 1, 2018, the Department shall report its interim findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. [1 of 2 reports.] |
| SB 99, Ch. 383(c)   | Maryland Department of the Environment          | (a) The Department of the Environment shall: …  
(d) On or before July 1, 2019, the Department shall report its final findings and recommendations [on Yard Waste, Food Residuals, and Other Organic Materials Diversion and Infrastructure - Study] to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. [2 of 2 reports.] |
<p>| HB 171, Ch. 384(c)  | Maryland Department of the Environment          |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| SB 99, Ch. 383(d)   | Maryland Department of the Environment          |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| HB 171, Ch. 384(d)  | Maryland Department of the Environment          |                                                                                                                                                                                                      |</p>
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<td>HB 152, Ch. 23(18)</td>
<td>Maryland Department of Transportation</td>
<td>(a) The State Secretary of Transportation, in coordination with the Montgomery County and Prince George’s County Departments of Transportation, shall engage the Secretary’s counterparts in Virginia and Washington, D.C., and the appropriate officials in the federal government for the purpose of revising the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact of 1966 and implementing other reforms necessary to ensure the near–term and long–term viability of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). In doing so, the Secretary shall develop, propose, and seek agreement on reforms related to the following: (1) the legal and organizational structure of WMATA; (2) the composition and qualifications of the WMATA Board of Directors and the length of terms of its members; (3) funding by local jurisdictions, including potential dedicated funding; (4) measures necessary to resolve WMATA’s unfunded pension liability and other postemployment benefits; (5) measures necessary to better ensure the safety of ridership and employees, including safety in the event of a homeland security emergency in the national capital area; (6) financial and operational improvements necessary to ensure that WMATA’s performance is at least as efficient as its closest comparable transit systems in the United States; (7) measures necessary to provide reliable service to riders; and (8) measures necessary to preserve and enhance paratransit service. (b) The Secretary shall report to and consult quarterly beginning June 30, 2017, with the Chairs of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Environment and Transportation Committee. [Adds reporting requirement.]</td>
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<td>SB 310, Ch. 587(3)</td>
<td>Maryland Department of Transportation</td>
<td>That on or before December 1, 2017, the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Maryland–Delaware–District of Columbia Press Association, shall: (1) study the use and cost for placing public announcements of solicitations of interest for transportation architectural and engineering services in the Daily Record and other print publications and whether to amend the Code of Maryland Regulations 21.12.02.10A; and (2) 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 findings of the study conducted under item (1) of this section.</td>
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| SB 142, Ch. 836   | Maryland Department of Transportation | (g) On or before December 31, 2017, the Task Force [to Study Bicycle Safety on Maryland Highways] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. [Staffing Statement: (d) The Maryland Department of Transportation shall provide staff for the Task Force.]
| HB 192, Ch. 835   | Maryland Department of Transportation | Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety on Maryland Highways                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

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<td>HB 290, Ch. 719(2)</td>
<td>Maryland Department of Transportation</td>
<td>That, on or before December 31 each year, the Maryland Transportation Authority shall issue a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Environment and Transportation Committee on the procurement and implementation of the Third Generation–Electronic Toll Collection System that includes for each component of the System: (1) a summary of key issues being addressed in the procurement and implementation of the System, including: (i) efforts to review and analyze the location of a toll plaza adjacent to a bridge that is a transportation facilities project to ensure that the Authority is appropriately charging a toll for vehicles that traverse the transportation facilities project; and (ii) a projected time frame for: 1. Board of Public Works approval of contracts for the System; and 2. implementation of the System; (2) if a contract has been approved by the Board of Public Works: (i) a summary of the key contract terms, including duration and cost; (ii) the selected vendors and their qualifications; (iii) a description of the factors that made a selected vendor the best–value selection; (iv) major changes made with respect to the previous tolling system contract, including new payment options for tolls; and (v) a description of the performance measures included in the contract and the actions that may be taken if the performance measures are not met; and (3) if a component of the System has been implemented, the impact on: (i) the tolling operations of and customer service provided by the Authority; and (ii) the possibility of implementing all–electronic tolling or changes to toll rates.</td>
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<td>SB 441, Ch. 416(2)</td>
<td>Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs</td>
<td>That, on or before December 31, 2019, the Department of Veterans Affairs shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the following information regarding the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program established under § 9–957 of the State Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act: (1) the number of Program participants involved in the Program; (2) the nonprofit training entity or entities selected by the Department for involvement in the Program; (3) an accounting of the money deposited into and redeemed out of the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program Fund established under § 9–957 of the State Government Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act; and (4) any other information related to the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program that the Department considers relevant.</td>
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| SB 908, Ch. 849 ED § 9.7-113 | Maryland Education Development Collaborative | (a) on or before September 1 each year, the [Maryland Education Development] Collaborative shall report to the Governor, the Department, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  
(b) the report shall include:  
(1) a complete operating and financial statement covering the operations of the collaborative;  
(2) a summary of the collaborative’s activities during the preceding fiscal year; and  
(3) an evaluation of the impact of the collaborative’s activities to promote and enhance 21st–century learning and socioeconomic diversity in the state’s public schools. |
| SB 884, Ch. 18 HB 1134, Ch. 781 | Maryland Financial Consumer Protection Commission Department of Legislative Services | (h) On or before December 31, 2017, ... the [Maryland Financial Consumer Protection] Commission shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations, including any legislative proposals, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  
**Staffing Statement:** (d) The Department of Legislative Services shall provide staff for the Commission. |
| SB 1060, Ch. 574 HB 1082, Ch. 573 ED § 11-1204(b) | Maryland Higher Education Commission | (a) on or before October 1 each year, each institution of higher education shall report to the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission on each incident at the institution that required the use of naloxone or other overdose–reversing medication.  
(b) on or before December 1, 2018, ... the Commission shall report the information provided under subsection (a) of this section to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. [1 of 3 reports.] |
| SB 1060, Ch. 574 HB 1082, Ch. 573 ED § 11-1204(b) | Maryland Higher Education Commission | (a) on or before October 1 each year, each institution of higher education shall report to the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission on each incident at the institution that required the use of naloxone or other overdose–reversing medication.  
(b) on or before December 1, 2019, ... the Commission shall report the information provided under subsection (a) of this section to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. [2 of 3 reports.] |
| SB 1060, Ch. 574 HB 1082, Ch. 573 ED § 11-1204(b) | Maryland Higher Education Commission | (a) on or before October 1 each year, each institution of higher education shall report to the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission on each incident at the institution that required the use of naloxone or other overdose–reversing medication.  
(b) on or before December 1, 2020, the Commission shall report the information provided under subsection (a) of this section to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. [3 of 3 reports.] |
### Reports to the Presiding Officers and the General Assembly, as a Result of 2017 Legislation

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<td>Maryland Higher Education Commission</td>
<td>On or before December 1 each year, the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on: (1) the number of students who received a Workforce Development Sequence Scholarship; (2) the amount of the award made to each recipient; (3) the community college that the recipient attended; and (4) the Workforce Development Sequence in which the recipient enrolled.</td>
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<td>SB 872, Ch. 612 ED § 11-1205(b)</td>
<td>Maryland Higher Education Commission</td>
<td>On or before June 30, 2019, and each year thereafter, the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission, after consultation with the Department of Disabilities, the State Department of Education, and the Administration shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the effectiveness and success of the [James W. Hubbard Inclusive Higher Education Grant] Program.</td>
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<td>SB 967, Ch. 572(3) HB 1329, Ch. 571(3) HG § 19-310.3(c)(2)</td>
<td>Maryland Hospital Association</td>
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| SB 427, Ch. 34   | Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services | (a) The Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems shall:  
1. in consultation with interested stakeholders, study and make recommendations regarding locations where automated external defibrillators could be most beneficial;  
2. compile information on the cost of automated external defibrillators, including the cost of installation;  
3. compile information on the cost of training individuals to use automated external defibrillators; and  
4. provide a summary of the immunity from liability provisions in State law regarding the use of automated external defibrillators.  
(b) In conducting the study required under subsection (a) of this section, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems shall use any relevant data that is available for calendar years 2015, 2016, and 2017.  
(c) On or before December 1, 2017, the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems shall report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article. |
| HB 522, Ch. 35   |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| SB 189, Ch. 65(3)| Maryland Insurance Administration           | That the Maryland Insurance Administration shall submit to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Economic Matters Committee, and the Department of Legislative Services, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, a report:  
1. on the status and effectiveness of premium tax collections by the Administration using an online premium tax collection system that is due 18 months after the system is operational; and  
2. on the timeliness of the review of property and casualty form filings during fiscal 2017 that includes the number of form filings reviewed and the percentage of form filings reviewed within 30 days and is due on or before October 1, 2017. |
| HB 116, Ch. 66(3)|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| SB 380, Ch. 224  | Maryland Insurance Administration           | (a) In this section, “short–term medical insurance” means medical insurance with a policy term that does not exceed 11 months.  
(b) The Maryland Insurance Administration shall conduct a study to assess the need in the State for short–term medical insurance offered by nonadmitted insurers. …  
(e) On or before December 31, 2017, the Administration shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations from the study required under subsection (b) of this section 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. |
| HB 774, Ch. 223  |                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| SB 873, Ch. 489  | Maryland Insurance Administration           | In accordance with § 2–110 of the Insurance Article, the Maryland Insurance Commissioner shall submit a report on:  
1. Each insurer claiming the credit against the insurance premium tax under § 6–114 of the Insurance Article;  
2. The total amount of credits claimed by insurers under § 6–114 of the Insurance Article; and  
3. the number of insurers claiming the credit.  
[Creates a new reporting requirement in § 2–110 of the Insurance Article.] |
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[Adds reporting requirement.] |
| SB 317, Ch. 149  | Maryland State Board of Education               | On or before December 1, 2017, and December 1 of each year thereafter, the State Board shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the progress toward attaining the goals established by the State Board in accordance with subsection (a) of this section and the goals established under subsection (b) of this section. |
| SB 154, Ch. 744(2) | Montgomery County Department of Police          | That, on or before December 1, 2018, the Montgomery County Department of Police shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the total number of violations recorded by school bus monitoring cameras in Montgomery County after the effective date of this Act, the effect of this Act on the frequency of violations in Montgomery County, and the number of violations recorded in Montgomery County for vehicles travelling in the opposite direction of school buses on multilane highways with painted medians. |
| HB 1574, Ch. 457  | Prince George’s County Department of Corrections | (g) On or before December 1, 2017, the [Prince George’s County Pretrial Release, Work Release, and Diversion Programs] Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the members of the Prince George’s County Delegation to the General Assembly and the General Assembly.  
**Staffing Statement:** (d) The Prince George’s County Department of Corrections shall provide staff for the Task Force. |
| HB 1551, Ch. 456  | Prince George’s County Local Management Board   | On or before January 1 each year, the Prince George’s County Local Management Board shall submit a report on the total revenue received in the previous fiscal year and the total revenue from each source to:  
(1) the County Executive of Prince George’s County;  
(2) the County Council of Prince George’s County;  
(3) the Prince George’s County Senate Delegation of the General Assembly; and  
(4) the Prince George’s County House Delegation of the General Assembly.  
**Staffing Statement:** (c) The Prince George’s County Public Schools shall provide staff for the Workgroup. |
| HB 1568, Ch. 336  | Prince George’s County Public Schools Workgroup on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince George's County | (f) On or before August 31, 2017, the Workgroup [on Transportation for Middle and High School Students in Prince George's County] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George’s County House Delegation and the Prince George’s County Senators in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.  
**Staffing Statement:** (c) The Prince George’s County Public Schools shall provide staff for the Workgroup. |
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<td>(g) On or before December 31, 2017, the [Prince George’s County Surcharge Exemptions for Projects Near Transit Properties] Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George’s County Council, the Prince George’s County School Board, and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the members of the Prince George’s County delegation to the General Assembly.</td>
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<td>Prince George's County Council</td>
<td>That Prince George’s County shall:</td>
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<td>(1) study the feasibility of converting the Prince George’s County Local Management Board into a quasi–public nonprofit corporation that is not an instrumentality of the county government;</td>
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<td>(2) study the extent to which the quasi–public nonprofit corporations that have been established under § 8–301(b) of the Human Services Article have been able to leverage funds that are in addition to the total funding provided by the Governor’s Office for Children; and</td>
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<td>(3) on or before December 1, 2017, report its finding and recommendations, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Prince George’s County Executive, the Prince George’s County Council, the Prince George’s County Senators, and the Prince George’s County Delegation.</td>
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<td>SB 184, Ch. 14(3) HB 514, Ch. 780</td>
<td>Public Service Commission</td>
<td>That, on or before July 1, 2022, the Public Service Commission shall determine the advisability of maintaining the methodology and magnitude of the savings trajectory established in § 7–211(g)(2) of the Public Utilities Article, as enacted by this Act, as the basis for designing cost–effective energy efficiency and conservation programs and services in subsequent program cycles that the Commission shall authorize beginning with the 2024–2026 program cycle.</td>
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<td>HB 73, Ch. 796(2)</td>
<td>State Board of Elections</td>
<td>(a) The State Board of Elections shall survey the local boards of elections after the 2018 elections concerning their experience with 16–year–old election judges authorized by this Act.</td>
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<td>(b) The State Board shall compile and summarize the responses to the survey in a report that includes findings and recommendations concerning the value of 16–year–old election judges.</td>
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<td>(c) On or before February 1, 2019, the State Board shall submit the report required under this section 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.</td>
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University of Maryland’s Institute for Governmental Service and Research  
Academy for Excellence in Local Governance in the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy | That, on or before December 1, 2017, the State Open Meetings Law Compliance Board, the University of Maryland’s Institute for Governmental Service and Research, and the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance in the University of Maryland’s School of Public Policy shall:  
(1) collaborate with the Maryland Association of Counties, the Maryland Municipal League, the Maryland Association of Boards of Education, Maryland Common Cause, and the Maryland–Delaware–District of Columbia Press Association to determine a cost–benefit analysis of:  
(i) the costs to the State associated with tracking the names of individuals who complete a class on the open meetings law as required by § 3–213 of the General Provisions Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, including the public body with which the individual is affiliated, including the cost to the University of Maryland’s Institute for Governmental Service and Research to collect information on individuals who take the online course offered by the Institute; and  
(ii) the benefits to the State of tracking the names of individuals who complete a class on the open meetings law as required by § 3–213 of the General Provisions Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, including the public body with which the individual is affiliated;  
(2) collaborate with the Maryland Association of Counties, the Maryland Municipal League, and the Maryland Association of Boards of Education to develop a list of contacts for public bodies to which the Board may send educational materials, the Compliance Checklist for Meetings Subject to the Maryland Open Meetings Act, the Board’s annual report, and any other information the Board determines would be useful to a public body in assisting compliance with the Open Meetings Act; and  
(3) 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:  
(i) the findings of the results of the cost–benefit analysis required by item (1) of this section and any resulting recommendations for legislation; and  
(ii) the status of developing the information required under item (2) of this section. |
| HB 1178, Ch. 281  | State Retirement Agency  
Department of Legislative Services | (a) The State Retirement Agency and the Department of Legislative Services shall:  
(1) conduct a study regarding membership in the Employees’ Pension System for individuals who are employed in a position for which the budgeted hours per fiscal year are less than 500 hours, including:  
(i) the individuals who are required to join the Employees’ Pension System under current law as a condition of employment;  
(ii) the individuals who have optional membership in the Employees’ Pension System under current law; and  
(iii) the impact of Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2015 on the enrollment of individuals in the Employees’ Pension System; and  
(2) make recommendations regarding suggested statutory changes, if necessary, relating to membership in the Employees’ Pension System for individuals who are employed in a position for which the budgeted hours per fiscal year are less than 500 hours.  
(b) On or before December 1, 2017, the State Retirement Agency and the Department of Legislative Services shall report their findings and recommendations to the Joint Committee on Pensions. |
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| SB 696, Ch. 212  | United Seniors of Maryland Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning | (g) On or before December 1, 2017, the Task Force [on Long-Term Care Education and Planning] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  

**Staffing Statement:** (d) The United Seniors of Maryland shall provide staff for the Task Force.  

| SB 340, Ch. 559  | University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity | On or before January 31, 2018, the University of Maryland School of Public Health, Center for Health Equity, shall report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup and any draft legislation necessary to carry out the recommendations, 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  

**Staffing Statement:** (2) A unit of State government represented on the workgroup shall provide staff support requested by the workgroup.  

| SB 424, Ch. 763(2) | University System of Maryland William E. Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation Department of Education | That the William E. Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation at the University System of Maryland and the State Department of Education shall explore jointly the possibility of providing all students in primary and secondary education with high-quality, low-cost learning materials and resources such as openly licensed educational resources. On or before December 31, 2017, the Center and the Department shall submit an interim report regarding their progress to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  

| SB 424, Ch. 763(2) | University System of Maryland William E. Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation Department of Education | That the William E. Kirwan Center for Academic Innovation at the University System of Maryland and the State Department of Education shall explore jointly the possibility of providing all students in primary and secondary education with high-quality, low-cost learning materials and resources such as openly licensed educational resources. On or before December 31, 2018, the Center and the Department shall submit their findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  

| HB 119, Ch. 3 | Washington Metrorail Safety Commission | The [Washington Metrorail Safety] Commission shall make and publish annually a status report on the safety of the WMATA rail system, which shall include, among other requirements established by the Commission and federal law, status updates of outstanding corrective action plans, Commission directives, and ongoing investigations. A copy of each such report shall be provided to:  

(a) the administrator of the Federal Transit Administration;  
(b) the Governor of Virginia, the Governor of Maryland, and the Mayor of the District of Columbia;  
(c) the chair of the Council of the District of Columbia;  
(d) the President of the Maryland Senate and the Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates;  
(e) the President of the Virginia Senate and the Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates; and  
(f) the general manager and each member of the Board of Directors of WMATA. |
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<td>Washington Metrorail Safety Commission</td>
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<td>An independent annual audit shall be made of the financial accounts of the [Washington Metrorail Safety] Commission. the audit shall be made by qualified certified public accountants selected by the board, who shall have no personal interest, direct or indirect, in the financial affairs of the Commission or any of its officers or employees. the report of audit shall be prepared in accordance with generally accepted auditing principles and shall be distributed in the same manner provided by section 35. members, employees, agents, and contractors of the commission shall provide access to information necessary or desirable for the conduct of the annual audit.</td>
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Reports to the Budget Committees
(2017 Budget Bill/Joint Chairmen’s Report)

Department of Legislative Services
Annapolis, Maryland

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TREASURER’S REPORT TO

LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

June 6, 2017

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 last Report of December 13, 2016. 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 State Retirement and Pension System and is the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland 529 Plans. The Treasurer is a member of the governing boards of the Maryland Teachers’ and Employees’ Supplemental Retirement Plans, the Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority, and the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

The Treasurer’s Office continues 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 Zone Academy Bonds. And as you know, we continue to invest State funds prudently and conservatively to minimize risk to Maryland taxpayers.

The items set forth below detail a number of our recent achievements. We are always available to provide greater information or answer questions regarding these and other issues.
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Between December 1, 2016 and May 24, 2017, 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, in addition to the State General Obligation Bond Authorizations, including Qualified Zone Academy Bond authorizations, the Energy-Lease financings, and the Capital-Lease financings discussed in more detail in the Debt Management Section of this Report, the following items, worthy of note, were considered by the Board of Public Works:

**Public School Construction**
- Approved the appointment of Robert Gorrell as Executive Director of the Interagency Committee on School Construction. Mr. Gorrell had previously served as the Executive Director of the New Mexico Public Schools Facilities Authority. (02/08/17)
- Qualified Zone Academy Bond Program for FY 2018: Approved allocations in the amount of $4.97 million to 16 school systems in support of 29 projects. (05/24/17)
- Aging Schools Program for FY 2018: Approved allocations in the amount of $7 million. (05/24/17)
- Non-Public Aging Schools Program:
  - Ratified prior allocations of $3.5 million for FY 2016, $3.5 million for FY 2015, and $3 million for FY 2014. (01/04/17)
  - Approved allocations in the amount of $3,591,490 for FY 2017. (03/22/17)

**Baltimore City 21st Century Public School Construction Initiative**
- Approved the transfer of the Samuel F. B. Morse Elementary School from the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to the Baltimore City Government as a part of the school closure commitment contained in the Memorandum of Understanding entered into pursuant to the Baltimore City Public Schools Construction and Revitalization Act. (04/26/17)
- Cherry Hill Elementary/Middle School: Renovation and Addition:
  - Approved a request of Maryland Stadium Authority (MSA) to award Bid Package No. 1 (construction) to the construction manager. (02/08/17)
  - Approved a request of MSA to award Bid Package No. 2 (further construction) to the construction manager. (05/24/17)
• Forest Park High School: Renovation and Addition: Approved a request of MSA to award the Bid Package No. 1 (construction) to the construction manager. (01/25/17)

• Pimlico Elementary/Middle School: Renovation and Addition: Approved a request of the MSA to award Bid Package No. 2 (construction) to the construction manager. (01/04/17)

**Personnel, Procurement & Regulations**

• Approved for final adoption new regulations and amendments to existing COMAR provisions that include the following:
  - Implementation of prompt payment provisions;
  - Permitting the participation of dual-certified MBE/VSBE vendors to count towards achievement of both the MBE and VSBE goals;
  - Clarification of Department of General Services (DGS) authority for commodities and supply contracts;
  - Clarification of sole source requirements with respect to small procurements;
  - Updating political contribution disclosure clauses;
  - Removing IT from Department of Budget & Management (DBM) responsibilities;
  - Adding categories to the nondiscrimination clauses in affidavits;
  - Clarification that a performance bond is optional in non-construction contracts;
  - Inclusion of the Department of Disabilities (DOD) as an agency that procures “human services”; and
  - Permitting a photocopy of a bid bond power of attorney. (12/07/16)

• Approved for final adoption amendments to existing COMAR provisions to allow for the expedited processing of construction change orders consistent with legislation enacted during the 2016 Session (Chapters 580/581 of the Laws of 2016). (03/08/17)

• Approved publishing for comment in the *Maryland Register* amendments to existing COMAR provisions relating to the Public School Construction Program to allow certain broadband infrastructure costs under the Federal Communication Commission’s E-Rate Program to qualify as public school construction costs eligible for State grant funding through the Capital Improvement Program. (04/26/17)

**State Services, Facilities & Assets**

• Approved a request of the DGS to reconsider, rescind prior approval, and disapprove previously approved Agenda Items relating to the proposed State Center Complex redevelopment project. (12/21/16)

• Approved a request of the MSA to receive a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) to help pay for some of the costs of a feasibility study of the potential expansion of the Baltimore Convention Center. (12/07/16)

• Approved a request of the MSA to enter into an agreement with the Baltimore Ravens for capital improvements to M&T Bank Stadium. The Ravens will spend up to $120 million for capital improvements to the Stadium. MSA is responsible for certain infrastructure upgrades.
with a cap on expenditures of $24 million or 20 percent of the amount spent by the Ravens, whichever is less. (01/25/17)

- Approved a request of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) to acquire Hawk Plaza, a residential building that houses more than 150 UMES graduate students, and to assume $12.7 million in mortgage loans for this building from Maryland Hawk Corporation, a nonprofit that UMES established in 2003. (02/08/17)

- Approved a request of UMES to lease classroom space in Hagerstown in order to offer its Bachelor of Science degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management at the University System of Maryland, Hagerstown. The space will also include STEM laboratories to support future University STEM programs that will be offered at the regional center. (03/22/17)

- Approved a request of the Department of Information Technology (DoIT) to award a contract to provide cloud-based Amazon Web Services for the MD THINK initiative. (04/26/17)

- Approved a request of the Maryland State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency (MLGCA) to award a contract to Scientific Games International, Inc. for a State lottery central monitoring and control system and additional sales and marketing services. (05/10/17)

- Approved a request of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (DPSCS) to award a contract to provide services under the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program for HIV and Hepatitis Diseases for the State’s inmate population. (05/24/17)

- Accepted a report of an emergency procurement from the DPSCS to purchase TimeClock Plus, a product compatible with the State’s Workday system, to enable employees at correctional facilities to receive accurate pay, including overtime, in the pay period in which it is earned. (05/10/17)

**Transportation**

- Adopted resolutions authorizing the issuance and sale by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) of its Consolidated Transportation Bonds, Series 2017, in amount not to exceed $285 million. (04/05/17)

- Authorized the Maryland Port Administration (MPA) to bid on and acquire 103.41 acres at the Point Breeze Business Center at a price not to exceed $92.5 million in order to increase container storage capacity at the Port. (02/02/17)

**Natural Resources**

- Approved awarding a $3 million grant to the Oyster Recovery Partnership in support of the Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR) oyster recovery and habitat restoration program. This grant is part of an effort to construct and restore oyster reefs in the Tred Avon and the Little Choptank Rivers, and other tributaries, in support of the 2014 Chesapeake Watershed Agreement. (01/25/17)
• Approved awarding a $300,000 grant to the Maryland Agricultural and Resources Based Industry Development Corporation (MARBIDCO) for the Maryland Shellfish Aquaculture Capital Equipment Finance Program. This program provides low interest financing to new and existing shellfish aquaculture programs. Loan recipients use these funds to acquire the oyster seed, shell, and capital equipment that they need to begin aquaculture operations. (01/25/17)

State Property Tax Rate
• Set the State Real Property Tax Rate for FY 2018 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. (04/26/17)
TREASURY MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Banking Services Department

The primary mission of the Banking Services Department (BSD) is to manage and control relationships with vendors providing financial services for the State of Maryland, to anticipate agency banking requirements, and to respond timely to agency requests.

The State Treasurer’s Office procures financial products and services on behalf of the State. In April of 2017, an award was made for Statewide Lockbox Services with a contract effective date of May 24, 2017.

BSD 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 Department 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 BSD 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 2016, total cash receipts and disbursements exceeded $565 billion. As of May 31, 2017, total cash receipts and disbursements exceeded $416 billion for the current fiscal year. The State’s bank accounts continue to be reconciled to the State’s general ledger to the penny, daily.

In addition to the reconciliation duties, the Department 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 Federal Reserve wire payments;
• Managing foreign currency transactions;
• Processing check stop payments, cancellations and reissues;
• Initiating replacement checks for failed ACH payments;
• Recovering funds for fraudulent check presentments;
• Providing transaction research assistance to State agencies;
• Managing the Unpresented and Undeliverable Check Funds;
• Recordation in R*STARS of all bank adjustments; and
• Maintenance of tables to allow for accurate posting of electronic receipts.

Another responsibility of the Department 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), BSD monitors over 1,400 agency bank accounts at 28 financial institutions. Total posted collateral as of April 30, 2017 was $614+ million (unaudited). The updated reports for all State bank accounts will be sent out at the beginning of July, with anticipated responses due before July 31, 2017. That information will be used to update the TBAIS system which is used to ensure all accounts are collateralized properly and monitored monthly. The results of the survey will be updated in TBAIS to ensure collection of all interest owed to the General Fund.
The BSD 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 Department will continue to explore new financial products and improved data delivery methods that will increase its capabilities to provide efficient and cost-saving banking and financial services to all State agencies.

Investment Department

The Treasurer’s prudent investment policy and practices have protected the investment portfolio through these continued unprecedented economic times and has resulted in a continuous return on the portfolio. The par value of the General Fund investment portfolio for May 31, 2017 was $6,374,875,159 as compared to May 31, 2016 at $5,983,828,914. The General Fund Investment Portfolio increased by $391,046,245.

On May 31, 2017, the portfolio was earning an average of 1.523%, compared to 0.871% on May 31, 2016. The Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) maintained the Federal Funds Target Rate at .50% or less since December 16, 2008. On December 15, 2016, there was an increase to .75%. On March 16, 2017, there was another increase to 1.00%. The Maryland State Treasurer’s Office investment policy requires a rate of return to be at least equal to the three month US Treasury Bill yield. As of May 31, 2017, the three month Treasury Bill yield was .98%. In the prior year as of May 31, 2016, the three month Treasury Bill yield was 0.34%. The General Fund Investment Portfolio yield is greater than the three month Treasury Bill yield as of May 31, 2017. The Federal Funds Target Rate is expected to rise 2 more times in 2017, which should increase the Treasury Bill yield as well.

The gross interest earnings received year-to-date for FY 2017 are $69,806,655 compared to $63,467,881 received for the same time period in Fiscal Year 2016. From Fiscal Year 2016 to Fiscal Year 2017, the gross interest earnings increased by $6,338,775.

The following chart tracks the number of individual agency accounts that receive an interest allocation from the total interest earned on the investment portfolio. It is important to note that as the total General Fund portfolio decreases, the proportion of Agency Funds to General Funds increases and therefore the State Agencies allocated share of interest earnings increases.
The Office continues to encourage minority business participation in the investment of State funds. The evolving bond market has made this task more difficult. A number of MBE firms have merged, been acquired, or ceased to exist during the last few years. The STO has been diligent in the pursuit of qualified MBE broker/dealer firms. Twenty-seven MBE broker/dealers are on the Office’s approved list for FY 2017, and have handled investments of $1,739,517,000 out of $6.4 billion (27%) so far this fiscal year. This compares to FY 2016, when the Office had twenty-six approved MBE broker/dealers who handled $865,572,000 out of $5.9 billion (14%) by this same time last year.

The Maryland Local Government Investment Pool’s (MLGIP) AAA rating was reaffirmed by S&P Global Ratings on March 27, 2017. The MLGIP has maintained the AAAm rating since April 2000. The MLGIP’s balance, which is the amount invested by all participants, on May 31, 2017 was $4,134,930,576, compared with $3,808,756,065 on May 31, 2016. This is an increase of $326,174,511, due to participants’ higher available cash balances and lack of safe

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<td>7,064,094</td>
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alternative investments. The MLGIP yield is 0.83% as of May 31, 2017, compared to 0.36% last year. The MLGIP grew from 303 participants to 305 participants due to the lack of safe short-term investment alternatives for Investment Pool members at a comparable yield.

The objectives of the Maryland State Treasurer’s Investment Policy are to maintain safety of principal, maintain sufficient funds to meet cash flow needs, and achieve a return on investment at least equal to the three month U.S. Treasury Bill yield. The State Treasurer’s Office compares our cash management and investment policies and practices with those of peer AAA-rated States to ensure best practices are implemented and followed. The Maryland State Treasurer’s Office Investment Division actively works to seek improved ways to protect Maryland State Funds.
Ratings

In conjunction with the sale of Maryland’s General Obligation Bonds State and Local Facilities Loan of 2017, First Series, Moody’s Investors Service, S&P’s Global Ratings and Fitch Ratings all affirmed their AAA ratings for Maryland’s General Obligation debt in February of 2017. Maryland is one of only eleven states to hold the coveted AAA rating, the highest possible rating, from all three major rating agencies. S&P’s Global Ratings has rated the bonds AAA since 1961. Moody’s has assigned the bonds a rating of Aaa since 1973, and Fitch Ratings has rated the bonds AAA since 1993. The other ten states that hold AAA ratings from all three rating agencies are Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Missouri, North Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia.

Meetings with Rating Agencies

The Treasurer’s Office has provided the rating agencies with regular updates on the financial condition of the State. The next conference call with the rating agencies is expected prior to the sale of the 2017 Second Series General Obligation Bonds in August 2017.

Ratings Reports

Generally there is consensus among the rating agencies in evaluating the State’s credit strengths and weaknesses. All three major rating agencies cite Maryland’s debt policies, fiscal management and strong, stable economy as credit positives and the State’s debt burden and pension funding as concerns.

Financial Management

All three rating agencies point to the State’s history of strong, sound financial management as a credit strength. Moody’s cites a “history of proactive financial management” and “adequate reserve levels and strong liquidity” as two of the three highlighted “strengths” of Maryland’s credit profile. In assessing Maryland’s management practices, S&P Global Ratings assigned a rating of “strong” to this factor, noting that “the state monitors both revenue and expenditure performance on a regular basis” and, when necessary, “budget adjustments have historically been implemented regularly on a timely basis.” Fitch Ratings notes that its rating reflects Maryland’s “extensive budget controls and sound financial operations, and strong management of debt.”

Debt Policies and Debt Burden

In the case of all three rating agencies, the State’s debt affordability guidelines and rapid amortization of debt are considered credit strengths and help offset concerns the rating agencies have regarding the State’s debt burden. Fitch notes that “most debt is constitutionally required to
amortize in 15 years, and centralized debt planning and issuance are additional credit strengths,” while also specifically highlighting the State’s debt affordability policies. Moody’s states that the fifteen-year amortization requirement “quickly replenishes the State’s debt capacity and helps restrain growth in outstanding balance.” S&P echoes this assessment, noting that more than 80% of the State’s outstanding tax-supported debt will be retired within the next ten years. All three rating agencies note the importance of the Capital Debt Affordability Committee and the positive role it plays in the State’s debt management practices.

Economy

In assigning its ‘AAA’ long-term rating and stable outlook, S&P Global Ratings said: The rating “reflects what we view as the state’s “broad and diverse economy,” and “strong wealth and income levels.” S&P’s further states: “The stable outlook reflects Maryland’s continued focus on structural budget alignment and maintenance of minimum state reserve levels.” Fitch observed that Maryland’s economy “has long benefitted from proximity to the nation’s capital,” while also citing lower than national unemployment and high personal income as strengths of the Maryland economy.

Each rating agency cites ties to the federal government as both benefits and risks to Maryland’s economy. S&P Global Ratings notes the “slower pace of growth in 2013 and 2014 as a result of federal sequestration and the loss of government jobs” while also stating that the government sector and federal research agencies are economic strengths. Fitch writes that despite the “drag posed by federal sequestration,” the federal government continues to be an “important anchor... supporting the State’s solid economic performance.”

Pension and other liabilities

Pension reforms enacted during the 2011 Legislative Session, the teacher pension sharing enacted during the 2012 Legislative Session, the phase-out of the corridor funding method that was enacted during the 2013 Legislative Session, and the acceleration of the corridor funding method phase-out along with annual supplemental contributions passed in the 2015 Legislative Session are noted by each of the three rating agencies. On the topic, Fitch Ratings calls pensions a “significant burden,” but notes that the state has taken multiple steps to reduce their burden and improve sustainability over time. Moody’s indicated it considers the State’s retirement system its “most significant credit challenge,” but goes on to recognize that “the state has taken a number of measures to manage its pension burden,” which demonstrates its “proactive management approach.” S&P notes that in their view, “failure to demonstrate a consistent commitment to fully funding its pensions could also pressure [Maryland’s] rating.”

The State Treasurer’s Office provides information about the State’s ratings reports for each bond sale to all members of the General Assembly. Current reports are also available on the Treasurer’s website at www.treasurer.state.md.us.
General Obligation Bonds

Since our last report to this committee, the State has conducted one General Obligation bond sale consisting of three separate series. All three series were sold March 9, 2017 and closed March 22, 2017.

- The 2017 General Obligation Bonds, First Series A consisted of $575,000,000 in tax-exempt new money bonds. The proceeds were used to finance new projects. Series A received a True Interest Cost (TIC) of 2.84% and included a premium of $91,186,971 to offset debt service costs.
- The 2017 General Obligation Bonds, First Series B consisted of $100,000,000 in taxable new money bonds. The proceeds were used to finance new projects. Series B received a TIC of 2.04%.
- The 2017 General Obligation Bonds, Series C consisted of $465,685,000 in tax-exempt refunding bonds. The proceeds were used to refinance previously issued bonds at a lower rate, which saved the State $24,251,272 in debt service costs on a net present value basis. Series C received a TIC of 1.72%.

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. From December 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, $613,914 in capital equipment was leased by State agencies through the State Treasurer’s Office. On September 2, 2016, this committee authorized $35,000,000 for equipment lease purchase financing through June 30, 2018. As of May 31, 2017, $34,386,086 of that authorization is still available.

The Energy Lease-Financing Program allows State agencies to acquire equipment necessary for Energy Performance Contracts (EPCs) and pay for the equipment over multiple years using the utility savings generated by the project. From December 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017, $4,682,772 in equipment for EPCs was leased by State agencies through the State Treasurer’s Office. On September 2, 2016, this committee authorized $80,000,000 for energy lease purchase financing through June 30, 2018. As of November 30, 2016, $75,317,228 of that authorization is still available.

Upcoming Financing Plans

The next General Obligation tax-exempt financing, projected to total approximately $550,000,000, is planned for August 2017. The State Treasurer’s Office will consider whether a retail component will be offered in light of market conditions. 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 in August.
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 the State’s real property tax receipts. Over the years, however, the debt service has occasionally been supported by appropriations from the General Fund, as well. The Commission on State Debt met and released its annual report on April 24, 2017. In FY 2018, $259,648,777 is appropriated from the General Fund to support debt service. Assuming current property tax rates are maintained and other assumptions remain as currently estimated, a continued General Fund subsidy is projected for FY 2019 - 2022. The complete Commission on State Debt report is available on the Treasurer’s website at: http://www.treasurer.state.md.us/debtmanagement/csd-reports.aspx

Annuity Bond Fund Forecast, FY 2016 – 2022 ($ thousands)

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INSURANCE DIVISION

The Insurance Division is responsible for administering the State’s Insurance Program which includes both commercial insurance 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-owned toll bridges, tunnels and roads, the Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport, the Port of Baltimore, Maryland Transit Administration liability, assorted professional liability exposures, and student athlete accident insurance. The State 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 has three Units: Underwriting, Loss Prevention, and Claims, which includes Tort Litigation. The Division’s goal is to provide statewide risk management through loss protection (Underwriting), loss control (Loss Prevention), and loss restoration (Claims and Tort Litigation).

Underwriting, Loss Prevention and Claims

The Insurance Division conducted two meetings with DPSCS. One of the meetings took place in Towson on January 29, 2017, and the other on March 2, 2017 in Baltimore. Topics included in the first meeting were preventive maintenance, pre-loss and post-loss activities, and strategies aimed to prevent or mitigate property damage and liability losses. During the second meeting, auto claims reporting, driver training for newly appointed drivers and actions to take after an at fault accident were discussed. Additionally, there were discussions regarding new insurance coverage for the new youth facility in Baltimore that is expected to be completed in the summer of 2017. Follow-up from DPSCS includes a list of agency contacts for claim issues and a better communication with the insurance coordinators. The importance of loss mitigation and the continuance of productive communication with the Insurance Division was also discussed.

The Insurance Division, our insurance broker and insurance carrier participated in an annual meeting held with the Maryland State Police Aviation Command on Wednesday, May 3, 2017, at Martin’s Airport. Topics included open claims, changes in safety protocols over the past several years, expected operational changes in the future, contract renewals, and the handling of the recent safety concerns with props.

Underwriting Unit

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 highlights for the past six months include the following:
• Maryland Transportation Authority’s Bridges & Tunnels property coverage renewed effective December 1, 2016 with overall values down 4.8% and overall insurance rates were down by 9.9%. **This resulted in premium savings of $446,757.**

• MPA commercial automobile coverage renewed effective January 1, 2017 with 8 fewer vehicles, **resulting in a premium savings of $2,718.**

• State-owned vessel’s Protection and Indemnity (P&I), which is liability coverage, renewed effective January 1, 2017. The total number of vessels was up from 1138 to 1190 (a total increase of 52 vessels). **With a rate reduction of 20.4%, the premium savings were $8,860.**

• MPA’s liability and terrorism coverage renewed effective January 31, 2017. Although revenue was up by $713,000, a **rate reduction of 11% resulted in overall premium savings of $64,955.**

• The Fine Art on Loan policy covering fine art owned by others renewed effective March 1, 2017. We increased the limit due to overall increase of $3,000,000 in values on loan. This resulted in a relatively small premium increase of $813.

• Foster Parent liability for DHR and DJS renewed effective March 15, 2017. The number of foster placements was down by 160 (from 7440 to 7280). **This resulted in premium savings of $4,365.**

• State Blanket Excess Property insurance renewed effective April 1, 2017. Overall values increased by 6%, but overall insurance rates were down by 6.9%. **This resulted in premium savings of $67,338.**

**Claims Unit**

The Insurance Division’s Claims Unit investigates and resolves claims filed by private citizens under the Maryland Tort Claims Act for property damage and personal injury. 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.

In addition to adjusting claims filed under the Maryland Tort Claims Act, the Unit is also charged with recovering the cost of damage to State automobiles and property caused by others. This subrogation recovery process helps to offset State Insurance Trust Fund liabilities and positively affects the Fund’s solvency. Since 2007, the Claims Unit has renewed its focus on increasing subrogation recoveries by designating specific claims personnel to pursue these debts.
Year-to-date subrogation recoveries for FY 2017 total $1,713,793 as of May 31, 2017. The subrogation recoveries for all of FY 2016 totaled $1,251,439. The current subrogation recoveries have exceeded the target goal of $1 million. This is a continued area of focus and is a priority within the Claims Unit.

Tort Litigation Management

The Litigation Manager works closely with the Office of the Attorney General to proactively resolve cases in litigation. The Litigation Manager investigates, evaluates and extends settlement authority on behalf of the Treasurer to the Office of the Attorney General. In cases valued over $400,000, the Litigation Manager briefs the Insurance Review Committee which includes the Chief Deputy Treasurer, the Director of the Insurance Division, the Deputy Director of the Insurance Division, the Supervising Tort Attorney, and other stakeholders requesting settlement authority.

Settlement costs for the period of December 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017 total $876,919. Expense costs for this same timeframe total $70,321. The Litigation Manager attends settlement conferences and other court mandated activities and provides periodic updates on the status of certain litigation claims of interest. The Litigation Manager provides feedback to adjusters during the discovery process and upon resolution to help improve the adjusters’ investigative skills. The Litigation Manager also assists with developing strategies to prevent similar claims from recurring.

The Tort Unit handles a rolling docket of approximately 100 - 135 litigation claims. The current litigation caseload is 103, as of May 31, 2017. The Litigation Manager actively monitors trial verdicts and appeals and assesses the potential impact on the State Insurance Trust Fund. The Litigation Manager also analyzes the data in order to track the litigation outcomes.
The disposition of the cases during the timeframe of December 1, 2016 – May 31, 2017, is presented in the chart below:

The Litigation Manager will continue to monitor litigation outcomes and provide relevant data and analytical information to the Insurance Director, Deputy Director and Loss Prevention, Underwriting, and Claims units, which will be used to determine future risk prevention activities.

**Loss Prevention Unit**

The goal of the Loss Prevention Unit is to help State agencies develop specific action plans and safety practices to mitigate or eliminate the most frequent or severe sources of preventable losses.

Loss reports are distributed to the agencies and universities with the highest claims frequency. Meetings are arranged with various representatives within the agencies to discuss their loss prevention programs, mitigation strategies, lessons learned and agency success stories.
Maryland Aviation Administration (MAA) - Loss Control/Safety Management training was facilitated for BWI on March 28, 2017 and a presentation was done our Carrier. Topics of critical importance were addressed. They include, but were not limited to FAA regulations and developing and implementing a Safety Management System for the Airport. This meeting was well received and a follow-up was completed by our insurance carrier, STARR Aviation Agency, Inc. They provided informative handouts and materials to MAA leadership and staff during the meeting.

State Highway Administration/Fairland District (SHA) – There has been an overall percentage increase in road hazard claims from the Fairland Shop area. We continue to work with the leadership group at SHA and the Fairland shop to help facilitate our road hazard claim handling processes. The relationship is improving, and an understanding is being established between Fairland District and the Insurance Division.

Continental Assurance Company of North America (CNA) – Commercial Carrier for the Boiler & Machinery policy and the STO loss control unit continue to follow up with a number of agencies on maintenance issues that require updates and code compliance. There continues to be active follow-up with agencies for proper and prompt response to loss control reports on violations and recommended measures.

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. 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.