To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 13, 2019, the Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr., Governor; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

HB 440 Delegate Harrison, et al

Chapter 384

PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH (P–TECH) EXPANSION ACT OF 2019

Limiting the number of new P–TECH Planning Grants that may be awarded in fiscal year 2020 to establish a new P–TECH school until after the 2016–2017 cohort of P–TECH students completes the 6–year pathway sequence; and altering certain intent language regarding a prohibition against additional P–TECH schools. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 155 The Speaker (By Request - Administration), et al

Chapter 385

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – CAPITAL AND GRANT PROGRAMS – STATE GRANTS

Increasing the caps on the percentages of certain costs for the construction, acquisition, renovation, and equipping of community mental health facilities, addiction facilities, and developmental disabilities facilities for which State grants can be provided under the Community Mental Health, Addiction, and Developmental Disabilities Capital Program; increasing the caps on the percentages of certain costs for certain projects that may be covered by State grants under the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program; etc.

Chapter 386

The President (By Request - Administration), et al

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 1011

Chapter 387

Senator Peters

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP FUND

Exempting certain public school construction projects that use alternative financing methods and that receive State funding from certain requirements; requiring public school construction projects in Prince George's County that use alternative financing methods and that receive State funding to comply with certain requirements and a certain memorandum of understanding; establishing the Prince George's County Public—Private Partnership Fund to provide funds to pay certain entities for certain payments due; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 561

Senator Ready, et al

Chapter 388

CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PREGNANT PERSON – ENHANCED PENALTY (LAURA AND REID'S LAW)

Prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of violence against another person when the person knows or believes that the other person is pregnant; providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and, in addition to any other penalty imposed for the underlying crime of violence, on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years; etc.

Senator Ready, et al

Chapter 389

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PRETRIAL RELEASE – SEX OFFENDERS

Prohibiting a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of a defendant who is registered or required to register as a certain sex offender under certain circumstances. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1420 Chapter 390

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request - Departmental - Health)

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – FEE–FOR–SERVICE PAYMENT PILOT PROGRAM

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish a fee-for-service payment pilot program; authorizing providers that provide waiver program services to certain eligible individuals with a developmental disability to participate in the pilot program; requiring the Department to determine, establish, and publish certain rates for the waiver program services in a certain manner; requiring certain providers to submit a claim for payment for certain services on a form the Department requires; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1421 Chapter 391

Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{MARYLAND} \; \mathsf{HEALTH} \; \mathsf{BENEFIT} \; \mathsf{EXCHANGE} - \mathsf{FUNCTIONS} \; \mathsf{AND} \\ \mathsf{OUTREACH} \end{array}$

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to conduct outreach and education activities to increase health literacy and to educate consumers about the Exchange and insurance affordability programs; and requiring the Exchange to perform certain functions for Maryland Medical Assistance programs, as requested by the Maryland Department of Health and approved by the Board of Trustees for the Exchange, for the efficient administration of Maryland Medical Assistance programs.

Chapter 392

Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland School for the Deaf)

MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – EMPLOYEES – ANNUAL AND PERSONAL LEAVE

Providing that certain employees of the Maryland School for the Deaf are not entitled to annual leave with pay; and clarifying that employees of the Maryland School for the Deaf who work 11 months or less in a calendar year are entitled to a certain amount of personal leave with pay for each calendar year under certain circumstances. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 106

Chapter 393

Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)

ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST FUND - SURCHARGE EXTENSION

Extending from June 30, 2020, to June 30, 2030, the termination date of a certain environmental surcharge on electrical energy distributed to retail electric customers in the State.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 901

Chapter 394

Senator Hayes, et al

MARYLAND TRAUMA FUND – STATE PRIMARY ADULT RESOURCE CENTER – REIMBURSEMENT OF ON–CALL AND STANDBY COSTS

Altering the purpose of the Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund to include subsidizing the documented costs incurred by the State primary adult resource center to maintain certain on—call and standby health care providers; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop certain guidelines for the reimbursement of certain costs.

Delegates McIntosh and Busch

Chapter 395

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1169

Delegate D.E. Davis, et al

Chapter 396

BUSINESS REGULATION – TOBACCO PRODUCTS AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES – REVISIONS

Requiring certain licensees to post a certain sign in a certain location; altering the minimum age, from 18 to 21, for an individual to purchase or be sold tobacco products; exempting certain individuals from a certain minimum age requirement for an individual to purchase or be sold tobacco products; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to conduct inspections of licensed retailers; authorizing the Department to use certain individuals under the age of 21 years to assist in conducting a certain inspection; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 666

Economic Matters Committee

Chapter 397

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NONPROFIT BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FESTIVAL PERMIT – RETAIL OFF–SITE PERMIT

Altering a nonprofit beer festival permit to be a nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival permit; altering the scope of authorization, fee, and various requirements to establish the nonprofit beer, wine, and liquor festival permit; repealing a certain wine festival permit and a certain liquor festival permit; altering a farmers' market off—site permit to be a retail off—site permit; and altering the scope of authorization, fee, and various requirements to establish the retail off—site permit.

Delegate Kaiser, et al

Chapter 398

EDUCATION - STUDENT DATA PRIVACY COUNCIL

Establishing the Student Data Privacy Council to study the development and implementation of the Student Data Privacy Act of 2015 and review similar laws and best practices in other states and appropriate technologies; specifying the membership of the Council; requiring the Council to report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2020, regarding potential statutory and regulatory changes to the Student Data Privacy Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 738

Delegate Kipke, et al

Chapter 399

DENTAL HYGIENIST – SCOPE OF PRACTICE – PRACTICE SETTINGS UNDER GENERAL SUPERVISION

Altering a certain provision of law to provide that a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in certain facilities, rather than only in a long-term care facility; altering the requirements, to include at least 3,000 hours of active clinical practice in direct patient care, that a dental hygienist is required to meet before being authorized to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in certain facilities; etc.

HB 754

Delegate Kipke, et al

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Chapter 400

HEALTH INSURANCE AND PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS
– COST PRICING AND REIMBURSEMENT

Providing that certain provisions of the Act apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with managed care organizations in the same manner as they apply to pharmacy benefits managers that contract with carriers; prohibiting a certain contract or amendment from becoming effective unless the contract or amendment is filed with the Commissioner for approval or disapproval by a certain time; requiring that each contract between a pharmacy benefits manager and a contracted pharmacy include a certain dispute resolution process; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Delegate Kipke

Chapter 401

HEALTH INSURANCE – MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – SMALL BUSINESS TAX CREDIT SUBSIDY

Altering the contents of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Fund; authorizing the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and as approved by the Board of Trustees of the Exchange, to submit a waiver under certain provisions of federal law as to allow the State to administer certain tax credit assistance to small businesses; and requiring the Exchange to determine whether the State needs a waiver to distribute certain tax credit assistance on a monthly basis to certain eligible employers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1284

Delegate Luedtke

Chapter 402

ORGAN DONATION – PROHIBITION ON DISCRIMINATION BY INSURER AND UNPAID LEAVE

Prohibiting certain insurers, based solely on the status of an applicant or individual status as an organ donor, from taking certain action relating to certain insurance policies; prohibiting certain insurers from prohibiting an applicant or individual from donating an organ as a condition of insurance; providing that certain employees are entitled to up to 60 business days of unpaid organ donation leave in a 12-month period under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 743

Senator Pinsky, et al

Chapter 403

ELECTION LAW – ELECTION SERVICE PROVIDERS – CONTRACT CLAUSES AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

Prohibiting the State Board of Elections from approving a contract with an election service provider unless the contract includes a clause regarding notice of ownership of, investment in, or control of the election service provider by a foreign national; authorizing the State Administrator of Elections to terminate the contract with an election service provider on the making of a certain determination; requiring the Administrator to provide notice in writing of the termination and the reasons for terminating the contract; etc.

Senator Guzzone

Chapter 404

PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – REAL PROPERTY USED FOR ROBOTICS PROGRAMS

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property used for the purposes of a public school robotics program or nonprofit robotics program in the State; authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to provide, by law, for certain matters relating to the tax credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 729

Senator Guzzone, et al

Chapter 405

TECHNICAL STUDY ON CHANGES IN FOREST COVER AND TREE CANOPY IN MARYLAND

Requiring the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro–Ecology, in consultation with the Departments of Natural Resources, the Environment, Planning, and Agriculture and the Chesapeake Bay Program to conduct a technical study to review changes in forest cover and tree canopy in the State; providing for the scope of the study; and requiring the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro–Ecology to submit a report of the findings of the technical study to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 1010

Senator Hershey

Chapter 406

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – ASSESSMENT OF SERVICES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND SHORE MEDICAL CENTER IN CHESTERTOWN

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in conjunction with the Office of Health Care Quality, to conduct an assessment of the services provided at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Chestertown, comparing the services currently provided to the services provided in fiscal 2015 and to identify whether, on or after July 1, 2015, any services from the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Chestertown were reduced or were transferred to the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton; etc.

SB 678 Chapter 407

Senator Jennings, et al

STATE GOVERNMENT – NOTARIAL ACTS AND NOTARIES PUBLIC

Altering the qualifications an individual must have to be appointed as a notary public; authorizing certain persons to charge a certain fee for the performance of a certain notarial act; authorizing a notarial officer to perform certain notarial acts except under certain circumstances; prohibiting certain individuals from charging a fee to perform a notarial act; providing for the manner in which notarial acts for remotely located individuals are to be performed except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SB 958

Senator Jennings

Chapter 408

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – LICENSURE, DISCIPLINARY ACTION, CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS, AND TRAINEE STATUS – REVISIONS

Authorizing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists to take action against a clinical professional counselor only if the Board discusses the proposed action with a Board member who is a licensed clinical professional counselor and who votes, either in the affirmative or negative, on the proposed action; repealing the requirement that the credit hours or educational requirements completed by certain applicants to be licensed by the Board be accredited by the American Art Therapy Association; etc.

HB 1104 Chapter 409

Delegate Sample-Hughes, et al

STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS LICENSURE, DISCIPLINARY ACTION. _ CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS. AND TRAINEE STATUS - REVISIONS

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 571

Delegate Sample-Hughes, et al

Chapter 410

VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL - REVISIONS

Altering the membership of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Council; repealing the requirement that the Secretary of Health and the Secretary of Aging, or their designees, cochair the Council; requiring the members of the Council to select the chair of the council; requiring the Council to update the State plan, examine the needs of certain individuals and identify methods to meet those needs, provide advice to the Governor and the General Assembly, and develop and promote brain health strategies; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 522

Senator Kelley, et al

Chapter 411

VIRGINIA I. JONES ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE AND RELATED DISORDERS COUNCIL - REVISIONS

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Senator Kelley

Chapter 412

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE OF DENTAL SERVICES – REPEAL OF CONTINGENCY

Repealing the provision of law that made the effectiveness of a certain provision of law authorizing the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide dental services to certain adults contingent on the Maryland Dental Action Coalition making a certain determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 495

Senator Kelley, et al

Chapter 413

MEDICAL LABORATORIES – LABORATORY TESTS AND PROCEDURES – ADVERTISING

Authorizing a person, subject to certain limitations, to directly or indirectly advertise for or solicit business in the State for a diagnostic laboratory test or procedure ordered by a physician and performed by a medical laboratory that is certified under 42 U.S.C. § 263a; requiring a certain person to disclose that the test or procedure may or may not be covered by health insurance; authorizing the Secretary of Health to take legal action to restrict the marketing of the test or procedure under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 699

Senator Kelley, et al

Chapter 414

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – HOME– AND COMMUNITY–BASED WAIVER SERVICES – PROHIBITION ON DENIAL

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from denying an individual access to a home— and community—based services waiver due to a lack of funding for waiver services if the individual is living at home or in the community at a certain time, received certain services, will be or has been terminated from the Maryland Medical Assistance Program due to certain entitlement or enrollment, meets certain eligibility criteria, and certain services received by the individual would qualify for certain funds.

Chapter 415

Delegate Pendergrass, et al

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – STATE HEALTH PLAN AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR HOSPITAL CAPITAL **EXPENDITURES**

Altering the frequency, from at least once every 5 years to on or before October 1 each year, at which the Maryland Health Care Commission is required to adopt a State health plan; requiring the State health plan to be consistent with the Maryland All Payer Model Contract; requiring the Commission to annually or on petition review each State health plan chapter for potential revision and establish at a public meeting a priority order and timeline of the State health plan chapter review and revision: etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 597

Chapter 416

Senator Kelley, et al

MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – STATE HEALTH PLAN AND CERTIFICATE OF NEED FOR HOSPITAL CAPITAL **EXPENDITURES**

Altering the frequency, from at least once every 5 years to every year, at which the Maryland Health Care Commission is required to adopt a State health plan; requiring the State health plan to be consistent with a certain contract; requiring, annually or on petition by any person, the Commission to assess each State health plan chapter, make a certain determination, and establish a certain priority order and timeline in a certain manner: etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 868

Senator Feldman, et al

Chapter 417

HEALTH INSURANCE - CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AND MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE PROTECTION COMMISSION

Requiring the Maryland Health Insurance Coverage Protection Commission to establish a workgroup to carry out the finding and declaration of the General Assembly that it is in the public interest to ensure that the health care protections established by the federal Affordable Care Act (the ACA) continue to protect Maryland residents in light of continued threats to the ACA; requiring the workgroup to monitor certain court cases and the enforcement of the ACA; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Delegate Pendergrass, et al

Chapter 418

HEALTH INSURANCE – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AND MARYLAND HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE PROTECTION COMMISSION

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 638

Delegate Pendergrass, et al

Chapter 419

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – SUNSET EVALUATION AND TERMINATION

Altering the date of the termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the State Board of Physicians and certain allied health advisory committees to June 1, 2020; altering the date of the evaluation provision relating to the State Board of Physicians under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) from 2021 to 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 319

Senator Augustine, et al

Chapter 420

MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – STATE EMPLOYEES – FREE RIDERSHIP (TRANSIT BENEFIT FOR STATE EMPLOYEES)

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide ridership services on transit vehicles to any permanent employee in any unit of the Executive Branch of State government, including a unit with an independent personnel system; prohibiting the Administration from collecting fees or reimbursement for certain transit services; and requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Department of Budget and Management to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the cost and feasibility of expanding the program.

Senator Augustine, et al

Chapter 421

VICTIMS AND WITNESSES – U NONIMMIGRANT STATUS – CERTIFICATION OF VICTIM HELPFULNESS

Authorizing, for purposes of filing a petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, a victim of qualifying criminal activity or the victim's parent, guardian, or next friend to request a certifying official to certify victim helpfulness on a Form I–918, Supplement B certification under certain circumstances; providing the certifying entity must certify or decline certification of the form within 90 days of receiving a certain request; providing that a certifying entity or official is immune from certain criminal or civil liability; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 214

Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 422

VICTIMS AND WITNESSES – U NONIMMIGRANT STATUS – CERTIFICATION OF VICTIM HELPFULNESS

Authorizing, for purposes of filing a petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, a victim of qualifying criminal activity or the victim's parent, guardian, or next friend to request a certifying official to certify victim helpfulness on a Form I–918, Supplement B certification under certain circumstances; providing the certifying entity must certify or decline certification of the form within 90 days of receiving a certain request; providing that a certifying entity or official is immune from certain criminal or civil liability; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 814

Delegate Pena-Melnyk, et al

Chapter 423

MARYLAND EASY ENROLLMENT HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

Establishing the Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program to improve data collection on uninsured individuals and to maximize enrollment of eligible uninsured individuals in affordable insurance programs; requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish a Maryland Easy Enrollment Health Insurance Program Advisory Workgroup; requiring the Comptroller to include a certain checkoff, to indicate whether an individual is interested in obtaining minimum essential health coverage, on certain State income tax forms; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Senator Feldman, et al

Chapter 424

MARYLAND EASY ENROLLMENT HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

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EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 909

Senator Feldman

Chapter 425

HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS ON ANESTHETIZED OR UNCONSCIOUS PATIENTS

Prohibiting health care practitioners and certain students and trainees from performing certain examinations on a patient who is under anesthesia or unconscious unless informed consent has been obtained from the patient, the examination is within the standard of care, the patient is unconscious and the examination is required for diagnostic or treatment purposes, or an emergency exists, it is impractical to obtain the patient's consent, and the examination is required for diagnostic or treatment purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 318

Senator Feldman, et al

Chapter 426

EDUCATION – SCHOOL SAFETY SUBCABINET ADVISORY BOARD – MEMBERSHIP

Altering the membership of the School Safety Subcabinet Advisory Board to include a representative of a nonpublic special education school by increasing from four to five the members of the public to be appointed by the Governor and including a representative of a nonpublic special education school.

Senator Feldman

Chapter 427

ENERGY STORAGE PILOT PROJECT ACT

Requiring the Public Service Commission to establish an energy storage pilot program; providing that the cumulative size of the projects under the program shall be between 5 and 10 megawatts, with a minimum of 15 megawatt—hours; requiring the Commission to require each investor—owned electric company to solicit offers to develop energy storage projects for various commercial and regulatory models; requiring each investor—owned electric company to submit an application for projects from at least two models; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 180

Senator King

Chapter 428

EDUCATION - ROBOTICS GRANT PROGRAM - ALTERATIONS

Expanding the eligibility requirements for the Robotics Grant Program to include certain eligible organizations to support existing robotics programs and increase the number of robotics programs in the State; defining "eligible organization" as a nonprofit organization providing youth with an out—of—school experience focusing on personal and workforce development; requiring the Governor to appropriate at least \$350,000 for the Program; requiring, where practical, the award of grants to ensure geographic diversity; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 464

Senator King, et al

Chapter 429

SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS – CIVIL PENALTY – SUNSET REPEAL

Repealing the June 30, 2019, termination date for a provision of law that increased from \$250 to \$500 the civil penalty for a violation recorded by a school bus monitoring camera for failure to stop for a school vehicle operating alternately flashing red lights. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Senator King, et al

Chapter 430

NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – FIRE DRILL REQUIREMENTS – STATE FIRE PREVENTION CODE

Requiring each nonpublic school in the State to hold fire drills in accordance with the State Fire Prevention Code, keep records of the fire drills, and send copies of the records to the State Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 657

Senators King and Smith

Chapter 431

PILOT PROGRAM – ALLEGED RAPE, SEXUAL OFFENSE, OR CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – HIV POSTEXPOSURE PROPHYLAXIS

Establishing the Pilot Program for Preventing HIV Infection for Rape Victims to prevent HIV infection for victims of an alleged rape or sexual offense or victims of alleged child sexual abuse; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the program; requiring that a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse be provided with a full course of treatment and follow—up care for postexposure prophylaxis for the prevention of HIV infection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 870

Senator King, et al

Chapter 432

INCOME TAX – CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS

Increasing the maximum income limits on eligibility for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain child and dependent care expenses; altering the phase—out of the tax credit; making the credit refundable, subject to certain income limits; increasing, each taxable year, certain income eligibility and refundability thresholds by a certain cost—of—living adjustment; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018; etc.

Delegate Dumais, et al

Chapter 433

PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTIONS – NONPROFIT CHARITABLE MUSEUMS

Providing that real property owned by a nonprofit museum that is open to the public and does not charge an admission fee is not subject to a certain limitation concerning the exemption of certain charitable or educational properties from the property tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 296

Senators King and Feldman

Chapter 434

PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTIONS – NONPROFIT CHARITABLE MUSEUMS

Providing that real property owned by a nonprofit museum that is open to the public and does not charge an admission fee is not subject to a certain limitation concerning the exemption of certain charitable or educational properties from the property tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 99

Delegate Dumais

Chapter 435

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ELECTIVE SHARE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE

Repealing certain provisions of law relating to a surviving spouse making an election to take a certain share of the net estate of the decedent, instead of that designated under the will, to ensure the surviving spouse is reasonably provided for during the surviving spouse's lifetime; providing that a surviving spouse may take a certain elective share amount of a certain estate subject to election; establishing the priority to be used in determining the sources from which a certain elective share amount is payable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HB 742

Delegate Dumais

Chapter 436

CHILD SUPPORT – EXTRAORDINARY MEDICAL EXPENSES

Altering the definition of "extraordinary medical expenses" to mean costs for medical treatment in excess of \$250 in any calendar year under the child support guidelines; and applying the Act only to extraordinary medical expenses incurred on or after October 1, 2019. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Senator Smith, et al

Chapter 437

FAMILY LAW - PARENTAGE AND ADOPTION

Providing that a child conceived by means of assisted reproduction during the marriage of the child's mother with the consent of the mother's spouse is the legitimate child of both spouses for all purposes; providing that a child conceived by means of assisted reproduction after the death of the mother's spouse and using the genetic material of the mother's spouse is the legitimate child of both spouses under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 519

Delegate Dumais

Chapter 438

FAMILY LAW - PARENTAGE AND ADOPTION

Providing that a child conceived by means of assisted reproduction during the marriage of the child's mother with the consent of the mother's spouse is the legitimate child of both spouses for all purposes; providing that a child conceived by means of assisted reproduction after the death of the mother's spouse and using the genetic material of the mother's spouse is the legitimate child of both spouses under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 560

Delegate Healey, et al

Chapter 439

TRANSPORTATION – STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES

Requiring the State Highway Administration, in consultation with appropriate county and municipal authorities, to compile certain best practices for siting, constructing, and maintaining traffic calming devices that address engineering and design and the costs and benefits of the devices; requiring the Administration to coordinate and act as a clearinghouse for best practices, to publish and update information about best practices, and to include estimated costs of construction related to traffic calming devices; etc.

Delegate K. Young, et al

Chapter 440

TANNING DEVICES – USE BY MINORS

Repealing the exemption authorizing a parent or legal guardian of a minor to provide written consent for the minor to use a tanning device; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to make available to each tanning facility a notice to be conspicuously posted in the facility regarding use of the facility by minors, penalties for violations of the Act, and health risks associated with tanning; providing that the Act does not apply to the use of phototherapy devices by certain health care practitioners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 299

Senator Benson, et al

Chapter 441

TANNING DEVICES – USE BY MINORS

Repealing the exemption authorizing a parent or legal guardian of certain minors to provide certain written consent for the minor to use a tanning device; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to make available to each tanning facility a notice to be conspicuously posted in the facility regarding use of the facility by minors, penalties for violations of the Act, and health risks associated with tanning; providing that the Act does not apply to the use of phototherapy devices by certain health care practitioners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1427

Delegate Stein

Chapter 442

SEA LEVEL RISE INUNDATION AND COASTAL FLOODING – CONSTRUCTION, ADAPTATION, AND MITIGATION

Altering the application of certain design and siting criteria established by the Coast Smart Council to apply only to certain State and local capital projects; extending the date the projects must comply with the criteria to July 1, 2020, and the date certain local jurisdictions must develop a plan to address certain nuisance flooding to October 1, 2020; requiring the Department of Planning, by October 1, 2019, to develop guidelines to assist local jurisdictions in data collection to establish nuisance flooding baselines; etc.

Delegate Atterbeary, et al

Chapter 443

EDUCATION – REMOVAL OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS – PROCEDURES

Requiring the State Superintendent of Schools to provide a county superintendent of schools, if the State Superintendent plans to remove the county superintendent, with the reason for removal, documentation supporting the case for removal, and the opportunity to request a hearing within 10 days; authorizing a county board of education to remove a county superintendent in a certain manner; and authorizing a county superintendent to appeal a certain decision by the county board to the State Board of Education. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 47

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 444

STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MARYLAND SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTER STANDARDS – REVISION

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to revise no later than August 1, 2019, the Maryland School–Based Health Center Standards to repeal the requirements that a school–based health center have a medical director who is a physician and have a physician consultant who is available to discuss clinical issues as needed and to authorize a licensed physician or nurse practitioner to serve as a clinical director or clinical consultant of a school–based health center. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 924

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 445

STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – REGISTERED CARDIOVASCULAR INVASIVE SPECIALISTS

Authorizing a licensed physician, under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain regulations, to delegate certain duties to a registered cardiovascular invasive specialist assisting in the physician's performance of a fluoroscopy; establishing that the hospital in which a certain laboratory is located and the physician delegating the acts are responsible for ensuring that certain requirements are met; authorizing the State Board of Physicians to impose a certain civil penalty of up to \$5,000; etc.

Delegate Cullison

Chapter 446

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS – REVISED STATEMENT

Requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide a revised printed statement of an individual's State criminal history record to the Board if the criminal history record information is reported to the Central Repository after the date of the initial criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 134

Senator Nathan-Pulliam, et al

Chapter 447

STATE BOARD OF NURSING – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECKS – REVISED STATEMENT

Requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide a revised printed statement of an individual's State criminal history record to the State Board of Nursing if the criminal history record information is reported to the Central Repository after the date of the initial criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 796

Delegate Wilkins, et al

Chapter 448

PUBLIC HEALTH – MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT OF LOCAL TEAMS

Authorizing the establishment of local maternal mortality review teams in each county; requiring the local health officer to convene the local team under certain circumstances; establishing the purpose and duties of the local teams; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to release certain information at the discretion of the Secretary of Health; requiring the Secretary to provide copies of certain death certificates to the Maternal Mortality Review Program; etc.

HB 583 Chapter 449

Delegate Wilkins, et al

HEALTH – MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM – RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Requiring the Maternal Mortality Review Program, in consultation with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, to make recommendations to reduce disparities in the maternal mortality rate including recommendations related to social determinants of health; requiring the Secretary of Health to include in the annual report regarding the Maternal Mortality Review Program a section on racial disparities that compares mortality rates, the number of live births by race and a comparison of leading causes of death by race; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 356

Senator Nathan-Pulliam, et al

Chapter 450 HEALTH

HEALTH – MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW PROGRAM – RECOMMENDATIONS AND REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Requiring the Maternal Mortality Review Program, in consultation with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities, to make recommendations to reduce disparities in the maternal mortality rate, including recommendations related to social determinants of health; requiring the Secretary of Health to include in the annual report regarding the Maternal Mortality Review Program a section on racial disparities that compares certain mortality rates and other demographic measures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 598

Senator Nathan-Pulliam

Chapter 451

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE – HEPATITIS C DRUGS

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to the limitations of the State budget, to provide coverage for any medically appropriate drugs that are approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of hepatitis C, regardless of the fibrosis score, and that are determined to be medically necessary. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Senator Nathan-Pulliam, et al

Chapter 452

HEALTH – SICKLE CELL DISEASE – STEERING COMMITTEE AND SERVICES

Altering the duties of the Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease to include the provision of certain resources for detecting sickle cell disease and supporting individuals with sickle cell disease; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain services relating to sickle cell disease in consultation with the Steering Committee; requiring the Department to provide certain services through community—based organizations to the extent practicable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 1032 Senator Nathan-Pulliam

Chapter 453

MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY – TASK FORCE ON RECONCILIATION AND EQUITY – EXTENSION

Extending the date to January 31, 2021, by which the Institute for Urban Research at Morgan State University must submit a full report on the activities, findings, and recommendations of the Task Force on Reconciliation and Equity to the Governor and the General Assembly; and extending the termination date to May 31, 2021, for certain provisions of law relating to the Task Force on Reconciliation and Equity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 432 Senator N

Chapter 454

Senator Nathan-Pulliam, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – CYBER WARRIOR DIVERSITY PROGRAM – REVISIONS

Altering the locations of the Cyber Warrior Diversity Program to include the University of Maryland Baltimore County Training Centers that are located in the State; specifying the amounts and uses of certain grants provided under the Program; altering the date, from November 1, 2018, to on or before December 15, 2019, and each December 15 thereafter, that certain governing entities must notify the Maryland Higher Education Commission regarding the number of students enrolled in the Program for the academic year; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

Delegate Glenn

Chapter 455

HIGHER EDUCATION – CYBER WARRIOR DIVERSITY PROGRAM – REVISIONS

Altering the locations of the Cyber Warrior Diversity Program in the State to include the University of Maryland Baltimore County Training Centers that are located in the State; specifying the amounts and uses of certain grants provided under the Program; altering the date from November 1, 2018 to on or before December 15, 2019, and each December 15 thereafter, that the governing entities must notify the Maryland Higher Education Commission regarding the number of students enrolled in the Program for the academic year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 17

Delegate Glenn, et al

Chapter 456

NATALIE M. LAPRADE MEDICAL CANNABIS COMMISSION – PROCESSING AND DISPENSING MEDICAL CANNABIS

Authorizing an institution of higher education, a related medical facility, or an affiliated biomedical research firm to file with the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission a registration to purchase medical cannabis for the purpose of conducting a bona fide research project relating to the medical uses, properties, or composition of cannabis; requiring the Commission to allow certain dispensaries and dispensary agents to acquire, possess, transfer, sell, distribute or dispense edible cannabis products; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 515

Senator Ferguson, et al

Chapter 457

COMMUNITY COLLEGES – WORKFORCE READINESS GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Workforce Readiness Grant Program to provide matching grants to a community college to improve the community college's technology; authorizing each community college campus to accept certain donations that further the purpose of the Program; authorizing the Governor, in fiscal year 2022, to appropriate for each community college supplemental funding equal to the lesser of \$250,000 for each campus of each community college or the amount of certain donations in fiscal years 2020 and 2021; etc.

Senator Ferguson, et al

Chapter 458

PUBLIC SAFETY – REGULATED FIREARMS – PROHIBITION OF LOANS

Prohibiting a certain dealer or other person from loaning a regulated firearm to a certain borrower under certain circumstances; prohibiting a certain dealer or other person from selling, renting, loaning, or transferring a regulated firearm to a certain person who the dealer or other person knows or has reason to believe intends to commit a certain crime or cause certain harm; creating a certain exception; and providing that a person who is the borrower of a regulated firearm is not required to take a certified firearms safety training course.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 847

Senator Ferguson, et al

Chapter 459

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT – COMMISSION TO RESTORE TRUST IN POLICING – ALTERATIONS

Altering a certain requirement regarding the confidentiality of certain proceedings, testimony, and other evidence; prohibiting members and staff of the Commission to Restore Trust in Policing from being required to sign a confidentiality agreement to receive documents or files; altering, from 2019 to 2020, the due date for a report that the Commission is required to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly; and requesting the Governor to appropriate sufficient funds to allow the Commission to complete its work. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 625

Delegate Clippinger

Chapter 460

BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT – COMMISSION TO RESTORE TRUST IN POLICING – ALTERATIONS

Altering a certain requirement regarding the confidentiality of certain proceedings, testimony, and other evidence; prohibiting members and staff of the Commission to Restore Trust in Policing from being required to sign a confidentiality agreement to receive documents or files, altering, from 2019 to 2020, the due date for a report that the Commission is required to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly; and requesting the Governor to appropriate sufficient funds to allow the Commission to complete its work.

Delegate Clippinger, et al

Chapter 461

ELECTRICITY – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS PILOT PROGRAM – EXTENSION

Prohibiting the imposition of a maximum number of subscribers to a community solar energy generating system under the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Pilot Program; providing for an increase in the generating capacity and capacity limits to be included in the pilot program; altering the termination date of the pilot program to be no sooner than December 31, 2024; and extending to July 1, 2022, the submission date of a certain report on the pilot program to certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 520

Senator Kramer, et al

Chapter 462

ELECTRICITY – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS PILOT PROGRAM – EXTENSION

Prohibiting the imposition of a maximum number of subscribers to community solar energy generating system under the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Pilot Program; providing for an increase in the generating capacity and capacity limits to be included in the pilot program; altering the termination date of the pilot program to be not sooner than December 31, 2024; and extending to July 1, 2022, the submission date of a certain report on the pilot program to certain committees of the General Assembly. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 415

Senator Kramer

Chapter 463

LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE – ANNUAL NOTICE

Requiring certain carriers to provide each insured under a policy or contract of long-term care insurance in the State an annual notice, in writing or electronically, containing the insured's policy form number and the carrier's customer service telephone number. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Senator Edwards

Chapter 464

MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS TO THE AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

Defining the term "local promise scholarship" as a community college scholarship program in effect on July 1, 2018, that provides a scholarship to any high school senior who is eligible for enrollment at the community college; and specifying that if an award recipient is eligible for a local promise scholarship, an award under the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship program shall be credited to the tuition of a scholarship recipient before the award of a local promise scholarship.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 105

Senator Simonaire, et al

Chapter 465

MARYLAND VETERANS SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAM – THERAPY HORSES

Altering the definition of "nonprofit training entity" for the purposes of the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program to include an entity that uses trained therapy horses for interaction with veterans; altering the definition of "eligible veteran" to include veterans who receive treatment or care from a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or U.S. Department of Defense medical facility in the State; altering the duties of a nonprofit training entity selected under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

SB 124

Senator Simonaire

Chapter 466

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AND HARFORD COUNTY – COURT DOG AND CHILD WITNESS PILOT PROGRAM – EXTENSION

Altering the name of the Courthouse Dog and Child Witness Pilot Program in the circuit courts for Anne Arundel County and Harford County to be the Court Dog and Child Witness Pilot Program; extending to September 30, 2021, the date by which the Administrative Office of the Courts is required to provide a report on the operation and results of the pilot program to the General Assembly; and extending to September 30, 2021, the termination date of the pilot program.

Senator Simonaire

Chapter 467

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL ATTENDANCE – HOMELESS CHILDREN

Repealing a provision of law requiring a county superintendent of schools to allow a child awaiting foster care placement not subject to certain educational stability provisions of the federal McKinney–Vento Homeless Assistance Act to attend school in the county even if the child is not currently domiciled in that county; and updating certain provisions of law to include references to the educational stability provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 364

Senator Simonaire, et al

Chapter 468

ELECTION LAW – ELECTION DAY PAGE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Election Day Page Program to stimulate student interest in elections, provide assistance to election judges, and assist elderly and disabled voters at polling places; requiring the State Board of Elections to develop a page training program for use by participating local boards that includes the duties, responsibilities, and prohibited conduct of pages at polling places; requiring participating local boards, in collaboration with local school systems, to establish a procedure for the selection of pages; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 460

Harford County Delegation

Chapter 469

HARFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTED MEMBERS – START DATE OF TERM

Altering the date on which an elected member of the Harford County Board of Education begins a term of office to be the first Monday in December after the member is elected.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 393

Delegate Cassilly, et al

Chapter 470

NATURAL RESOURCES – PARK SERVICES ASSOCIATES – PARKING CITATIONS

Authorizing a park services associate who is not commissioned as a law enforcement officer to issue a citation for a parking violation on certain property in the State.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Delegate Valderrama, et al

Chapter 471

VEHICLE LAWS - RENTAL VEHICLES - SECURITY

Establishing that the owner of a rental vehicle may satisfy a certain insurance requirement by maintaining a certain security that is secondary to any other valid and collectible coverage under certain circumstances and subject to a certain exception; providing that security maintained by the owner of a rental vehicle or replacement vehicle is primary under certain circumstances; requiring the owner of a rental vehicle to provide a certain notice to the renter of the rental vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

SB 436

Senator Klausmeier, et al

Chapter 472

VEHICLE LAWS - RENTAL VEHICLES - SECURITY

Establishing that the owner of a rental vehicle may satisfy a certain insurance requirement by maintaining a certain security that is secondary to any other valid and collectible coverage under certain circumstances and subject to a certain exception; providing that security maintained by the owner of a rental vehicle or replacement vehicle is primary under certain circumstances; requiring the owner of a rental vehicle to provide a certain notice to the renter of the rental vehicle; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

SB 649

Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 473

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – CHANGE IN BED CAPACITY – CERTIFICATE OF NEED EXEMPTION

Exempting an increase or decrease in bed capacity from the certificate of need requirement if the change will occur in an intermediate care facility offering residential or intensive substance—related disorder treatment services, or an existing general hospice program, and written notice of the intent to change bed capacity is filed with the Maryland Health Care Commission at least 45 days before increasing or decreasing bed capacity; requiring the Commission to review the State Health plan on Psychiatric Services; Emergency Medical Services; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Senator Klausmeier

Chapter 474

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – CERTIFICATE OF NEED – MODIFICATIONS

Repealing a provision of law exempting certain offices from certificate of need requirements under certain circumstances; providing that a certificate of need is required before the type or scope of any health care service is changed if the health care service results in a change in operating room capacity in a certain health care facility; repealing a provision of law authorizing a hospital to acquire a freestanding ambulatory surgical facility or a certain office or group practice under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 838

Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al

Chapter 475

FOOD SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM – RESTAURANT MEALS PROGRAM

Renaming the food stamp program to be the food supplement program; establishing a Restaurant Meals Program (RMP) within the food supplement program in the Department of Human Services to expand food access to certain individuals; authorizing a certain household eligible to participate in the RMP if the household is eligible for certain State and federal benefits and lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes certain persons; requiring a restaurant to meet certain requirements to participate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1066

Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al

Chapter 476

FAMILY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – WORK ACTIVITY REQUIREMENT – AUTHORIZED ACTIVITIES AND REPORT

Requiring the Department of Human Services to allow an applicant for or recipient of assistance under the Family Investment Program to meet a work activity requirement by participating in vocational education for a minimum of 20 hours per week that leads to an associate degree, a diploma, or a certificate, or 20 hours per week of education directly related to employment; requiring the Department to report certain information to the General Assembly by October 1 of each year; etc.

Senator Peters

Chapter 477

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN – REPORTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report certain information regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2019, and each year thereafter; and requiring the Department, in producing the report, to consult with the Maryland Alliance for the Poor, local health departments, MedChi, the Maryland Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Mid–Atlantic Association of Community Health Centers, and other stakeholders.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 506

Delegate Valentino-Smith, et al

Chapter 478

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN – REPORTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to report certain information regarding the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2019, and each year thereafter; and requiring the Department, in producing the report, to consult with the Maryland Alliance for the Poor, local health departments, MedChi, the American Academy of Pediatrics Maryland Chapter, the Mid–Atlantic Association of Community Mental Health Centers, and other stakeholders.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Delegate Kelly, et al

Chapter 479

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – TELEMEDICINE – PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PSYCHIATRISTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, under certain circumstances, to include psychiatric nurse practitioners who are providing Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to certain Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in the types of providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Program recipients; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 524

Senator Eckardt

Chapter 480

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – TELEMEDICINE – PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND PSYCHIATRISTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, under certain circumstances, to include psychiatric nurse practitioners who are providing Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to certain Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in the types of providers eligible to receive reimbursement for health care services that are delivered through telemedicine and provided to Program recipients; terminating the Act after September 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1122

Delegate Hornberger, et al

Chapter 481

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS – OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS – MEDICAL DIRECTORS

Requiring that regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs include provisions authorizing a psychiatric nurse practitioner to serve as a medical director of a certain outpatient mental health center, including through telehealth.

Senator Eckardt

Chapter 482

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAMS – OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS – MEDICAL DIRECTORS

Requiring that regulations adopted under certain provisions of law regulating behavioral health programs include provisions authorizing a psychiatric nurse practitioner to serve as a medical director of a certain outpatient mental health center, including through telehealth.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 62 Chapter 483 Delegate B. Barnes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

EMPLOYEES' AND TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEMS – BENEFITS

Clarifying a provision authorizing a certain purchase of eligibility service credit in the Employees' Pension System for certain employment; providing that certain members of the Employees' or Teachers' Pension System who meet certain criteria may continue employment with certain participating employers of the State Retirement and Pension System without incurring a certain break in service following retirement from the Employees' or Teachers' Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 119 Chapter 484 Senator Griffith (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)

EMPLOYEES' AND TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEMS – BENEFITS

Clarifying a provision authorizing a certain purchase of eligibility service credit in the Employees' Pension System for certain employment; providing that certain members of the Employees' or Teachers' Pension System who meet certain criteria may continue employment with certain participating employers of the State Retirement and Pension System without incurring a certain break in service following retirement from the Employees' or Teachers' Pension System; etc.

Delegate Jones, et al

Chapter 485

FINANCIAL AID – GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANTS – VERIFICATION AND ADMINISTRATION BY INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Authorizing certain institutions of higher education to verify the eligibility of an applicant for, and on verification administer, Guaranteed Access Grants under the Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Program of Educational Excellence Awards under certain circumstances; requiring the Financial Aid Advisory Council in the Higher Education Commission to study a certain financial aid verification process and make recommendations to the Commission and participating institutions on the implementation of the Act by December 31, 2019; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 184

Senator Kagan

Chapter 486

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – OPEN MEETINGS – VIDEO STREAMING AND RECORDING (STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring the State Board of Elections, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to make publicly available on the Internet each meeting agenda, made available at least 24 hours in advance of each meeting, live video streaming, and unedited archived video recordings of open meetings; requiring the State Board to prepare written minutes after each meeting; requiring the Department to provide the staff to the State Board necessary to stream live video of the open meetings of the State Board; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 543

Delegate Jones, et al

Chapter 487

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – INVESTMENTS AND OPERATIONS

Providing certain requirements technology—based businesses must meet before the Maryland Technology Development Corporation may make certain grants or provide certain equity investment financing; requiring the Corporation to adopt certain regulations related to the investment committee; requiring the Board of Directors of the Corporation to make certain appointments; providing that certain persons are subject to certain public ethics law; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Senator Kagan, et al

Chapter 488

MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – INVESTMENTS AND OPERATIONS

Providing certain requirements technology—based businesses must meet before the Maryland Technology Development Corporation may make a certain grant or provide certain equity investment financing; requiring the Corporation to adopt certain regulations related to the investment committee; requiring the Board of Directors of the Corporation to make certain appointments; providing that certain persons are subject to the Public Ethics Law; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

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Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al

Chapter 489

HB 433

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION – ELIGIBILITY (FREEDOM TO SERVE ACT)

Altering the eligibility requirements for an individual to be certified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission as a police officer to require an individual to be either a United States citizen or a permanent legal resident of the United States who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces and has applied to obtain United States citizenship; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB~853

Senator Kagan, et al

Chapter 490

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION – ELIGIBILITY (FREEDOM TO SERVE ACT)

Altering the eligibility requirements for an individual to be certified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission as a police officer to require an individual to be a United States citizen or a permanent legal resident of the United States who is an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces and who has applied to obtain United States citizenship and the application is pending approval; requiring the certification of a police officer who fails to obtain United States citizenship to be terminated; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Senator Kagan

Chapter 491

CAMPAIGN FINANCE – TERMINATION OF CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES

Authorizing any remaining balance in the account of a certain campaign finance entity before its termination to be paid to a certain legislative party caucus committee; requiring the authorized candidate campaign committee of a candidate who dies to pay outstanding obligations, dispose of remaining funds in a certain manner, and terminate and file a final campaign finance report within 1 year after the candidate's death; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1255

Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al

Chapter 492

SCHOOL BUS TRANSITION – ZERO–EMISSION VEHICLES – GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND

Requiring the Department of the Environment and the Department of Transportation to jointly provide technical assistance to certain entities on certain matters; establishing the Zero–Emission Vehicle School Bus Transition Grant Program to provide grants to county boards of education and entities that contract with county board to provide transportation services to purchase zero–emission school buses, install charging infrastructure, and develop plans for transitioning to the use of zero–emission vehicles; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 237

Senator Carter, et al

Chapter 493

VEHICLE LAWS – CANCELED, REVOKED, AND SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSES – PENALTIES

Altering the penalties for a person convicted for possession of a canceled, revoked, or suspended driver's license to be a fine not exceeding \$500 and an assessment of 3 points.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 76

Delegate Moon, et al

Chapter 494

VEHICLE LAWS – CANCELED, REVOKED, AND SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSES – PENALTIES

Altering the penalties for a person convicted for possession of a canceled, revoked, or suspended driver's license to be a fine not exceeding \$500 and an assessment of 3 points.

Senator Carter

Chapter 495

CRIMINAL LAW – GAMING – CIVIL OFFENSE

Altering the penalty for certain conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling; making certain conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling a civil offense; establishing that adjudication of a violation under a certain provision of the Act is not a criminal conviction for any purpose and does not impose any of the civil disabilities that may result from a criminal conviction; altering certain penalties; authorizing a certain police officer to issue a certain citation under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 334

Senator Hough

Chapter 496

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – APPOINTMENT TO FILL A VACANCY OF AN ELECTED MEMBER – CANDIDATE INFORMATION REQUESTS

Requiring a certain appointing authority, on request, to provide a list of the names of the candidates to fill a vacancy of an elected member of a county board of education to the individual who made the request or by publication on the website of the appointing authority; and defining "appointing authority" as the individual or entity that is responsible for appointing a qualified individual to fill a vacancy of an elected member of a county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

$SB\ 1043$

Senator Hough

Chapter 497

CHILDREN IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT PROGRAMS (FAMILY FIRST PREVENTION SERVICES ACT)

Requiring the juvenile court to conduct a hearing to review the status of a child placed in a qualified residential treatment program and make a certain determination within a certain period of time after the child enters the placement; requiring the juvenile court to review a certain assessment and consider certain factors at a certain hearing; requiring the juvenile court to state, in writing, the reasons for its decision to approve or disapprove the continued placement of a child in a qualified residential program; etc.

Delegate Johnson, et al

Chapter 498

MARYLAND TRUST ACT – DIVISION OR CONSOLIDATION OF TRUST

Authorizing a trustee to divide a trust into two or more separate trusts or consolidate two or more trusts into a single trust if a beneficiary does not object in writing within 30 days after the trustee provided notice; and requiring a trustee to divide a trust into two or more separate trusts or consolidate two or more trusts into a single trust in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 382

Senator West

Chapter 499

MARYLAND TRUST ACT – DIVISION OR CONSOLIDATION OF TRUST

Authorizing a trustee to divide a trust into two or more separate trusts or consolidate two or more trusts into a single trust if a beneficiary does not object in writing within 30 days after the trustee provided notice; and requiring a trustee to divide a trust into two or more separate trusts or consolidate two or more trusts into a single trust in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 370

Senator West, et al

Chapter 500

ENVIRONMENT - RECYCLING - OFFICE BUILDINGS

Requiring a county to address, in a recycling plan required to be submitted to the Secretary of the Environment, the collection and recycling of recyclable materials from buildings that are 150,000 square feet or greater of office space; requiring each owner of an office building to provide recycling receptacles for the collection of recyclable materials and for the removal of certain materials for further recycling by October 1, 2021; authorizing certain enforcement units to conduct certain inspections; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Senator West

Chapter 501

MEDICAL CANNABIS – REGULATION OF DISPENSARIES, GROWERS. AND PROCESSORS

Providing that growers, processors, and dispensaries licensed under certain provisions of law are subject to the Maryland Antitrust Act and the Maryland Sales Below Cost Act; repealing the provision prohibiting the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission from issuing more than one medical cannabis grower license to each applicant; requiring the Commission to allow a person to have an ownership interest in or control of up to four dispensaries licensed under a certain provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 316

Delegate Kelly, et al

Chapter 502

PUBLIC HEALTH VACCINATION REPORTING REQUIREMENTS - IMMUNET

Requiring a health care provider who administers a vaccine or the agent of the health care provider in the State to report all vaccines administered to the Maryland immunization registry, ImmuNet, with certain exceptions; altering certain responsibilities of the Secretary of Health and the Maryland Department of Health relating to certain forms and a certain brochure regarding ImmuNet and vaccinations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 435

Delegate Kelly, et al

Chapter 503

HEALTH INSURANCE - PRESCRIPTION DRUGS - FORMULARY CHANGES

Requiring certain entities to establish and implement a procedure by which a member may receive a prescription drug or device that has been removed from a certain entity's formulary or a member may continue the same cost sharing requirements under certain circumstances; requiring a certain entity to provide a certain member with notice at least 30 days before a change is implemented; applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2020; etc.

Senator Hayes, et al

Chapter 504

HEALTH INSURANCE – PRESCRIPTION DRUGS – FORMULARY CHANGES

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SB 796

Senators Hayes and Lam

Chapter 505

STATE COMMISSION ON KIDNEY DISEASE – MEMBERSHIP – REVISIONS

Prohibiting certain members of the State Commission on Kidney Disease from having direct ownership of more than 30%, rather than any, in renal dialysis or kidney transplant centers that do business in the State; and reducing the minimum number of names, from 3 to 2, required to be on certain lists submitted to the Governor by certain organizations from which the Governor will appoint certain members of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 876

Delegate Hettleman, et al

Chapter 506

HIGHER EDUCATION – POLICY ON STUDENT CONCERNS ABOUT ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Requiring each institution of higher education to develop and adopt a policy on student concerns about athletic programs and activities that meets certain requirements on or before October 1, 2019; requiring each institution of higher education to post the policy and any changes to the policy on the institution's website and to submit the policy to the Maryland Higher Education Commission and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2019; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

Senators Hayes and Guzzone

Chapter 507

HIGHER EDUCATION – POLICY ON STUDENT CONCERNS ABOUT ATHLETIC PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

Requiring each institution of higher education to develop and adopt a policy on student concerns about athletic programs and activities that meets certain requirements on or before October 1, 2019; requiring each institution of higher education to post the policy and any changes to the policy on the institution's website and to submit the policy to the Maryland Higher Education Commission and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2019; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1268

Delegate Hettleman, et al

Chapter 508

PUBLIC SAFETY – RAPE KIT TESTING GRANT FUND – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund to provide law enforcement agencies with funding to pay for testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits by forensic laboratories; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the Fund and to establish and publish procedures for the distribution of funding; limiting the use of funds to the equipment, supplies, personnel, and outsourcing necessary for the testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 569

Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 509

PUBLIC SAFETY – RAPE KIT TESTING GRANT FUND – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund to provide law enforcement agencies with funding to pay for testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits by forensic laboratories; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the Fund and to establish and publish procedures for the distribution of funding; limiting the use of the funds to the equipment, supplies, personnel, and outsourcing necessary for the testing of sexual assault evidence collection kits; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Delegates Hettleman and Busch

Chapter 510

STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND MARYLAND PROGRAM EVALUATION ACT

Renaming the Joint Audit Committee to be the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee and altering its powers and duties; establishing the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in the Department of Legislative Services; requiring the Office to conduct certain performance evaluations of certain units of State government; requiring the Office to conduct certain investigations under certain circumstances; altering the manner in which certain governmental units are evaluated under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 640

Senators Zucker and Miller

Chapter 511

STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF PROGRAM EVALUATION AND GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY AND MARYLAND PROGRAM EVALUATION ACT

Establishing the Office of Program Evaluation and Government Accountability in the Department of Legislative Services; requiring the Office to conduct certain performance evaluations of certain units of State government; renaming the Joint Audit Committee as the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee with an expanded role in reviewing evaluations conducted by the Office; requiring the Office to conduct certain investigations under certain circumstances; altering the manner in which certain governmental units are evaluated; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 734

Senator Zucker, et al

Chapter 512

EDUCATION – STUDENTS WITH READING DIFFICULTIES – SCREENINGS AND INTERVENTIONS

Requiring each county board of education, beginning with the 2020–2021 school year, to ensure that a certain student is screened to identify if the student is at risk for reading difficulties; requiring the screening instrument to be based on foundational reading skills that include phonological and phonemic awareness and processing; requiring the county board to provide supplemental reading instruction and parental notification in cases where it is determined a student is at risk for reading difficulties; etc.

Delegate Hettleman, et al

Chapter 513

GENDER DIVERSITY IN THE BOARDROOM - ANNUAL REPORT

Establishing the intent of the General Assembly to promote gender diversity in corporate management and boardrooms; requiring a certain entity submitting an annual report to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to include information relating to the number of female members of the board and the total number of members of the board; providing the Act does not apply to a privately held company if at least 75% of the company's shareholders are family members; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 911

Senator Beidle, et al

Chapter 514

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 461

Delegate Hettleman, et al

Chapter 515

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – REGULATION (PRIVATE NONPROFIT INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION PROTECTION ACT OF 2019)

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to determine whether a reportable incident constitutes private inurement if a private nonprofit institution of higher education engages in a reportable incident; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Delegate Hettleman, et al

Chapter 516

CONSUMER PROTECTION – PRIVATE CAREER SCHOOLS AND FOR–PROFIT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – DISCLOSURES

Requiring private career schools and certain for—profit institutions of higher education to provide certain students with certain information before the student signs an enrollment agreement, completes registration, or makes a financial commitment; requiring certain information to be displayed in a certain manner and on the school's or institution's websites; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 703

Delegate Lafferty, et al

Chapter 517

ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring certain jurisdictions to report to the Department of the Environment on certain information relating to the number of cases alleging violations of sediment and erosion control laws and regulations and building and grading permits by January 1 each year; requiring the Department to provide technical assistance to certain jurisdictions to meet the reporting requirements of the Act; and requiring the Department to report the information collected to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before March 1 each year. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 505

Senator Elfreth, et al

Chapter 518

ENVIRONMENTAL VIOLATIONS – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Requiring certain jurisdictions to report to the Department of the Environment information relating to the number of cases alleging violations of sediment and erosion control laws and regulations and building and grading permits by January 1 each year; requiring the Department to provide technical assistance to certain jurisdictions to help meet certain reporting requirements; requiring the Department to post certain information and an interactive map on its website; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Senator Waldstreicher, et al

Chapter 519

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY FUND ACT OF 2019

Increasing the maximum fine from \$500 to \$1,000 that may be imposed for a violation of provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law regarding crosswalks; establishing the Pedestrian Safety Fund for the purpose of enhancing the safety and quality of pedestrian and bicycle transportation, including through certain educational programming for bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians, certain physical design changes, and certain increased enforcement of existing rules of the road; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 777

Senator Waldstreicher, et al

Chapter 520

PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR DWELLING HOUSE OWNED BY DISABLED ACTIVE DUTY SERVICE MEMBER

Exempting from the property tax under certain circumstances dwelling houses owned by certain disabled active duty service members; requiring a disabled active duty service member to apply for the exemption and provide to the supervisor of assessments for a county a certain certification of disability; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to authorize, by law, a refund to a disabled active duty service member under certain circumstances; applying the Act to tax years beginning after June 30, 2019; etc. EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 552

Delegate Malone

Chapter 521

INTERCEPTION OF ORAL COMMUNICATION – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Providing that the failure of law enforcement to notify a certain individual that the individual is being recorded does not affect the admissibility of a certain recording if the failure to notify involved an individual who joined a discussion in progress for which proper notification was previously given.

Senator Ellis, et al

Chapter 522

GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWNS - EMPLOYEES - PROTECTIONS

Prohibiting a public service company from terminating electric or gas service to certain residential customers for nonpayment on a day that a government shutdown is in effect and for 7 days after the government shutdown has ended; authorizing the Public Service Commission to adopt certain regulations; requiring a certain court to stay certain proceedings for the foreclosure or repossession of certain residential property for a certain period of time under certain circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SB 330

Senator Smith, et al

Chapter 523

PUBLIC BUILDINGS - DIAPER-CHANGING FACILITIES

Requiring, except under certain circumstances, that a diaper-changing facility be installed in certain public restrooms in certain public buildings; requiring the Board of Public Works, through the Department of General Services, to adopt certain standards; providing that the Department of General Services, the University System of Maryland, and the Department of Transportation are responsible for the enforcement of certain provisions of the Act under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 527

Senator Smith

Chapter 524

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATES – LABOR

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to include in an annual report certain statistics on job classifications for inmate labor, certain daily wage scales, and the total number of inmates currently employed at certain facilities; and requiring the Division of Correction to include in a report regarding Maryland Correctional Enterprises certain similar statistics regarding inmate employment and wages.

Senator Smith

Chapter 525

HEALTH CARE MALPRACTICE QUALIFIED EXPERT – QUALIFICATION

Altering, from 20% to 25%, the percentage of an expert's professional activities that may have been devoted to certain activities that directly involve testimony in personal injury claims during the 12 months immediately before the date when the claim was first filed in order for the expert to qualify to testify in relation to a certain proceeding; establishing that a certain health care provider shall be deemed to have met a certain requirement during the pendency of a claim under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1001

Delegate J. Lewis, et al

Chapter 526

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – REPORTING BY CORRECTIONAL UNITS AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO MINORS

Expanding the entities required to submit a certain report relating to restrictive housing; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to compile and summarize certain information from each correctional unit in a report to the General Assembly; prohibiting a correctional unit from placing a minor in restrictive housing unless there is clear and convincing evidence that certain conditions exist; requiring that a minor in restrictive housing be provided certain conditions and privileges; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 774

Senator Smith, et al

Chapter 527

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – REPORTING BY CORRECTIONAL UNITS AND REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO MINORS

Expanding the entities required to submit a certain report relating to restrictive housing; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to submit certain information from each correctional unit in a report to the General Assembly; prohibiting a correctional unit from placing a minor in restrictive housing unless there is clear and convincing evidence that certain conditions exist; requiring that a minor in restrictive housing be provided certain conditions and privileges; etc.

Senators Hester and Ready

Chapter 528

CARROLL AND HOWARD COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ESTABLISHING INNOVATIVE REGIONAL SCHOOLS – AUTHORITY (CROSS–COUNTY ATTENDANCE TO ACHIEVE EFFICIENCY ACT OF 2019)

Authorizing the county boards of education of Carroll County and Howard County to establish innovative regional schools subject to certain requirements and approval; requiring a memorandum of understanding between the county boards to address the governance, operations, maintenance, and financing of innovative regional schools; requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to study and develop a certain cost—share formula; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

SB 661

Senator Washington

Chapter 529

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – ESTABLISHED

Establishing community schools in the State for the purpose of providing an integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development, and familial and community engagement; requiring a community school to have a community school coordinator with responsibility for developing and implementing a plan based on an assessment of needs for the community school; authorizing local school systems to form a school—community partnership for the planning and implementation of a community school; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

SB 922

Senator Gallion, et al

Chapter 530

PUBLIC HEALTH - MILK - LABELING

Prohibiting a person from stating on a label of a food product that the product is milk unless the product meets a certain definition; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish and implement a plan to enforce a certain prohibition, including notice of the Department's intent to implement a ban on all products that do not meet certain requirements; requiring the Department to track certain legislation and notify the Department of Legislative Services of a certain occurrence within a certain period of time; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Delegate Barron, et al

Chapter 531

PUBLIC HEALTH – PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – REVISIONS

Requiring, instead of authorizing, the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program to review prescription monitoring data for indications of a possible misuse or abuse of a monitored prescription drug; requiring the Program to report the possible misuse or abuse to the prescriber or dispenser of the monitored prescription drug and to provide certain education to the prescriber or dispenser; authorizing the Program to provide prescription monitoring data to the Office of Controlled Substances Administration for further investigation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 116

Delegate Barron, et al

Chapter 532

PUBLIC HEALTH – CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – OPIOID USE DISORDER EXAMINATIONS AND TREATMENT

Requiring local correctional facilities to conduct an assessment of the mental health and substance use status of each inmate using evidence—based screenings and assessments to determine if a certain diagnosis is appropriate and if medication—assisted treatment for opioid addiction is appropriate; requiring each local correctional facility to make available at least one formulation of each FDA—approved full opioid agonist, partial opioid agonist, and long—acting opioid antagonist used for the treatment of opioid use disorders; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 193

Delegate Barron, et al

Chapter 533

LIFE INSURANCE – LIFE OF A MINOR – STATEMENT ON DISCLOSURE

Altering a certain requirement that a life insurer include, in a certain manner, a certain statement on an application or an endorsement for a policy of life insurance on the life of a minor to allow the life insurer to include the statement on a certain disclosure; and applying the Act to policies of life insurance on the life of a minor issued or delivered in the State on or after January 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

Delegate Barron, et al

Chapter 534

MARYLAND **MEDICAL** ASSISTANCE **PROGRAM** AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS THAT USE PHARMACY **BENEFITS** MANAGERS - AUDIT AND **PROFESSIONAL** DISPENSING FEES

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to enter into a contract with an independent auditor as soon as practicable to conduct an audit of certain pharmacy benefits managers for the purpose of determining the amount of Medicaid funds used to reimburse managed care organization, pharmacy benefits managers. and pharmacies and the dollar amount of funds received by each respective party; requiring the Program to provide the results of the audit to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2019; etc. EMERGENCY BILL

HB 1288

Delegate Barron

Chapter 535

PHYSICIANS - DISPENSING PERMIT EXEMPTION - TOPICAL **MEDICATION**

Providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a certain physician from dispensing a certain topical medication; authorizing a physician to dispense a certain topical medication if the physician meets certain requirements and has obtained a certain written permit; authorizing the State Board of Physicians to issue a certain written permit to certain physicians under certain circumstances; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 93

Delegate Rosenberg

Chapter 536

WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM - REPEAL OF AWARD CAP

Increasing the \$3,000 cap on the amount that will be awarded for a scholarship under the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program to \$5,000.

Delegate Rosenberg, et al

Chapter 537

OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND

Establishing the Opioid Restitution Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund which consists of all revenue received by the State from any source resulting, directly or indirectly, from any judgement against or settlement with, opioid manufacturers, opioid research associations or any other person related to the opioid industry; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund, and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 137

Delegate Kerr, et al

Chapter 538

STATE PERSONNEL – PROFESSIONAL SERVICE – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – TEACHERS

Requiring that teachers employed by the Maryland School for the Deaf are in the professional service in the State Personnel Management System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 237

Delegate Washington

Chapter 539

ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – ESTABLISHMENT

Authorizing all counties, rather than counties with fewer than a certain number of registered voters, to establish one early voting center in addition to the number of early voting centers the county is required to establish if the State Board of Elections, in collaboration with the local board of elections, and the governing body of the county agree to establish an additional early voting center.

Delegate McKay, et al

Chapter 540

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – COMMUNITY DENTAL CLINICS GRANT PROGRAM

Establishing the Community Dental Clinics Grant Program; authorizing the Board of Public Works, on the recommendation of the Secretary of Health, to make grants under the Program to counties, municipal corporations, and nonprofit organizations for the purpose of supporting the provision of dental services by community dental clinics; requiring the Governor to include funding in the State operating budget bill or capital budget bill for the Program beginning in fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 355 Chapter 541 Delegate Patterson, et al

EDUCATION – COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – DISCLOSURES AND REQUIREMENTS

Repealing the requirement that certain county boards of education develop and maintain a funding accountability website; requiring that each county board report annually certain financial information to the Department of Budget and Management beginning January 1, 2020; requiring the Department to post certain information provided by each county board on its Funding Accountability & Transparency website; providing the Act may not be construed to require the disclosure of certain confidential information; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1349

Delegate Patterson, et al

 ${\it Chapter}\; 542$

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENTS WITH SICKLE CELL DISEASE – REVISIONS

Extending to August 1, 2019, the date by which the Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health are required to develop guidelines for public schools regarding health care services to students with sickle cell disease; extending the date to September 1, 2019, for the departments to provide certain technical assistance to schools and develop a process to monitor implementation of guidelines for public schools regarding the administration of health care services to students with sickle cell disease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

Delegate R. Lewis, et al

Chapter 543

STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD – PRACTICE OF ACUPUNCTURE – DEFINITION AND EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

Requiring an applicant to have graduated from at least a master's level program in acupuncture, or its equivalent, approved by certain entities to qualify for a license to practice acupuncture; altering the authority of the State Acupuncture Board to find certain programs to be equivalent to certain courses for licensure requirements; providing that certain provisions of the Act may be construed to apply only prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 482

Delegate Mosby, et al

Chapter 544

INCOME TAX CREDITS – ENDOWMENTS OF MARYLAND HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES AND FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY – ESTABLISHMENT AND ALTERATIONS

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for a certain amount of donations to certain qualified permanent endowment funds at Bowie State University, Coppin State University, Morgan State University, or University of Maryland Eastern Shore; requiring certain taxpayers to add a certain deduction back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland adjusted gross income; limiting the amount of tax credit certificates certified by the Comptroller to no more than \$240,000; applying the Act to certain taxable years; etc. EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

Chapter 545

The Speaker (By Request - Office of the Attorney General), et al

HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – COMPREHENSIVE AND EXTENDED CARE FACILITIES – DISCHARGES AND TRANSFERS

Altering the basic rights afforded to each resident of a comprehensive care facility and an extended care facility; requiring certain individuals to pursue certain assistance from the medical assistance program in a certain manner; requiring a facility to provide a certain written notice as soon as practicable before discharge or transfer under certain circumstances; requiring a facility, under certain provisions of law, to provide at least a 3–day supply of medications needed by the resident at the time of discharge or transfer; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 594 Chapter 546

The Speaker (By Request - Office of the Attorney General), et al

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – STUDENT LOAN SERVICERS – UNFAIR, ABUSIVE, OR DECEPTIVE TRADE PRACTICES

Prohibiting a student loan servicer from employing any scheme, device, or artifice to mislead a student loan borrower; prohibiting a student loan servicer from engaging in any unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; prohibiting a student loan servicer from knowingly misapplying or refusing to correct a misapplication of payments; requiring a student loan servicer to respond to an inquiry within 30 days of receiving the inquiry or complaint; authorizing the Commissioner of Financial Regulation to enforce the Act; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Delegate Guyton, et al

Chapter 547

SPECIAL EDUCATION – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS – TIMELINE FOR INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

Authorizing a parent of a student with a disability to request an independent educational evaluation at public expense under certain circumstances; requiring a local school system to issue a written response approving or denying a parent's request within 30 days; requiring a local school system, on approving the parent's request, to advise the parent of the process for arranging the evaluation; requiring the local school system, on denying the parent's request, to file a certain due process complaint within 30 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1019

Delegates Guyton and Luedtke

Chapter 548

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS – ASSESSMENTS AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

Requiring that the State Board of Education may only require a passing score on a standardized assessment to evaluate a student for graduation from high school after the assessment has been field—tested and piloted for at least 1 year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 751

Delegate Hill

Chapter 549

HEALTH INSURANCE – PRIOR AUTHORIZATION – REQUIREMENTS

Requiring certain insurers, health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to allow a health care provider to indicate whether a prescription drug is to be used to treat a chronic condition; prohibiting an entity from requesting a reauthorization for a repeat prescription for 1 year or for the standard course of treatment for the chronic condition being treated, whichever is less; requiring a certain entity to maintain a certain database for prior authorizations that are filed electronically; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020

Delegate Morgan, et al

Chapter 550

PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS - PHARMACY CHOICE

Prohibiting, except for certain specialty drugs, a pharmacy benefits manager from requiring that a beneficiary use a specific pharmacy or entity to fill a prescription if the pharmacy benefits manager or a corporate affiliate has an ownership interest in the pharmacy or entity or if the pharmacy or entity has an ownership interest in the pharmacy benefits manager or a corporate affiliate.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 829

Delegate Ghrist, et al

Chapter 551

HEALTH INSURANCE – PROVIDER PANELS – GRADUATE PROVIDERS

Prohibiting a carrier from rejecting a provider who provides community—based health services for an accredited program solely because the provider is a licensed graduate social worker, licensed master social worker, licensed graduate alcohol and drug counselor, licensed graduate marriage and family therapist, licensed graduate professional art therapist, or licensed graduate professional counselor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 844

Delegate Reilly, et al

Chapter 552

PUBLIC SCHOOLS - SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS - REPORTS

Requiring each local school system in the State to submit an interim report on the ratio of students to psychologists in each school, strategies to increase the number of psychologists, policies to decrease wait times, and strategies to increase retention of qualified psychologists to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and certain legislative committees by July 1, 2020; requiring each local school system in the State to submit a final report on school psychologists to the State Board by December 1, 2020; etc.

Delegate Krimm, et al

Chapter 553

WORKGROUP TO STUDY SHELTER AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES FOR UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS MINORS

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Shelter and Supportive Services for Unaccompanied Homeless Minors; requiring the Senate Chair and House Chair of the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness to serve as cochairs of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to identify and compile information on unaccompanied homeless minors and make recommendations regarding policy initiatives to address their needs, including funding requirements; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 993 Chapter 554

Anne Arundel County Delegation (By Request - County Executive)

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ETHICS – CONTRIBUTIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Specifying that certain provisions of law may apply to certain campaign contributions to the County Executive or the members of the County Council of Anne Arundel County or candidates for election to those offices; authorizing the County Council of Anne Arundel County to enact a local law to regulate the participation of a member of the County Council or the County Executive of Anne Arundel County in any legislative action relevant to a zoning change or amendment or to a certain application under certain circumstances; etc.

SB 710 Chapter 555

Anne Arundel County Senators (By Request - County Executive)

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ETHICS – CONTRIBUTIONS AND PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Specifying that certain provisions of law may apply to contributions to the County Executive or the members of the County Council of Anne Arundel County or candidates for election to those offices; authorizing the County Council of Anne Arundel County to enact a local law to regulate the participation of a member of the County Council or the County Executive of Anne Arundel County in any legislative action relevant to a zoning change or amendment or to a certain application under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HB 1136 Chapter 556

Delegates Pippy and Cox

TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE FREDERICK COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM'S ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOCIAL–EMOTIONAL LEARNING PILOT PROGRAM

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Frederick County Public School System's Elementary School Social—Emotional Learning Pilot Program to study the implementation of the program in the county's elementary schools and make recommendations on actions necessary to expand the program to middle schools and high schools; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on creating a comprehensive program to the Frederick County Public School Superintendent and Board of Education by December 31, 2019; etc.

Delegate Solomon, et al

Chapter 557

DRINKING WATER OUTLETS IN SCHOOL BUILDINGS – LEAD TESTING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS AND GRANT **PROGRAMS**

Stating the findings and intent of the General Assembly that any exposure to lead in drinking water is dangerous to children, that schools should be proactive in reducing lead in drinking water outlets to 5 parts per billion, and that State and federal funds should be made available to schools for that purpose; specifying that the Interagency Commission on School Construction is required to give priority in awarding grants from the Healthy School Facility Fund to schools where lead is found to be present in drinking water; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2019

HB 1400

Delegate Cardin

Chapter 558

PUBLIC HEALTH - DEATH CERTIFICATES - COMPLETION AND CAUSE OF DEATH REPORT

Authorizing a physician designated by the State Anatomy Board to complete a certificate of death under certain circumstances; requiring a certain physician to enter certain information in a certain section of a death certificate; and requiring the State Anatomy Board to send to the Secretary of Health a report of the cause of death for entry on a certain death certificate if the State Anatomy Board receives information about the cause of death from certain individuals. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 827

Delegate Lierman, et al

Chapter 559

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT - SEX TRAFFICKING SERVICES AND INVESTIGATIONS (CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING SCREENING AND SERVICES ACT OF 2019)

Requiring a law enforcement officer who suspects that a child that has been detained is a victim of sex trafficking to notify a regional navigator; requiring a local department of social services that receives a report of suspected child abuse or neglect to refer the child to a regional navigator for services; establishing the Safe Harbor Regional Navigator Grant Program to support services for youth victims of sex trafficking; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to provide funding by October 1, 2019; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

Delegate Shetty, et al

Chapter 560

JUVENILE LAW - CONTINUED DETENTION - MINIMUM AGE

Prohibiting the continued detention, beyond emergency detention, of a child under the age of 12 years unless the child is alleged to have committed a certain act that, if committed by an adult, would be a crime of violence or the child is likely to leave the jurisdiction of the court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 302

Montgomery County Delegation

Chapter 561

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE DUTY OF FAIR REPRESENTATION MC 26–19

Altering the duty of an employee organization certified as the exclusive representative of certain employees of the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County to represent all employees in a certain bargaining unit in a certain manner; authorizing the exclusive representative to require an employee who does not pay certain dues or fees to pay certain costs and fees for filing a certain grievance or arbitrating a certain matter; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 362 Chapter 562

Montgomery County Delegation and Prince George's County Delegation

MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE DUTY OF FAIR REPRESENTATION MC/PG 109–19

Altering the duty of an employee organization recognized as the exclusive representative of certain employees of the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission to represent all employees, including law enforcement personnel, in a certain bargaining unit fairly and without discrimination; authorizing the exclusive representative to require an employee who does not pay certain dues or fees to pay certain costs and fees for filing a certain grievance or arbitrating a certain matter; etc.

HB 1280 Chapter 563

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WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – TECHNICAL UNIT MC/PG 114–19

Establishing a separate technical collective bargaining unit within the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission in which employees have a combination of basic scientific or technical knowledge and manual skill that is usually acquired through specialized postsecondary school education or through equivalent on—the—job training; altering a provision of law that had established a certain joint office/technical collective bargaining unit to establish a separate office collective bargaining unit; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

HB 1144

Delegate Lehman, et al

Chapter 564

COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY

Requiring county boards of education to take certain reasonable steps to provide equal access to public services for certain individuals with limited English proficiency.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

Pursuant to Article III, Section 52(6) of the Maryland Constitution, the following bill has been assigned a chapter number:

HB 100 The Speaker (By Request - Administration)

Chapter 565

BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2020)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Sincerely,

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