



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2019 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 11, 2019**  
**Schedule 3**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 22 – Bill request deadline.  
February 8 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 7.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 11, 2019**

### **HB 41    The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

#### **STUDENT DEBT RELIEF ACT OF 2019**

Establishing a Maryland Promise Plus Scholarship program to provide tuition assistance to certain students attending eligible State institutions; establishing eligibility requirements to include limitations on gross income levels under certain circumstances; providing for an annual scholarship award of no more than \$10,000 per recipient; providing the scholarship be converted to a loan under certain circumstances; allowing a subtraction modification for a certain amount of interest paid on student loans; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019**

ED, §§ 18-3701 through 18-3707 and TG, § 10-208(y) - added and TG, § 10-208(n) and (o) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

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**HB 42      The Speaker (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX – REVISED  
STATUTORY REFERENCES

Altering certain references to the Consumer Price Index for the Washington–  
Baltimore Metropolitan Area to the Consumer Price Index for the Washington  
Metropolitan Area in the Annotated Code.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

HS, IN, LE, LU, PU, RP, and SF, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 43      The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

ELECTIONS – LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL  
REDISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT – COMMISSION AND  
PROCESS

Establishing the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and  
Apportionment Commission as an independent unit of State government;  
providing for the intent of the General Assembly regarding legislative and  
congressional redistricting; requiring the members of the Redistricting  
Commission to be selected by March 1, 2021 and each year ending in the  
number one thereafter; requiring the Redistricting Commission to conduct a  
certain selection process, establish certain districts, and conduct its business in  
a certain manner; etc.

CONTINGENT

EL, §§ 8-7A-01 through 8-7A-12 - added and GP, § 5-205(a) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 44      The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require single-member delegate districts; altering certain standards for the drawing of legislative districts; proposing a new article to the Maryland Constitution to establish standards for the drawing of congressional districts; establishing a Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission; requiring the Commission to divide the State into certain legislative districts and congressional districts; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, Art. IV, and Art. V, Various Sections - amended and repealed and Art. XX, §§ 1 and 2 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 45      The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****ACCOUNTABILITY IN EDUCATION ACT OF 2019**

Establishing the Education Monitoring Unit in the State to investigate, analyze, and report on a range of specific matters relating to public schools and public school facilities; providing that the Unit is an independent unit in the State; establishing the Inspector General Selection and Review Commission in the Unit; requiring the Unit to establish an anonymous electronic tip program; requiring the Unit to submit an annual report by December 15 to the State Board, the Governor, and the General Assembly; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

ED, §§ 2-401 through 2-410 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 46      The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF TAX CREDIT – EXPANSION**

Altering the definition of “qualified employee” to include certain individuals who are provided certain paid parental leave for purposes of a credit against the State income tax for certain small businesses that provide certain employer benefits to certain qualified employees; altering the calculation of the credit; increasing, from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000, the total amount of tax credit certificates that may be issued by the Department of Commerce for each taxable year; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019

TG, § 10-748 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 47      Delegate Cullison****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 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

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 48      Delegates Grammer and Luedtke****ESPORTS ACT**

Defining an eSports competition as one involving video games, including first–person shooters, real–time strategy games, and certain multiplayer online battle arenas; authorizing an organization conducting an eSports competition to offer prize money or merchandise to winning participants in the competition; prohibiting a person, including a participant in or observer of an eSports competition, from betting, wagering, or gambling on the result of the competition; and authorizing the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019

CR, § 12-114 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

