



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 23, 2020**  
**Schedule 10**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6.

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 23, 2020**

**HB 404** Delegate Luedtke, et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS – DATA COLLECTION AND TRACKING – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Requiring the Department of Commerce in a certain annual report on economic development programs to include information for minority business enterprises on the number of enterprises that received assistance from each economic development program and the percentage of assistance distributed to each minority business enterprise from each economic development program compared to the total assistance distributed from each economic development program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EC, § 2.5-109 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

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**HB 405 Delegate Mosby****STATE HOUSE TRUST – LAWYER’S MALL – THURGOOD MARSHALL MEMORIAL STATUES**

Requiring the State House Trust to ensure that the Thurgood Marshall Memorial statues on Lawyer’s Mall are maintained in the same material condition in which they were on July 1, 2018; providing that the Thurgood Marshall Memorial statues on Lawyer’s Mall may be removed as necessary only under certain conditions; making the Act contingent on the completion of construction on Lawyer’s Mall begun in August 2018 by the Department of General Services; and prohibiting the removal of the statues except under certain conditions; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, § 9-505 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 406 Delegate Lehman, et al****CRIMES – UNATTENDED DOGS IN EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended for longer than 30 minutes without access to continuous suitable shelter during extreme weather conditions; applying a penalty of imprisonment for up to 90 days or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both for violating the Act; and defining the terms “suitable shelter” and “extreme weather conditions”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 10-623 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 407 Harford County Delegation****HARFORD COUNTY – STATE’S ATTORNEY’S OFFICE AND CHILD SUPPORT ADMINISTRATION – TRANSFER OF PERSONNEL**

Transferring the functions, powers, and duties of the Child Support Unit of the Office of the State’s Attorney for Harford County to the Child Support Administration of the Department of Human Services; requiring the creation of certain Position Identification Numbers for certain transferred employees; providing for the determination of salary grade and seniority for transferred employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 408 Delegate Charkoudian, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – GAS SERVICE REGULATOR SAFETY (FLOWER BRANCH ACT)**

Requiring that any gas service newly installed at an occupied structure may have a gas service regulator installed only outside the structure; requiring an existing interior gas service regulator to be relocated outside whenever a gas service line, meter, or regulator is replaced; requiring an existing interior gas service regulator servicing a multifamily structure to be relocated outside on or before October 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 409 Delegate Cullison****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PARTICIPATION OF SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTERS – REGULATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health on or before January 1, 2021, to revise its regulations regarding school–based health centers that may participate in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to include school–based health centers that have a written agreement with a sponsoring agency that meets certain requirements identified by the State Department of Education in the version of the “Maryland School–Based Health Center Standards” report available December 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 410 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – VACANCIES**

Altering the method for filling a vacancy on the Frederick County Board of Education; specifying that an individual appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the remainder of a certain term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies except that under certain circumstances the individual serves only until a successor is elected at the next general election; specifying how certain positions are to be filled at a general election; establishing the manner for nominating candidates for vacated offices; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 3-5B-01(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 411 Delegate Long****HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CALCULATION OF CREDIT FOR DWELLING PURCHASED BY FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYER**

Authorizing certain local governments to allow, by law, a first-time homebuyer in the State to calculate the homestead property tax credit for property that includes a newly purchased dwelling using a certain method; requiring that the credit for a newly purchased dwelling be calculated in a certain manner; providing that a certain homeowner may receive the larger of the homestead property tax credit amounts as calculated using certain methods; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TP, § 9-105(e)(1) and (2) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 412 Delegate Krimm, et al****PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – MARYLAND HORSE INDUSTRY FUND – RETIRED RACEHORSES**

Requiring that 0.5% of the funds in the Purse Dedication Account be allocated to the Maryland Horse Industry Fund to be used to fund and award grants to be used for the care, retraining, and promotion of retired racehorses; requiring the Maryland Horse Industry Board to administer the money made available to the Fund; requiring that certain unspent or unencumbered balances in the Fund at the end of the fiscal year revert to the Purse Dedication Account; and providing for the reversion of unused funds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AG, § 2-708.2 and SG, § 9-1A-28(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 413 Delegate Walker****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS –  
DAILY PHYSICAL ACTIVITY (STUDENT HEALTH AND FITNESS ACT)**

Requiring that a public school student in a Prince George's County elementary school be provided a certain daily program of physical activity each week totaling 150 minutes, including 90 minutes of physical education; requiring the program of physical activity for a certain category of student to be consistent with the student's Individualized Education Program, if applicable; requiring a Prince George's County public elementary school to designate a physical activity leadership team to plan for certain activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-409.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 414 St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – IMPROVEMENTS  
TO COMMERCIAL REAL PROPERTY**

Authorizing the governing body of St. Mary's County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on commercial real property that is located in an eligible area of the county and that has been improved on or after July 1, 2020; prohibiting the tax credit from exceeding 25% of the county property tax; requiring the governing body of St. Mary's County to define, by law, certain eligibility criteria; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TP, § 9-320(e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 415 Delegate B. Barnes****HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP – REVISIONS**

Altering the eligibility requirements for a Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship to repeal a provision of law requiring a certain applicant to apply within 2 years after graduating from high school; altering certain eligibility requirements to allow a certain applicant to have earned a grade point average of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent by the end of the senior year of high school for an initial award or while enrolled at a community college; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, §§ 18-3603, 18-3604, 18-3606, and 18-3607 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 416 Delegate Mosby, et al****MEDICAL CANNABIS – MEDICAL CANNABIS BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Medical Cannabis Business Development Fund to provide financial assistance and grants relating to small, minority and women business owners; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to determine the State income tax paid by each owner of a licensed medical cannabis entity that is attributable to income derived from the medical cannabis industry and distribute 2% of that amount into the fund; requiring the Department to make a certain report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HG, SF, and TG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 417 Delegate Barron, et al****STATE EMPLOYMENT – WAGE HISTORY AND WAGE RANGE**

Prohibiting an appointing authority from taking certain actions against an applicant for employment because the applicant did not provide the applicant's wage history; prohibiting an appointing authority from relying on an applicant's wage history for certain purposes and from seeking the applicant's wage history by certain methods; authorizing an appointing authority to rely on an applicant's wage history under certain circumstances; requiring a certain report on the effect of laws prohibiting consideration of wage history; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, § 2-311 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 418**    **Frederick County Delegation**

## FREDERICK COUNTY – SOLAR ENERGY – MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES

Altering to 2.5% the percentage of the renewable energy portfolio standard that must be derived from solar energy for a municipal electric utility in Frederick County.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

PU, § 7-703(e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 419**    **Delegate Luedtke**

## HIGHER EDUCATION – REPORT ON COLLECTION PRACTICES FOR UNPAID FEES AND SERVICES

Requiring each institution of higher education to collect data on the number of students who have unpaid fees, the average amount of unpaid fees, the common categories for which fees are owed, the number of academic documents withheld because of unpaid fees, the threshold triggering the withholding of certain information, and any payments plans offered; requiring the data be submitted to the Maryland Higher Education Commission; requiring the Commission to report to the General Assembly each year for 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 420**    **Delegate Ebersole, et al**

## PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “public safety officer” to include certain public safety officers employed full time by a State public safety agency and certain volunteer reserve officers for purposes of a certain property tax credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TP, § 9-260 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 421 Delegate Korman, et al**

STATE GOVERNMENT – OPEN MEETINGS – REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION OF OPEN MEETINGS ACT(MARYLAND STATE AGENCY TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Providing that the Maryland Technology Development Corporation is subject to the Open Meetings Act; requiring certain State agencies to make publicly available on their websites open meeting agendas 48 hours in advance of each meeting or, under certain circumstances, as far in advance of the meeting as practicable; requiring certain State agencies to post on their websites certain meeting minutes not more than 2 business days after the minutes are approved; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EC, §§ 10-407(a) and 10-607(a), EL, § 2-102(d), PS, § 1-305(e), and PU, § 2-108(b) - amended and EC, § 10-407(f) and TR, § 4-211 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 422 Delegate Rosenberg**

OPIOID RESTITUTION FUND – OFFICE OF THE CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER

Altering the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund to include supporting the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for increased caseloads due to opioid overdose deaths.

CONTINGENT

SF, § 7-331 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 423 Delegate Feldmark, et al**

COMMUNITY COLLEGES – STATE FUNDING – REVISION

Specifying that a certain appropriation calculated under the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula and a certain appropriation for Baltimore City Community College include appropriations, regardless of where they are budgeted, designated for the general operation of 4–year public institutions of higher education in the State.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, §§ 16-305(c)(1)(ii) and 16-512(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations



**HB 424 Delegate Cullison, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – PRODUCTS CONTAINING A FLAME–RETARDANT CHEMICAL**

Prohibiting a person from importing, selling, or offering for sale any juvenile product, mattress, upholstered furniture, or reupholstered furniture that contains more than 0.1% of a flame–retardant chemical by mass; repealing certain provisions of law regarding the importing, sale, or offering for sale of any child care product containing certain chemicals; establishing certain civil penalties; authorizing a court to enjoin a certain action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 24-306 - amended and § 24-306.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 425 Delegate Bartlett, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE KITS – PRIVACY, REIMBURSEMENT, AND NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a physician, qualified health care provider, or hospital to provide a certain notice to the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board that services were rendered to a victim of an alleged rape or sexual offense or a victim of alleged child sexual abuse; prohibiting a physician, qualified health care provider, or hospital from including certain information in a request to obtain payment for certain services related to sexual assault forensic examinations for certain sexually related crimes under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

CP, § 11-1007 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 426 Delegate Mosby****DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – VOTING BY MAIL – STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Legislative Services, in consultation with the State Board of Elections and the Maryland Association of Election Officials, to study the requirements to implement voting by mail; requiring a certain analysis to include information on the administrative, technological, legal, security, and fiscal requirements to implement voting by mail; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 427 Delegate Shetty, et al****ACTION FOR CHANGE OF NAME – WAIVER OF PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a court to waive a certain publication requirement in an action for change of name under the Maryland Rules on motion by an individual who has filed the action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 3-2201 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 428 Delegate Kerr, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS**

Altering the term “podiatrist” to be “podiatric physician”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CL, CA, CJ, CR, ED, ET, HG, HO, IN, SP, and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 429 Delegate Barron, et al****HUMAN RELATIONS – PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION – PRICING OF GOODS AND SERVICES**

Prohibiting the owner or operator of a place of public accommodation or an agent or employee of the owner or operator from selling or offering for sale certain substantially similar products or services if the products or services are priced differently based on gender; and providing that a certain violation is within the scope of the enforcement duties and powers of the Division of Consumer Protection of the Office of the Attorney General.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, § 20-304 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 430 Delegates Bartlett and Chang****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B AND CLASS H LICENSES – RENEWALS**

Requiring a license holder, before each renewal of a Class B or Class H alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County, to attest in a sworn statement that the gross receipts from food sales for the 12-month period immediately preceding the application for renewal were equal to at least 51% of the gross receipts from the sale of food and alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, §§ 11-802, 11-805, 11-902, and 11-905 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 431 Delegate C. Watson, et al****MOTOR VEHICLE AND HOMEOWNER'S INSURANCE – USE OF CLAIM HISTORY IN RATING POLICIES**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing the premium for an insured based on a homeowner's insurance claim; and prohibiting an insurer, with respect to homeowner's insurance, from increasing the premium for an insured based on a private passenger motor vehicle insurance claim.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

IN, § 27-501(e-2)(8) and (9) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 432 Delegate Korman, et al****MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – CONVERSION TO ELECTRIC BUSES (ELECTRIC BUS TRANSITION ACT)**

Prohibiting, beginning in fiscal year 2022, the Maryland Transit Administration from purchasing buses for the Administration's transit bus fleet that are not electric buses; requiring the Administration, on or before January 1, 2021, and each January 1 thereafter, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Act; requiring the report to include a plan for transitioning any adversely affected State employees to other employment; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, § 7-406 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 433 Prince George's County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – RESPONSE TO REPORT OF ALLEGED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – AUTHORIZATION PG 309–20

Authorizing a law enforcement officer from the Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff to respond directly to a report of alleged domestic violence under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Prince George's County Office of the Sheriff to coordinate with county law enforcement and municipal law enforcement agencies to carry out the provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 4-502 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 434 Prince George's County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENTS – MULTIPHASE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND SUNSET REPEAL PG 408–20

Authorizing the owner of an economic development project and the governing body of Prince George's County to enter into multiple payment in lieu of taxes agreements for different phases of an economic development project; providing that the term of an agreement may not exceed 15 years from the date a certificate of occupancy is first issued for any phase of a project that is covered by an agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TP, § 7-516 and Chapter 402 of the Acts of 2012, § 3, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 435 Allegany County Delegation**

ALLEGANY COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS

Repealing the alteration of the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals at a facility in Allegany County after 10 years of operations at the facility; and altering the distribution of proceeds from video lottery terminals at a facility in Allegany County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, §§ 9-1A-01(u)(3)(ii), 9-1A-26(a)(3), and 9-1A-27(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 436 Delegate Buckel, et al****TASK FORCE ON TAX POLICY, REFORM, AND FAIRNESS**

Establishing the Task Force on Tax Policy, Reform, and Fairness to study the State's revenue structure and consider modifications in order to promote development, ensure fairness, and create a business– friendly environment; specifying the membership of the Task Force; providing for the appointment of a Senate cochair and House cochair of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 437 Delegate Mosby****CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS – BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS –  
REGISTRATION STATUS**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to electronically transmit certain lists of registered and forfeited businesses to the State Board of Elections by January 15 each year; requiring the Department to electronically transmit the name of a business seeking reinstatement of its registration to the Board within 24 hours of processing the filing; and requiring the Board to provide each active campaign finance entity with the information transmitted by the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

EL, § 13-304 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 438 Delegate Mosby, et al****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – ELIGIBLE  
SOURCES**

Altering the eligibility of certain sources of energy for the creation of credits under the renewable energy portfolio standard; removing certain sources from the definition of a “Tier 1 renewable source”; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by the Act; and applying the Act to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, §§ 7-701(r) and 7-704(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 439 Delegate Mosby, et al****INCOME TAX – CARRIED INTEREST – ADDITIONAL TAX**

Imposing a tax of 17% on the Maryland taxable income attributable to certain investment management services of an individual or a corporation or the distributive share of a pass-through entity; providing that the tax does not apply to investment management services if at least 80% of the specified assets consists of real estate; terminating the Act if certain federal legislation is enacted into law; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-102.1(a) and (d) - amended and § 10-102.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 440 St. Mary's County Delegation****ST. MARY'S COUNTY OPEN MEETINGS ACT – PUBLIC AGENCIES AND USE OF NEW TECHNOLOGY**

Altering the definition of “public agency” for purposes of the St. Mary's County Open Meetings Act to include the St. Mary's County Board of Library Trustees, the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission, and the St. Mary's County Housing Authority; and encouraging certain public agencies to use new technology when available to aid in public accessibility and transparency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LG, §§ 9-501 and 9-509 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 441 Delegate Mosby, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PROTEST OF LICENSE RENEWAL – ZONING VIOLATIONS**

Repealing a prohibition against the consideration of zoning issues by the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City when hearing and determining a protest filed against a renewal of an alcoholic beverages license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 12-1805 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 442 Delegate Mosby, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ELECTIONS – EARLY VOTING CENTERS**

Requiring Baltimore City to have eight early voting centers; and requiring one of the early voting centers in Baltimore City to be at Frederick Douglass High School.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 10-301.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 443 Charles County Delegation****SOUTHERN MARYLAND CODE COUNTIES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Authorizing a Southern Maryland code county to enact a local law that provides regular employees of the county with certain collective bargaining rights; requiring a certain local law to provide definitions of and remedies for unfair labor practices and prohibit certain strikes or work stoppages by certain employees; providing that “regular employee” does not include an appointed or elected official, or a supervisory, managerial, or confidential employee; etc. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LG, § 11-601 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 444 Delegate Cullison****HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – POWERS, BOARDS OF DIRECTORS, VOTING, MEETINGS, AND RULES**

Altering the fee that a homeowners association may impose for a certain inspection from \$50 to \$100; altering the circumstances under which the homeowners association is entitled to the inspection fee; establishing that a homeowners association shall be composed of all lot owners and that the bylaws may authorize the delegation of any power of the homeowners association; establishing certain powers of a homeowners association; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, §§ 11B-106(c)(2), 11B-106.2, 11B-111, 11B-112.1, and 11B-116 - amended and §§ 11B-106.2, 11B-106.3, 11B-111.8, and 11B-112(d) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 445 Delegate Charkoudian, et al****ANIMAL WELFARE – DECLAWING CATS – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a veterinary practitioner from performing certain declawing procedures on a cat unless the procedure is necessary for a therapeutic purpose; requiring the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to refuse, suspend, or revoke any application or license, and censure or place on probation any licensee after a hearing if the veterinary practitioner fails to comply with the prohibition; prohibiting a person from performing certain declawing procedures on a cat; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AG, § 2-310 - amended and AG, §§ 2-301(b-4) and (g-1) and 2-313.2 and CR, § 10-625.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 446 Delegates McKay and Chang****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – CHAPLAINS**

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services employees in the position of chaplain on or after July 1, 2020; requiring a certain transfer and combination of certain service credit for certain individuals; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to calculate a certain disability benefit for certain individuals and to grant a certain benefit under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, §§ 25-201(a)(10) and (11) and 25-401 - amended and § 25-201(a)(12) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations



**HB 447 Delegate Carr, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – PEDIATRIC AUTOIMMUNE  
NEUROPSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS – COVERAGE**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, beginning January 1, 2021, to provide services for pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders associated with streptococcal infections and pediatric acute onset neuropsychiatric syndrome under certain circumstances; requiring carriers to provide coverage for certain diagnosis, evaluation, and treatment of pediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders; applying the Act to all policies, contracts and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xiii) and (xiv) - amended and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xv) and IN, § 15-855 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 448 Delegate Rosenberg****HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – TELEHEALTH**

Authorizing certain health care practitioners to establish a practitioner–patient relationship through certain telehealth interactions under certain circumstances; requiring a health care practitioner providing telehealth services to be held to the same standards of practice that are applicable to in–person settings; requiring a health care practitioner to perform a clinical evaluation appropriate for the condition the patient presents before providing treatment or issuing a prescription through telehealth; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

HO, §§ 1-1001 through 1-1006 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 449 Delegate Grammer**

EVIDENCE – ADMISSION OF STATEMENT – UNAVAILABILITY OF WITNESS (WITNESS PROTECTION ACT)

Expanding the applicability of a certain exception to the hearsay rule by authorizing the admission of a certain statement in any criminal case; expanding the applicability of a certain exception to the hearsay rule by authorizing the admission of a certain statement offered against a party that has acquiesced in the commission of certain wrongdoing under certain circumstances; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Rules of Evidence be strictly applied at a certain hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 10-901 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 450 Delegate Grammer**

PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – CAREER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES – COFFEE

Prohibiting an Executive Branch agency from banning or regulating the sale of coffee in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity in any public high school in the State; and repealing the exception that prohibited banning or regulating the sale of coffee in a Baltimore County public high school that sold coffee on or before June 30, 2018, in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-423.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 451 Delegate Long****BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – HOMEOWNERS  
PROPERTY TAX CREDIT SUPPLEMENT**

Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a certain property tax credit to supplement the State homeowners property tax credit; providing for the calculation of the credit; prohibiting the county from granting the credit if the homeowner's combined net worth is in excess of \$200,000, or the combined income exceeds \$72,000; providing that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is responsible for certain administrative duties; requiring the county to reimburse the Department for certain costs; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TP, § 9-215(a) - amended and § 9-305(g) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 452 Delegate Walker****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR CLASSROOM  
SUPPLIES PURCHASED BY TEACHERS – ALTERATION**

Increasing from \$250 to \$500 the maximum amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for expenses paid or incurred by certain teachers during a taxable year for certain classroom supplies; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-208(x) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 453 Delegate Walker****EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS  
– TACKLE FOOTBALL**

Limiting a certain tackle football season to the months of August through December; prohibiting a county board of education or school from offering, approving, or sponsoring tackle football games during the months of January through July; prohibiting a youth sports program from providing tackle football games to youth athletes during the months of January through July; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-433.1 and HG, § 14-502 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means