



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 28, 2020
Schedule 16

PLEASE NOTE: January 31 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *January 27, 2020*

SB 457 Senator Elfreth, et al

LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – RESILIENCE AUTHORITIES –
AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a local government to create a Resilience Authority by local law; specifying certain requirements for the adoption of a local law establishing an Authority; specifying the powers that a local government may grant an Authority; authorizing an Authority to issue certain bonds for certain purposes; authorizing a local government to devote certain revenues of the local government to certain operations and projects of an Authority; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

LG, §§ 22-101 through 22-113 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 458 Senator Elfreth, et al**HIGHER EDUCATION – NONRESIDENT TUITION EXEMPTION FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL, SPOUSES, AND DEPENDENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Exempting spouses and financially dependent children of active duty members of the United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State if certain requirements are met at the time of acceptance to attend the institution; and requiring the exemption to continue if the qualifying individual enrolls and remains continuously enrolled at the institution, regardless of changes in the station, residency, or domicile of the active duty member.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 15-106.4 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 459 Senator Jennings, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS – FIREARMS REQUIRED**

Requiring a Baltimore City school police officer or a school resource officer to carry a firearm while present on the premises of the school to which the officer is assigned.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, §§ 4-318(d)(3)(i) and 7-1508 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Judicial Proceedings

SB 460 Senator Elfreth, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES OMBUDSMAN – ESTABLISHMENT (ENVIRONMENTAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Establishing the Office of the Environmental and Natural Resources Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman to have the ability to analyze environmental and natural resource–related data and communicate effectively with State agencies and the public; providing for the appointment, qualifications, term, and salary of the Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman to receive and process complaints involving suspected environmental and natural resources violations in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, §§ 6-501 through 6-504 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 28, 2020**SB 461 Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$38,250,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Carroll County, including water and sewer projects, to finance loans for fire or emergency-related equipment, buildings, and other facilities of volunteer fire departments in the County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 462 Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DEATH BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN – AGE**

Altering certain provisions of law related to certain survivor benefits for surviving children of certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, §§ 21-401(a), 24-401.1(i), 26-401.1(i), 27-404, 27-405, and 29-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 463 Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AGENCY – MONITORING AND RECORDING OF AUTOMATED OUTGOING TELEPHONE CALLS – AUTHORIZATION**

Altering the authority of the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System to adopt regulations to manage, for training and quality control purposes, the monitoring and recording of incoming telephone conversations to the Member Services division of the State Retirement Agency to include outgoing telephone conversations initiated by a certain automated virtual hold callback feature of the system in the Member Services division.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

SP, § 21-110(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 464 **Senator Eckardt**

COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MARYLAND VOTING EQUITY REFORM DAY

Providing that the fourth Tuesday in October each year is Maryland Voting Equity Reform Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

GP, § 7-416 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 465 **Senator Guzzone, et al**

ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – ELECTRONIC BINGO AND TIP JARS – DISTRIBUTION TO MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL

Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2021 and each fiscal year thereafter, that the distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars to the Maryland State Arts Council be \$1,000,000 each fiscal year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 2-202(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 466 **Senator King, et al**

PUBLIC LIBRARIES – STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER – FUNDING

Providing the funding allocation for the State Library Resource Center to be calculated as \$1.89 per State resident in fiscal year 2022 up to \$2.05 per State resident in fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 23-205(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 467 **Senator Lee, et al**

STATE ADVISORY BOARD FOR JUVENILE SERVICES –
MEMBERSHIP

Expanding the membership of the State Advisory Board for Juvenile Services to include two additional members from the Department of Juvenile Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HU, § 9-212 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 468 **Senator West**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – APPEALS – UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF
A FIREARM

Authorizing the State to appeal from a certain decision in certain criminal cases involving the unlawful possession of a firearm.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 12-302(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings