



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 31, 2020
Schedule 19

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 BILL INTRODUCED *January 30, 2020*

SB 558 The President (By Request – Administration)

UNIVERSAL SCHOOL START ACT OF 2020

Requiring, beginning in the 2020–2021 school year, a county board of education to set the start date of the school year for schools in the county not earlier than the first Tuesday after Labor Day; authorizing a county board to grant a school a certain waiver from a certain requirement for good cause as established by the State Board of Education in regulations; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 7-103(g) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 31, 2020**SB 559** **Senators Hough and Young****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: Finance

SB 560 **Senator Hough, 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: Finance

SB 561 **Senator Miller****DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – JURISDICTION AND MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE**

Altering the jurisdiction of the Department of General Services to include State-owned or State-leased buildings and grounds and extending to the surrounding area that encompasses 1,000 feet in any direction from the boundary of those buildings and grounds; altering the jurisdiction of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department; requiring the Secretary of General Services to appoint the Chief of the Maryland Capitol Police; providing that the Chief serves at the pleasure of the Secretary; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SF, §§ 4-601 and 4-605 - amended, § 4-605.1 - added, and § 4-606 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 562 Senator Gallion, et al**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTIONAL DAYS – POLICY REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing a county board of education to apply to the State Board of Education to implement a policy for the use up to 5 flexible instructional days during the school year; defining “flexible instructional day” as one in which a public school provides remote academic instruction because a natural or civil disaster or severe weather conditions prevented schools from opening; requiring the State Board to adopt certain guidelines and a certain model policy and to approve or deny a certain application; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-103.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 563 Senator Simonaire**MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – USE OF HANDCUFFS – BODY ATTACHMENTS POLICY**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission, by October 1, 2020, to develop written policies to provide guidance to law enforcement agencies on the appropriate use of handcuffs when taking a person into custody on a body attachment; and requiring each law enforcement agency, by January 1, 2021, to adopt and implement the written policy developed by the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PS, § 3-522 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 564 Senator Washington, et al**EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE OR HOMELESS YOUTH**

Requiring a county board of education to waive high school graduation requirements established by the county board that are in addition to high school graduation requirements established by the State Board of Education for a student in foster care or who is a homeless youth if while in grade 11 or 12 the youth transfers into the local school system from a different system in the State or transfers between high schools in the local school system; prohibiting a county board from waiving certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-205 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 565 **Senator Washington, et al****POLICE OFFICERS – MENTAL HEALTH – EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Requiring each law enforcement agency to develop and implement an employee assistance program to protect the mental health of police officers and provide police officers access to confidential low- or no-cost mental health services; establishing certain requirements for a certain program; requiring each law enforcement agency to develop standards for annual assessments of the employee assistance program to identify deficiencies and areas for improvement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PS, § 3-522 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 566 **Senator Washington****VEHICLE LAWS – REGISTRATION RENEWAL – INSPECTION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require the submission of a valid registration renewal inspection certificate before renewing a motor vehicle registration for a vehicle at least 5 model years old; requiring an inspection to include a certain examination of certain vehicle equipment; requiring an inspection certificate to remain valid for 90 days; requiring an inspection certificate to include the name of the inspection station and mechanic; prohibiting an inspection station from charging more than \$45 for an inspection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

TR, §§ 13-412(a) and 23-104 - amended and § 23-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 567 Senator Washington**SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – OUT-OF-STATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for sales to out-of-state nonprofit organizations for sales made in connection with and solely for use at conferences or conventions held in the State by the nonprofit organizations, related to the mission or work of the nonprofit organizations, and attended by at least 25 individuals; and requiring a nonprofit organization to file an application for an exemption certificate with the Comptroller in order to qualify for the exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 11-204(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 568 Chair, Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness**WORKGROUP ON FUNDING FOR A LOW- OR NO-INTEREST MORTGAGE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Workgroup on Funding for a Low- or No-Interest Mortgage Program within the Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness; providing for the composition of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to explore options for providing State funding to provide low- or no-interest mortgages for families that spend not less than 30% of income on housing and that do not make more than a set amount of income, and to explore similar low- or no-interest mortgage programs in other jurisdictions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 569 Senator Lee**INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – PENALTIES AND ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE**

Repealing certain penalties relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing certain communications; providing that a certain communication that was intercepted in violation of certain provisions of law may be admissible in certain proceedings under certain circumstances; and prohibiting the admissibility of the contents of an intercepted communication or information derived from an intercepted electronic communication as evidence unless certain conditions are met.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, §§ 10-402(b) and (e) and 10-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 570 **Senator West****REAL PROPERTY – NOTICE OF EASEMENTS, COVENANTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND CONDITIONS – RECORDATION**

Authorizing notice of certain easements, covenants, restrictions, and conditions to be recorded in the land records of the county in which the property interest is located; specifying the information required to be provided in the notice; requiring that the notice be indexed for recording in a certain manner; and providing that failure to record a notice in accordance with the Act does not impair the rights or interests of the holder of an easement, a covenant, a restriction, or a condition.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 3-102.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 571 **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSES – HOURS OF SALE**

Specifying 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. as the hours of sale for a holder of a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of Baltimore City; prohibiting the hours of sale for a license holder in a certain area from beginning before or ending after certain times; and prohibiting the hours of sale from being extended under certain conditions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, §§ 12-905 and 12-2005(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 572 **Senator McCray****EDUCATION – HOME AND HOSPITAL TEACHING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS – REPORT**

Requiring the State Department of Education to study certain matters relating to the Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students and make recommendations regarding any statutory or regulatory changes to the program; requiring, by December 31, 2020, the Department to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 573 **Senators McCray and Beidle****SALES AND USE TAX – SHORT-TERM RENTAL VEHICLES AND PEER-TO-PEER CAR SHARING – RATE ALTERATION AND SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing the termination of certain provisions of law making sales and charges related to peer-to-peer car sharing subject to a certain sales and use tax rate; requiring the Comptroller to distribute revenue from the sales and use tax imposed on peer-to-peer car sharing to the Transportation Trust Fund and to the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund; altering the sales and use tax rate imposed on certain short-term vehicle rentals and shared motor vehicles used for peer-to-peer car sharing; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Chapter 852 of the Acts of 2018, § 7 and TG, §§ 2-1302.1 and 11-104(c) and (c-1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 574 **Senators McCray and Guzzone****DISTRICT COURT – JOBS COURT PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Jobs Court Pilot Program in the District Court to reduce recidivism by offering defendants an opportunity to participate in full-time job training and job placement programs as a condition of probation or as an alternative to incarceration; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to take certain actions to accomplish the purpose of the program; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2025; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

CP, § 6-235 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 575 Senator HesterSTATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EARLY LITERACY AND
DYSLEXIA PRACTICES – GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a certain stakeholder advisory group to develop a certain reading and dyslexia handbook; requiring the Department and the advisory stakeholder group to make a completed handbook available to the public by June 1, 2021, and to develop a list of recommended programs and materials that address certain needs; requiring the Department to update the handbook every 3 years; requiring the handbook and updates to be published and disseminated in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 8-420 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 576 Senator EckardtHEALTH OCCUPATIONS – NURSE PRACTITIONERS –
CERTIFICATIONS OF COMPETENCY AND INCAPACITY

Altering a requirement that a petition for guardianship of a disabled person include certain signed and verified certificates of competency by providing that the certificates may be signed and verified by a nurse practitioner and certain other health care practitioners; altering the requirements for the certification of a patient's incapacity to make an informed decision regarding treatment to allow the second individual making the certification to be a nurse practitioner, rather than a second physician; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

ET, § 13-705(c) and HG, § 5-606 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 577 Senator Guzzone, et al

INCOME TAX – THEATRICAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT

Allowing certain theatrical production entities to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain costs incurred for certain theatrical productions in the State; making the credit refundable under certain circumstances; requiring an entity to apply to the Department of Commerce to be a qualified theatrical production entity; requiring that to qualify for the credit certain estimated costs incurred in the State must exceed \$100,000; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4) - amended and TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 578 Harford County Senators**ELECTRICITY – CONSIDERATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND OVERHEAD TRANSMISSION LINES**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to take final action on an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity only after due consideration certain factors including whether the applicant's design prioritizes the use or upgrading of existing infrastructure; prohibiting the construction of an overhead transmission line that is aligned with and within 1 mile of a conservation easement unless there is a certain showing of good cause; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, § 7-207 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 579 Senator Sydnor**CHILD SUPPORT – SHARED PHYSICAL CUSTODY**

Establishing a certain formula for the calculation of a certain child support obligation under the child support guidelines when a parent with shared physical custody keeps the child or children overnight for more than 25%, at least 92 overnights, but less than 30%, not more than 109 overnights, of the year; applying the Act only to cases filed on or after October 1, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, §§ 12-201(n) and 12-204(m) - amended and § 12-201(o) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 580 **Senator Sydnor****PUBLIC SAFETY – EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES TO COUNTER RACIALLY MOTIVATED VIOLENT EXTREMISM PROGRAM FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Empowering Communities to Counter Racially Motivated Violent Extremism Program Fund to provide grants to local governments to train individuals to recognize signs of racially motivated violent extremism and best practices for reporting and preventing racially motivated violent extremism; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to establish certain procedures for local governments to apply for grants from the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PS, §§ 4-1501 through 4-1503 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)123. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)121. and 122. - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 581 **Senator Sydnor, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FAMILY LAW SERVICES FOR SUSTAINED SAFETY FUND**

Establishing the Family Law Services for Sustained Safety Fund to increase legal services in family law cases for victims in order to help ensure safety and long-term stability after victimization; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the Fund; requiring each grantee from the Fund to receive training on the effects of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and elder abuse; prohibiting a grantee from requesting an individual to waive certain rights in order to receive services; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 11-923.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 582 **Senator Edwards****NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE LAKES PROTECTION AND RESTORATION PROGRAM AND FUND**

Altering the purpose and authorized uses of the State Lakes Protection and Restoration Fund to include protection and restoration of State–owned and State–managed lakes by removing sediment, treating contaminated sediment, preventing invasive species, and improving ecological and recreational value; and requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to spend at least \$3,000,000 from the Secretary’s budget on the Program in fiscal year 2022 and each fiscal year thereafter.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

NR, § 8-205 - amended and § 8-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 583 **Senator Feldman****MARYLAND SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Small Business Innovation Research Technical Assistance Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation; providing the purpose of the Program is to provide technical assistance to small businesses in the State; requiring small businesses to meet certain qualifications for participation in the Program; requiring the Corporation, in accordance with certain provisions of law, to procure a nonprofit organization located in the State to provide services under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EC, § 10-4A-01 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 584 **Senator Zucker****HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES REFERRAL SYSTEM –
MODIFICATIONS**

Repealing the limit on the number of call centers that may be approved by 2–1–1 Maryland to provide certain services; repealing certain provisions of law establishing and governing the Health and Human Services Referral Board in the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the Department, rather than the Board, in consultation with 2–1–1 Maryland, as appropriate, to take certain actions related to 2–1–1 Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, §§ 24-1201 through 24-1203, 24-1205, and 24-1206 - amended and § 24-1204 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 585 **Senator Waldstreicher, et al****FAMILY LAW – CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME PLACEMENTS –
MANDATORY CONCURRENT PLANNING**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, reasonable efforts to place a child for adoption or with a legal guardian to be made concurrently with reasonable efforts to preserve and reunify families under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 5-525(e)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 586 **Senator Waldstreicher, et al****FOSTER PARENTS, PREADOPTIVE PARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS –
RIGHT TO INTERVENE**

Requiring the circuit court to provide notice to a child’s foster parent, preadoptive parent, or caregiver of the right to intervene as a party in a certain proceeding except under certain circumstances; granting certain rights to certain individuals in certain proceedings; granting the right to intervene in certain proceedings and the right to obtain all nonprivileged information in documents pertaining to the placement of a child; requiring a party who asserts that information in a document is privileged is required to meet certain criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, §§ 3-801(u) and 3-816.3 and FL, § 5-504 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 587 **Senators Griffith and Serafini**

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Providing that members of the State Police Retirement System no longer make member contributions after 28 years of service credit is earned; and providing that certain members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System no longer make member contributions after 32 years and 6 months of service credit is earned.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, §§ 24-205 and 26-204 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 588 **Senator Kagan**

STATE GOVERNMENT – PROTECTION OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION – UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND

Excluding the University System of Maryland from certain provisions of law governing protection of information by government agencies; requiring the University System of Maryland to review and designate certain systems as systems of record based on certain criteria and to develop and adopt a certain privacy governance program to govern each system of record; requiring the University to develop and adopt a certain information security and risk management program for the protection of personally identifiable information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SG, § 10-1301(f) - amended and §§ 10-13A-01 through 10-13A-04 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 589 **Senators Carter and Sydnor**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PARTIAL EXPUNGEMENT

Authorizing a person to file a petition for a partial expungement of certain criminal records under certain circumstances; requiring a court to order that certain records may not be included on the public website maintained by the Maryland Judiciary or within records submitted to the Central Repository; repealing a provision of law establishing that, if a person is not entitled to expungement of one charge or conviction in a certain unit, the person is not entitled to expungement of any other charge or conviction in the unit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 10-105 - amended and § 10-107 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 590 **Senators Kagan and Lam****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REVISIONS**

Requiring each official custodian to adopt a certain policy of proactive disclosure; requiring each official custodian to publish a certain annual report on a certain website, to the extent practicable; requiring the Public Information Act Compliance Board to receive, review, and resolve certain complaints from applicants and applicants' designated representatives; requiring the Board to receive and review complaints from any custodian alleging that an applicant's request or pattern of requests is frivolous or vexatious; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

GP, §§ 4-104 and 4-105 - added and §§ 4-1A-02(a), 4-1A-03(d), 4-1A-04 through 4-1A-07, 4-1B-02(b), 4-1B-04, and 4-402 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 591 **Senator West, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PETITION TO MODIFY OR REDUCE SENTENCE (MARYLAND SECOND LOOK ACT)**

Authorizing a person who is serving a term of confinement to petition a court to modify or reduce the sentence under certain circumstances; requiring a person to file a petition under the Act in a certain court; requiring a court to hold a hearing under certain circumstances; providing for a hearing held under the Act; requiring a State's Attorney to provide certain notice to a victim and a victim's representative under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 8-501 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 592 **Senator West, et al****STATE-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION AND MAJOR RENOVATION PROJECTS – SOLAR PANELS – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the State, for certain construction projects and major renovation projects proposed after December 31, 2020, to require that the project be designed, engineered, and constructed in a manner that allows the roof to withstand the weight of solar panels; requiring certain construction projects and major renovation projects to include the placement of the maximum number of solar panels for which the project was designed; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to provide certain recommendations; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SF, § 3-602.2 - added and § 4-809(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 593 **Senator Carter, et al****JUVENILE LAW – CHILD INTERROGATION PROTECTION ACT**

Requiring a law enforcement officer who takes a child into custody to provide notice to the child's parents, guardian, or custodian in a manner reasonably calculated to give actual notice; specifying the required contents of a notice; prohibiting the interrogation of a child by a law enforcement officer until the child has consulted with a certain attorney and a notice has been provided to the child's parent, guardian, or custodian; requiring that a consultation between a child and an attorney under the Act be confidential; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 3-8A-14 and CP, § 2-108 - amended and CJ, § 3-8A-14.2 and CP, § 2-405 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 594 **Senator Lee****CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION – ABUSE OR NEGLECT OF CHILD**

Requiring a court, in a custody or visitation proceeding, to deny custody or visitation rights to a certain party under certain circumstances, unless the court states the reasons for a finding that there is no likelihood of further child abuse or neglect by a certain party; and altering the conditions of a certain supervised visitation arrangement that a court is authorized to approve to include neutral and physically present supervision.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, § 9-101 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 595 **Senator Lee, et al**

FAMILY LAW – PROTECTIVE ORDER – RESCISSION

Requiring a petition to rescind a protective order to establish with particularity the basis for the rescission; authorizing a judge to deny a petition to rescind a protective order without a hearing if a certain party objects to the rescission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

FL, §§ 4-506(b)(2)(iii), 4-506.1(b)(2)(i), and 4-507 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 596 **Senator Kelley, et al**

JUDGES – SELECTION, ELECTION, TENURE, AND CONTINUANCE IN OFFICE

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection, election, tenure, and continuance in office of a judge of an appellate court or a circuit court; altering the methods for filling vacancies in the offices of such judges; altering provisions relating to the term of office of such judges; altering provisions for the continuance in office of such judges on the expiration of their terms under certain circumstances; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3, 5, 5A, 14B, and 41D - repealed, § 3 - added, and §§ 11, 12, and 18B - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 597 **Senator Young, et al**

AGRICULTURE – COST-SHARING PROGRAM – FIXED NATURAL FILTER PRACTICES

Prohibiting the use of certain cost-sharing funds to fund a conservation practice that does not meet certain requirements; authorizing certain cost-sharing funds to be made available for certain fixed natural filter practices; prohibiting basing a reduction in certain cost-sharing rates on tons of soil saved or an amortization formula; requiring that certain cost-sharing funds be based on a certain rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

AG, §§ 8-701, 8-703(b)(2), and 8-704 and EN, § 9-1605.2(h)(2)(ii) and (i)(2)(xi) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 598 **Senators Cassilly and Ready**

CRIMINAL LAW – ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT

Providing that multiple thefts committed by the same person in multiple counties under one scheme or continuing course of conduct may be aggregated and prosecuted in a certain county; altering a certain provision relating to sentencing of a person who has four or more prior theft convictions and is convicted of theft of property or services with a certain value to prohibit a person who has three or more prior theft convictions from committing theft of property or services with a certain value; applying certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, §§ 7-103(f) and 7-104(g) and CP, § 2-203 - amended and CP, § 6-235 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 599 **Harford County Senators**

SHERIFF OF HARFORD COUNTY – SALARY

Altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Harford County to be equal to the salary of the Department of State Police lieutenant colonel, at the highest available step for a lieutenant colonel under the Department of State Police pay plan in effect on the day prior to the day that the Sheriff begins a term of office; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 2-326(b) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 600 **Senator Reilly**

HEALTH INSURANCE – REIMBURSEMENT OF PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS – BONUS PAYMENTS – APPLICABILITY

Defining the term “primary care provider” for purposes of provisions of law requiring health insurance carriers to pay to certain individuals bonus payments for services provided under certain circumstances; and requiring a carrier to pay a bonus to primary care providers for services provided in nonhospital settings under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

IN, § 15-136 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 601 Senator Reilly**BUSINESS REGULATION – MICRO MARKETS – REGULATION AS FOOD SERVICE FACILITY – REPEAL**

Altering the definition of “food service facility” to exclude the regulation of certain micro markets as food service facilities by the Maryland Department of Health.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BR, § 17-1701 and HG, § 21-301(h) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 602 Senator Feldman**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Technology Partnership Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to facilitate strategic planning, manage a Maryland Technology Partnership Fund, and coordinate economic development service delivery; requiring the Corporation, under certain circumstances, to award capital and operating financial assistance from the Fund to support certain purposes; establishing the Maryland Technology Partnership Authority in the Corporation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EC, §§ 10-495.1 through 10-495.12 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)121. and 122. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)123. - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 603 Senator Feldman**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – ELECTRICITY AND GAS SUPPLIERS – TRAINING AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to develop a training and educational program for certain licensed energy suppliers; requiring the Commission to develop the program in consultation with interested stakeholders, including electricity suppliers and gas suppliers; requiring designated representatives to demonstrate a thorough understanding of certain Commission regulations; requiring the Commission to conduct an examination at the conclusion of training and provide certification on a satisfactory score; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

PU, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 604 **Senator Feldman, et al****PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – MEDICAL CANNABIS –
POLICY FOR ADMINISTRATION DURING SCHOOL HOURS AND
EVENTS**

Authorizing a parent or legal guardian of a medical cannabis patient under the age of 18 years to designate an adult to be a caregiver, in addition to the parent or legal guardian; increasing the number of caregivers a patient may be assigned; repealing a limitation on the number of qualifying patients that a caregiver may serve; requiring the State Department of Education and the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission jointly to develop guidelines for public schools regarding the administration of medical cannabis to students; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, §§ 13-3301(c) and 13-3304(g)(6) - amended and ED, § 7-446 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 605 **Senator Feldman****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – MEDICAL CANNABIS – GUIDELINES FOR
ADMINISTRATION TO STUDENTS**

Requiring, on or before December 1, 2020, the State Department of Education and the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission jointly to develop guidelines for public schools regarding the administration of medical cannabis to certain students during school hours and school-sponsored after-school activities; providing for the contents of the guidelines; requiring, on or before December 1, 2020, the Department and the Commission jointly to provide certain technical assistance to schools; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-446 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 606 **Senator Benson, et al**

CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES – BASIS (2ND LIEUTENANT RICHARD COLLINS, III’S LAW)

Altering the basis on which a person is prohibited from taking certain actions against a certain person or group, to include certain actions motivated either in whole or in part by another person’s or group’s race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, disability, or national origin, or because another person or group is homeless.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 10-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 607 **Senator Benson, et al**

MOTOR AND ELECTRIC SCOOTER SHARING COMPANIES – NONVISUAL ACCESS

Requiring that motor scooter sharing companies include on each motor scooter or electric low speed scooter made available to the public an embossed tactile phone number through which an individual who is blind or visually impaired may contact the company; requiring that motor or electric scooter sharing companies provide individuals with disabilities nonvisual access to their websites and mobile applications in a way that provides full and equal accessibility to individuals and is consistent with certain federal standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TR, §§ 18.7-101 and 18.7-102 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 608 **Senator King, 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 609 **Senator King, et al**

HIGHER EDUCATION – ST. MARY’S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND –
COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT

Altering the percentage of the cost-of-living adjustment provided to certain State-supported employees of St. Mary’s College of Maryland from 50% to 100% for the fiscal years in which the State provides a cost-of-living adjustment for State employees.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 14-405(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 610 **Senator King, et al**

COMMUNITY COLLEGES – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND
SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT PROGRAM

Requiring certain guidelines or regulations for a grant program for supplemental services and supports for students with disabilities in community colleges; requiring the guidelines adopted to require students to provide documentation from a licensed physician or mental health professional; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2022, that the Governor include in the annual budget bill a general fund appropriation of at least \$2,500,000 to the Commission on Higher Education to be used to award grants under the program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 16-319 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 611 **Senator Augustine**

HEALTH – MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS – CONSENT
(MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS INITIATIVE)

Providing that all minors, rather than only minors who are 16 years old or older, have the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic; and providing that a health care provider may decide to provide certain information to a certain parent, guardian, or custodian under certain provisions of law unless the health care provider believes that the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HG, § 20-104 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 612 **Senators Hough and Young**

FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
CINEMA/THEATER LICENSE

Repealing certain time and area restrictions on the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor in a cinema or theater for which a Class CT (cinema/theater) license has been issued in Frederick County; and authorizing the on-premises consumption of beer, wine, and liquor in the lobby or a screening room or performance hall in the licensed premises of the cinema or theater.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, § 20-1003.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 613 Senator Pinsky, et al**PUBLIC FINANCING ACT – CANDIDATE AND MATCHING FUND REVISIONS (MARYLAND FAIR ELECTIONS ACT)**

Altering the candidates authorized to receive public contributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund to include candidates for Attorney General of the State and State Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute public contributions to a certain campaign finance entity established to receive public contributions for certain eligible candidates; requiring the State Board of Elections to make a certain determination regarding the balance of the Fund on or before a certain date in certain years; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EL, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 31, 2020**SJ 3** Senator Guzzone, et al**NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING – WILD-CAUGHT BLUE CATFISH**

Opposing certain inspection rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that have drastically impeded the harvest and sale of blue catfish and thus rendered the State unable to adequately use the commercial harvest as a form of control over the invasive blue catfish species; urging the U.S. Congress to amend 21 U.S.C. § 601(w) to exempt the wild catch of domestic catfish from certain inspection requirements; and requiring a copy of the Resolution to be forwarded to certain elected officials.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs