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June 2009**

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**Part I**  
**Review of Legislative Committees**  
**Authorized to Function**  
**During the 2009 Interim**

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Department of Legislative Services  
Annapolis, Maryland

June 2009

# **Review of Legislative Committees Authorized to Function During the 2009 Legislative Interim**

## **Senate Standing Committees**

- Budget and Taxation
- Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
- Finance
- Judicial Proceedings

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- Appropriations
- Economic Matters
- Environmental Matters
- Health and Government Operations
- Judiciary
- Ways and Means

## **Senate Special Committees**

- Substance Abuse, Special Committee on

## **House Special Committees**

- Drug and Alcohol Abuse, Special Committee on

## **Statutory Committees**

- Legislative Policy Committee (and Management Subcommittee)
- Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review, Joint Committee on
- Audit Committee, Joint
- BRAC, Joint Committee on
- Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Areas, Joint Committee on
- Children, Youth, and Families, Joint Committee on
- Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight, Joint Committee on
- Federal Relations, Joint Committee on
- Health Care Delivery and Financing, Joint Committee on
- Legislative Ethics, Joint Committee on
- Management of Public Funds, Joint Committee on the
- Mental Health Services, Joint Committee on Access to
- Spending Affordability Committee

- Information Technology and Biotechnology, Joint Committee on
- Unemployment Insurance Oversight, Joint Committee on
- Welfare Reform, Joint Committee on
- Workers' Compensation Insurance and Benefits Oversight Committee

### **Special Joint Committees**

- Legislative Data Systems, Joint Committee on
- Pensions, Joint Committee on
- Program Open Space/Agricultural Land Preservation, Joint Subcommittee on

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BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to you regarding the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee's 2009 interim schedule. Although a formal interim agenda has not yet been finalized, the committee is planning for a fairly busy 2009 interim. We have already scheduled briefings on the State Center Transit-oriented Development Project, the State's preparedness for coping with an epidemic or pandemic of influenza, and K-12 federal stimulus funding and maintenance of effort waivers. In addition, I anticipate a briefing in July or August on the Governor's recommended budget reductions that will be delivered to the Board of Public Works, resulting from the April \$200 million estimated revenue write-downs. The 2009 interim will also include briefings on the fiscal condition of the State.

Topics for possible fall briefings and a potential committee retreat include the Maryland Heritage Tax Credit, the Film Production Wage Rebate Program interim study, the Maryland Estate Tax, an update on BRAC Zones, and the intended and unintended consequences of Chapter 487 of 2009 (Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2009).

The subcommittees will meet as needed based on any issues that arise during the 2009 interim.

The committee is looking forward to an interesting and productive interim. As always, your input regarding our interim schedule and participation in any of the meetings is welcome.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ulysses Currie".

Ulysses Currie

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cc: Ms. Victoria L. Gruber  
Ms. Kristin F. Jones  
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Ms. Lynne B. Porter



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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
EDUCATION, HEALTH, AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing in response to your request for an agenda of the proposed interim work of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee. The issues set forth below will be examined during the 2009 interim.

**Election Law**

During the legislative session the committee considered Senate Bill 984, which would have established a Task Force to Study Barriers to Voting Rights for Individuals Under Guardianship. The proposed legislation would have directed the task force to: (1) study whether the Maryland Constitution or the Election Law Article should be changed to allow persons under guardianship for mental disability to be qualified to register to vote; (2) if it determines that persons under guardianship for mental disability should continue to be disqualified to register to vote, express how determinations should be made and under what standards; and (3) make other findings and recommendations regarding voter registration and voting by individuals under guardianship for mental disability as the task force deems appropriate.

The committee did not advance the legislation but instead referred the issue to interim study. To gain a better understanding of the intricacies of this issue, the committee has asked the Office of Policy Analysis of the Department of Legislative Services to review this matter during the interim. An interdisciplinary team involving policy analysts from several workgroups within the Office of Policy Analysis has agreed to undertake this project and is expected to issue a report and present findings to the committee in the fall.

**Environment**

The Environment Subcommittee of the committee will meet this interim to discuss Senate Bill 1017, which would have required the licensure and regulation of marine contractors in the State. The subcommittee will hear from stakeholders, including marine contractors, the Maryland Department of the Environment, and the Board of Public Works, to develop draft legislation that may be introduced during the 2010 legislative session.

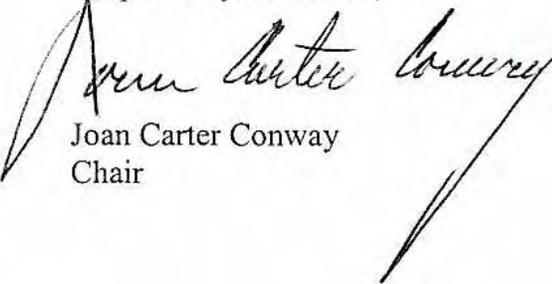
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## Health Occupations

The committee referred Senate Bill 798, the Maryland Anesthesiologist Assistants Act, to interim study during the legislative session. Therefore, the committee will hold a briefing this interim to explore further the issue of licensing and regulating the practice of anesthesia care in the context of anesthesiologist assistants.

In addition to the issues described above, the committee may also consider other issues that arise during the course of the interim or are referred to it by the Legislative Policy Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Joan Carter Conway  
Chair

JCC/SCF/mcp

cc: Ms. Lynne Porter  
Ms. Vicki Gruber  
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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

During the 2009 interim, the Senate Finance Committee anticipates meeting three or four times for briefings on various issues. The first meeting will be held on June 9 for the committee to hear about the flu pandemic preparedness. The second meeting may be held during the summer; subsequent meetings will be held later in the fall.

Briefings that may be planned for the summer and fall include:

- Strategies to expand health care access, in the context of discussions that are taking place at the federal level on universal health care coverage;
- Update from the Health Care Quality Council on efforts to contain health care costs and improve health care quality in the State;
- Status of continuing care retirement communities;
- Discussion on regulating professional employer organizations;
- Update on the Holy Cross and Adventist Certificate of Need process;
- Status of the distribution and sale of gasoline in Maryland;
- Status of competition in the telephone industry and discussion on the regulation of local telephone service;

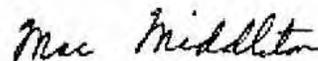
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- Discussion of various energy concerns (including the status of retail electric competition, the adequacy of supply of generation for reliability of electricity, energy efficiency and conservation programs to meet the goals of the EmPower Maryland Energy Efficiency Act, the usage of Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative (RGGI) funds by the Maryland Energy Administration, power plant and transmission line activities by the Power Plant Research Program (PPRP), and the need for decommissioning requirements of wind mills);
- Report of the Commissioner of Financial Regulation on any recommendations to alter the finder's fee structure for mortgage brokers (Senate Bill 706 of 2009 – failed); and
- Report of the Commission to Study Title Insurance on any recommendations for changes to the law.

As in prior years, the members of the committee will be participating on a number of commissions, task forces, oversight committees, and joint workgroups, including the Commission to Study Title Insurance Industry in Maryland; the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight; the Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee; the Joint Workgroup on Electric Universal Service Fund; the Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing; the Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services; the Joint Committee on Fair Practices; the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform; the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families; and the Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee.

Please contact me or the committee staff, Tami Burt, Marie Grant, or Andrew Johnston at (410) 946-5530 if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Very truly yours,



Thomas McLain Middleton

TMM/TDB/ncs

cc: Mr. Karl Aro  
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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE

May 26, 2009

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The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee has identified the following issues for possible study during the 2009 interim.

**Child Support Guidelines**

Maryland's current child support guidelines were originally enacted in 1989 in response to federal child support mandates. The current schedule is based on economic estimates of child-rearing expenditures as a proportion of household consumption developed in 1988 using national data on household expenditures from the 1972 – 1973 Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Federal regulations require states to review their child support guidelines at least once every four years. In Maryland, the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources is required to review the child support guidelines to ensure the determination of appropriate child support award amounts and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

Based on recommendations from its Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee, the Child Support Enforcement Administration proposed House Bill 1401 during the 2009 legislative session. This departmental bill would have made several significant changes to the child support guidelines, including (1) revising the current guidelines to reflect more recent estimates of child-rearing expenditures; (2) expanding the guidelines to include monthly incomes of up to \$30,000; (3) altering the definition of "actual income" and establishing a formula by which parents who have additional children living with them receive an adjustment in calculating the adjusted actual income; (4) authorizing a court to consider all income and assets of each parent in determining whether a deviation from the guidelines is appropriate; and (5) altering the definition of "extraordinary medical expenses."

The Judiciary Committee did not take any action on House Bill 1401 this session. In anticipation of the bill's reintroduction, the Judicial Proceedings Committee plans to hold a

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briefing during the 2009 interim on the advisory committee's recommendations and the proposed changes to the child support guidelines.

### **Contraband in Prisons**

Contraband that is smuggled into prisons has been a major topic across the State for many years. Contraband cell phones have become one of the largest problem areas. Contraband is routinely smuggled into prisons through visitors and corrupt guards. It is often thrown over prison barrier walls, carried in body cavities and concealed among other legitimate deliveries. Once inside, contraband cell phones are used to pass the time, continue illegal operations, and intimidate witnesses without the fear of prison officials listening in on the conversation.

State correctional officers have increased efforts to fight the proliferation of contraband cell phones in prisons through the use of K-9 dogs to sniff out the devices and lobbying for tougher penalties for those caught introducing contraband. However, recent high profile cases highlight the fact that a major problem continues to exist.

Many believe that signal-jamming technology would eradicate the problem immediately as it would make cell phones useless behind prison walls; however the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has stated that such signal interference is banned under the Communications Act of 1934. Governor O'Malley has requested permission to test the signal-jamming technology, but other States have made similar requests and been denied by the FCC.

In anticipation of legislation during the 2010 session regarding contraband in prisons, the committee will likely hold a briefing to examine current policies and efforts to address the problem.

### **Driver's Licenses**

The REAL ID Act, signed into law by former President George Bush in 2005, requires federal agencies to accept only personal identification cards that meet certain standards for official purposes. In the final regulations related to the Act, states are required to meet eighteen milestones. One of the milestones is the state's ability to verify that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States. This mandate imposed a new requirement for applicants of driver's licenses in Maryland and required a statutory change by the General Assembly.

As of April 2009, Maryland was one of five states (along with Hawaii, New Mexico, Utah, and Washington) that extended the privilege to drive to individuals who do not have lawful status. However, Chapter 390 of the Acts of 2009 defines "lawful status" as it applies to the issuance of identification cards, driver's licenses, and moped operator permits, and establishes a

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two-tiered approach to the issuance of these documents by the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA), with the documents issued under one of these tiers considered invalid for certain official federal purposes. MVA may issue these documents, including driver's licenses and the associated driving privilege, to an individual who held the document sought for renewal on April 18, 2009, regardless of lawful status or the absence of a valid Social Security number. However, MVA documents issued on or after July 1, 2010, must expire on July 1, 2015, and MVA may no longer undertake this two-tier issuance after July 1, 2015.

The committee may hold a briefing to examine how implementation of Chapter 390 is ensuing and the State's progress in meeting the remaining milestones for the REAL ID Act.

### **Juvenile Justice**

The committee remains interested in closely monitoring the care and supervision of youths under the jurisdiction of the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS). DJS recently released its "Gap Analysis Addendum" and its "Facility Master Plan" which addresses gaps in the State's juvenile service system compared to an ideal service delivery system and a number of facilities needed in the system including detention facilities, secure treatment facilities, youth centers, shelter care centers and group homes. Juvenile service program effectiveness and facility safety continue to be an issue for the committee; therefore the committee plans to hold a briefing this interim on juvenile justice issues and specific DJS plans. In addition, the committee may visit a juvenile justice facility to examine conditions and procedures.

The committee may also consider other issues that arise during the course of the interim and schedule meetings accordingly.

Sincerely,



Brian E. Frosh  
Chairman  
Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee

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The Honorable Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to provide the 2009 interim schedule for the House Appropriations Committee and its standing subcommittees to the Legislative Policy Committee. The committee will have an active interim to prepare for the next legislative session.

The committee plans to visit sites in Baltimore City and Baltimore County. The committee also plans to hold its traditional fiscal briefing jointly with the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, House Ways and Means Committee, and Spending Affordability Committee in the fall. The subcommittees will also hold a number of site visits this interim, including visits to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore, a law enforcement center, and a solar energy facility. The committee will conclude its interim work with a committee retreat in December to prepare for the 2010 legislative session.

I welcome any suggestions you may have for the committee's and subcommittees' work during this interim.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Norman H. Conway".

Norman H. Conway, Chairman  
House Committee on Appropriations

NHC/DKT/mcp

Enclosures

cc: Members, Appropriations Committee

## House Appropriations Committee

*Delegate Norman H. Conway, Chairman*  
*Delegate James E. Proctor, Jr., Vice Chairman*

### Full Committee - 2009 Interim Schedule (as of June 26, 2009)

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<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>
September 2	Wednesday	All Day	<u>Site Visit – Baltimore City:</u> National Aquarium, University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute, Port of Baltimore, Stadium Authority
Fall	T.B.A.	All Day	<u>Site Visit – Baltimore County:</u> University of Maryland Baltimore County, Spring Grove Hospital, Rosewood Center
Fall	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	<u>Fiscal Briefing:</u> Revenue and Budget Updates from the Department of Legislative Services and Department of Budget and Management (Joint with Spending Affordability, Senate Budget and Taxation, and House Ways and Means Committees)
Dec 1	Tuesday	All Day	Committee Retreat in Annapolis

Note: Meetings are subject to change. The public hearing schedule will contain the most up to date information.

Direct inquiries to: Dana Tagalicod, Nicole Sandusky, or Joshua Watters, Department of Legislative Services, 410-946-5510 or 301-970-5510; or Linda Pohuski at 410-841-3407/301-858-3407

# House Appropriations Committee

*Delegate Norman H. Conway, Chairman*  
*Delegate James E. Proctor, Jr., Vice Chairman*

## Subcommittees – 2009 Interim Schedule (as of May 26, 2009)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subcommittee</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Fall	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	EED	<u>Site Visit</u> – University of Maryland Eastern Shore
Fall	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	HHR	<u>Site Visit</u> – T.B.D.
Fall	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	PSA	<u>Site Visit</u> – Frederick County Law Enforcement Center and State Police Medevac unit at Frederick County Airport
Fall	T.B.A.	T.B.A.	T&E	<u>Site Visit</u> – Visit to a solar energy facility

**Notes:**

Subcommittee	Chairman	Vice Chairman	Staff
CAP = Subcommittee on the Capital Budget	Del. Adrienne Jones	Del. Melony Griffith	Dana Tagalicod Nicole Sandusky
EED = Subcommittee on Education and Economic Development	Del. John Bohanan	Del. Henry Heller	Dana Tagalicod
HHR = Subcommittee on Health and Human Resources	Del. Mary-Dulany James	Del. Keith Haynes	Nicole Sandusky
PSA = Subcommittee on Public Safety and Administration	Del. Galen Clagett	Del. Steven DeBoy	Joshua Watters
T&E = Subcommittee on Transportation and the Environment	Del. Tawanna Gaines	Del. Murray Levy	Joshua Watters
PEN = Oversight Committee on Pensions	Del. Melony Griffith		Anne Gawthrop
PER = Oversight Committee on Personnel	Del. William Bronrott		Joshua Watters



**Maryland General Assembly  
House Economic Matter Committee**

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## *The Maryland House of Delegates*

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

May 6, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
State House  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to your letter requesting a tentative agenda and proposed meeting schedule of the House Economic Matters Committee. Although the committee accomplished much during the 2009 legislative session, we have identified a few issues that require further work during the interim.

The full committee will meet on general issues as needed starting in September. Additionally, subcommittees may meet periodically throughout the interim as matters are referred to them.

### *Interim Study Topics*

#### *Alcoholic Beverages*

Several delegations proposed legislation creating a new retail license for limited wineries, a "Class W" license, under which wines produced by the licensee could be sold for on-premises and off-premises consumption. While the committee respects the intention of these delegations to provide greater clarity in the retail licensing and operation of wineries, an area of some confusion in several jurisdictions, the committee also believes that a more thorough and comprehensive approach is warranted. Accordingly, the committee intends to study the operation of limited wineries during this interim with a view toward addressing the retail privileges and operating characteristics of these premises in legislation for the 2010 session.

Similarly, the committee intends to revisit the issue of direct wine shipment in light of the widespread practices elsewhere in the country and the difficulties that Maryland residents continue to face in obtaining wines produced elsewhere.

### **Licensing and Regulation**

Once again during the 2009 session, the committee considered legislation requiring the regulation of the operations of international marriage brokers. Although House Bill 596 did not pass, the committee believes that the issues that it raised merit further consideration and development during the 2009 interim.

A number of companies attempting to cope with a difficult economy have outsourced employee service functions to professional employer organizations. House Bill 1056 would have established a regulatory regime for these organizations subject to oversight by the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. The committee believes that further study of the issues raised by this bill during the interim will assist in developing a better understanding of this service industry and in crafting an appropriate approach to ensuring quality and responsibility in outsourced employee service activities.

### **Public Utilities**

Electricity pricing, reliability, and efficiency continued to present contentious issues during the 2009 session. Although Senate Bill 844, the “reregulation” bill, ultimately failed, it did cause the committee to wrestle once again with issues of electricity pricing, particularly in the residential customers served by investor-owned utilities. The committee intends to study the current state of retail choice in Maryland, what other states have done in response to pricing fluctuations, and the options available to develop new capacity to meet growing energy demands through a partial return to rate regulation or through addressing barriers to competitive market entry. Both the full committee and the Public Utilities subcommittee will be involved in studying these issues.

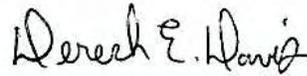
In the area of renewable energy generation, House Bill 749 would have required specific financial security for decommissioning wind-powered electricity generating facilities. The committee feels that this issue deserves further study during the 2009 interim.

Regulatory restrictions on the development of competitive telecommunications services by telephone companies will be another topic the committee considers during this interim. Although House Bill 1494, which would have had the Public Service Commission approve a settlement agreement presented by the three parties to several long-standing contested proceedings, failed at the end of the 2009 session, the committee will be closely following the subsequent proceedings expected at the commission. As needed, the committee will conduct its own review of the status of competition in telecommunications services subject to State jurisdiction, and will recommend legislative changes in the next session if and as appropriate.

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In addition to these specific study topics, and with appropriate approvals, the interim schedule may include modest site visits and informational briefings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Dereck E. Davis  
Chairman

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cc: Karl S. Aro  
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May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased to submit the following agenda for the Environmental Matters Committee for the 2009 interim. The committee has identified several specific subjects for study that stem from either ongoing concerns or legislation considered during the 2009 session. In light of budget constraints, the committee will seek to schedule only one site visit this summer and otherwise conduct the bulk of its work by way of briefings in the fall.

While no new task forces were created by legislation passed by this committee this year, the committee will continue to monitor the progress of various task forces and study commissions that were created by legislation passed by this committee in prior years, several of which include committee delegates as appointed members.

### **Site Visit**

The committee intends to visit the Port of Baltimore for an update on the port's operations, financial health, potential expansion of business and areas of operation, and dredging program.

### **Briefings**

#### *The Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland*

The Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland, created by Chapter 381 of 2006 and amended by Chapter 626 of 2007, is currently charged with serving as an advisory board to the Governor's Smart Growth Subcabinet, providing advice and guidance at least twice annually, through December 31, 2010. In addition, under Chapters 178 and 179 of 2009, the task force is required, after consulting with local governments, the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education at the University of Maryland College Park, and other stakeholders, to make recommendations by July 1, 2009, on additional "smart growth" measures and indicators that the State, the national center, or a local jurisdiction should be required to collect in seven specified categories of information. The task force reports having plans to hold monthly meetings throughout the rest of this year. In light of these expanded duties, the committee expects to continue to pay close attention to the activities and recommendations of the task force.

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### *Financial Assistance for Properties in Foreclosure*

Unfortunately, despite significant improvements, the foreclosure of residential real properties continues to plague the State. During the past couple of years, both the State and federal governments have launched various programs to prevent foreclosures or assist homeowners in the middle of a foreclosure event. For example, since the summer of 2007 the State has distributed more than \$5.5 million in assistance to homeowners at risk of foreclosure, and the counseling network has helped more than 6,800 homeowners avoid foreclosure. Most recently, Governor Martin O'Malley's office announced last month the latest additional federal, State, and local funding awards, totaling more than \$2.5 million, to 30 nonprofit housing counseling agencies and two legal service providers statewide. The committee will continue to monitor the impact of these financial assistance programs on the foreclosure situation in the State.

### *Business Improvement Districts*

House Bill 790 (failed) would have authorized the creation of a business improvement district by either a county or municipal corporation or by a group of local property owners under certain circumstances. The bill specified steps that would have to be taken to create a business improvement district, including the creation of a steering committee, the preparation of a district plan, and the holding of at least one public meeting on the district plan. While the committee appreciates the need for local governments to have flexibility with handling local economic development issues, the committee believes that further investigation into this particular option is needed. The committee will likely consider how this proposal compares to other similar types of business districts that are currently available for use by Maryland's local jurisdictions, as well as related laws in other states.

### *Oysters*

In recent years the committee, the General Assembly, and the Department of Natural Resources have addressed numerous issues related to oysters in the Chesapeake Bay. During the 2009 session, the General Assembly passed legislation to overhaul the State's antiquated shellfish aquaculture program and to facilitate shell dredging for oyster restoration purposes. Furthermore, in June 2009 the department is expected to publish a final environmental impact statement on oyster restoration alternatives. The committee intends to hold a briefing on the implementation of the 2009 legislation and the findings contained in the environmental impact statement.

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*Forests*

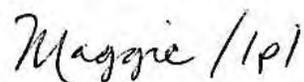
During the 2009 session, the General Assembly passed legislation to promote the sustainable management of forest resources and to facilitate the establishment of a no net loss of forest policy. The committee expects that the Department of Natural Resources will provide a briefing on its progress in implementing this legislation.

**Continuing Task Forces and Study Commissions**

1. Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development in Maryland – (Ch. 381 (HB 1141) of 2006); reauthorized by Ch. 626 of 2007 (HB 773) – membership includes two delegates from the Environmental Matters Committee (Delegates Rudolph C. Cane and Virginia P. Clagett) – report on new measures and indicators due July 1, 2009 – task force terminates December 31, 2010.
2. Maryland Clean Car and Energy Policy Task Force (Chs. 111 and 112 (SB103 and HB 131) of 2007) – membership includes one delegate from the Environmental Matters Committee (Delegate Elizabeth Bobo) – report due annually December 31, until the task force terminates December 31, 2010.
3. Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation (LPC established in 1991) – membership includes three delegates from the Environmental Matters Committee (Delegates Elizabeth Bobo, Virginia P. Clagett, and Paul S. Stull).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,



Delegate Maggie McIntosh  
Chair

MM/LPL/TPT/PSA/mlm

cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter



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**Health and Government Operations Committee**  
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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to your memorandum dated April 30, 2009, requesting a tentative agenda and proposed meeting schedule for the House Health and Government Operations Committee for the 2009 interim. Although the interim schedule of the Health and Government Operations Committee has not been finalized, below is an overview of the issues that the committee intends to study in a series of full committee and subcommittee briefings beginning in November of 2009.

**Full Committee Activities**

**Briefings**

The full committee will meet in November to review two reports from the Health Services Cost Review Commission required by Chapter 311 of 2009:

- findings and recommendations, including recommendations for legislation, of the workgroup on patient financial assistance and debt collection; and
- recommendations on incentives for hospitals to provide free and reduced-cost care to patients without the means to pay for it.

The full committee will also meet in December to review the report of the Maryland Insurance Administration required by Chapter 509 of 2009 regarding:

- options to raise or define medical loss ratio requirements in the individual, small group, and large group health insurance markets that incentivize reduction of health care costs and improvement of health care quality; and
- the feasibility and desirability of tiered medical loss ratio requirements in the small group market.

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## **Subcommittees**

### **Government Operations Subcommittee**

The Government Operations Subcommittee will meet in November for briefings on:

- a report from the Procurement Advisor on the effectiveness of bonds issued by individual sureties required by Chapter 266 of 2008;
- recommendations from the Task Force to Study the Procurement of Health and Social Services on the delivery of health and human services by State agencies as required by Chapter 439 of 2008; and
- a report on the use of minority business enterprises to provide brokerage and investment management services for the Treasurer, the Local Government Investment Pool, the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund, the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, and the State Retirement and Pension System as required by Chapter 601 of 2008.

### **Health Facilities and Occupations Subcommittee**

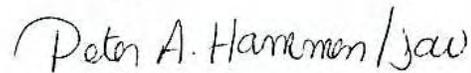
The Health Facilities and Occupations Subcommittee will meet in December for briefings on:

- a report from the Board of Nursing and Board of Physicians on whether there is an alternative written protocol for nurse midwives to replace the current use of cooperative agreements between a midwife and physician as required by Chapter 319 of 2008;
- a report from the Board of Social Work Examiners on reciprocity requirements for social workers as required by Chapter 87 of 2008;
- an update from the Board of Physicians on the status of licensing polysomnographic technologists; and
- the 2009 Sunset Review of the Board of Dental Examiners from the Department of Legislative Services.

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In addition to the issues described above, the House Health and Government Operations Committee is prepared to handle any other issues that arise or any matters referred by the Legislative Policy Committee.

Sincerely,

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Delegate Peter A. Hammen  
Chairman  
Health and Government Operations Committee

cc: Members, Health and Government Operations Committee  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter



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## THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES

ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

May 19, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The House Judiciary Committee has identified the following issues for possible study during the 2009 interim.

### **Child Support Guidelines**

Maryland's current child support guidelines were originally enacted in 1989 in response to federal child support mandates. The current schedule is based on economic estimates of child-rearing expenditures as a proportion of household consumption developed in 1988 using national data on household expenditures from the 1972-1973 Consumer Expenditure Survey conducted by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Federal regulations require states to review their child support guidelines at least once every four years. In Maryland, the Child Support Enforcement Administration of the Department of Human Resources is required to review the child support guidelines to ensure the determination of appropriate child support award amounts and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

Based on recommendations from its Child Support Guidelines Advisory Committee, the Child Support Enforcement Administration proposed House Bill 1401 during the 2009 legislative session. This departmental bill would have made several significant changes to the child support guidelines, including (1) revising the current guidelines to reflect more recent estimates of child-rearing expenditures; (2) expanding the guidelines to include monthly incomes of up to \$30,000; (3) altering the definition of "actual income" and establishing a formula by which parents who have additional children living with them receive an adjustment in calculating the adjusted actual income; (4) authorizing a court to consider all income and assets of each parent in determining whether a deviation from the guidelines is appropriate; and (5) altering the definition of "extraordinary medical expenses."

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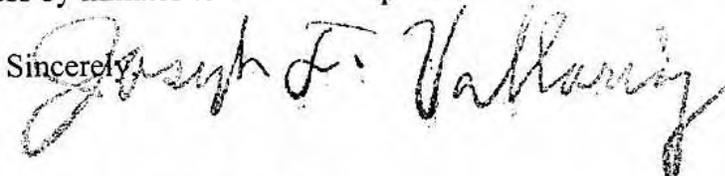
The Judiciary Committee did not take any action on House Bill 1401 this session. However, because of the complexity of the issues involved in the legislation, the committee plans to study House Bill 1401 in greater detail during the 2009 interim.

### **Criminal Gangs**

During the past session, the committee was asked to consider and gave an unfavorable report with recommendation for summer study to House Bill 1387 – Criminal Law – Criminal Gang Offenses – Membership, which would have altered and expanded the current law prohibitions against criminal gang activity. The committee found House Bill 1387 to be too far-reaching, but plans to study the issues presented by the bill during this interim to determine what should be done to try to solve the State’s serious gang problem.

### **Cellular Telephones in Prisons**

The committee plans to hold a briefing by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services on the vexing problem of access by inmates to cellular telephones.

Sincerely,  


Joseph F. Vallario, Jr.  
Chairman

JFV/CER:LCN/lkj

cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter

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May 15, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The House Committee on Ways and Means respectfully submits its schedule for the 2009 legislative interim. The committee will have several briefings and site visits related to policy areas that emerged during the 2009 legislative session - any additions or changes to the schedule will be provided to you at the appropriate time.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sheila E. Hixson".

Sheila E. Hixson  
Chairman

cc: Lynne B. Porter

# House Committee on Ways and Means

*Delegate Sheila E. Hixson, Chairman*

## 2009 Interim Meeting Schedule

*(NOTE: Dates and times are tentative and subject to change.)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Subject</b>
June 9	Tuesday	1:00 p.m.	Organizational Meeting
July 28	Tuesday	All Day	Site Visit – Eastern Shore
September 15	Tuesday	All Day	Site Visit – Location TBD
To Be Announced	Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	Fiscal Briefing
December 15	Tuesday	All Day	Interim Retreat

5/15/09

**Senate Special Committee on Substance Abuse  
2009 Interim**

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SENATE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE ABUSE

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

During the 2009 interim, the Senate Special Committee on Substance Abuse may meet to examine and discuss issues as may be expressed by the membership of the committee. Such efforts would include organizational meetings and briefings on ongoing interests of the committee. We expect to begin organizing any interim efforts in June.

Sincerely,

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Nathaniel Exum  
Chair

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cc: Members of the Senate Special Committee on Substance Abuse  
Delegate William A. Bronrott



**Maryland General Assembly  
House Special Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse  
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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON DRUG AND ALCOHOL ABUSE

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The House Special Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse has identified the following issues for possible study during the 2009 interim.

**Teenage Drinking and Drug Addiction**

During the 2008 interim, the House Special Committee on Drug and Alcohol Abuse heard testimony from federal and State experts on the issue of underage drinking and the research in best practices to combat underage drinking and alcohol-related problems. The committee will continue this study and also examine the issue of addiction, by use of both illegal drugs and prescription drugs, in the underage population.

**Priorities and Needs of the Alcohol and Drug Addiction Administration (ADAA) and the State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council**

The House Special Committee expects to meet with representatives of ADAA and the State Drug and Alcohol Abuse Council to learn about their priorities, goals, and plans of action. The committee maintains good lines of communication with each agency and will ask how the committee can help each agency achieve its goals.

**Outreach Efforts of Local Public Health Agencies to Populations with Addiction Problems**

The committee will examine the methods used by local public health organizations to target and reach certain demographic populations with substance abuse problems. It will hear from local drug and alcohol abuse councils from urban, suburban, and rural areas of the State.

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Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
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We expect to begin organizing our interim efforts in June. I appreciate your interest in the committee's work. Please let me know if you have any questions about our proposed plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William A. Bronrott" with a small flourish at the end.

William A. Bronrott  
Chairman

WAM/SOM:CMG/lkj

cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
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Senator Nathaniel Exum

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE, EXECUTIVE, AND LEGISLATIVE REVIEW

May 12, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chair  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chair  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As in previous years, the Joint Committee on Administrative, Executive, and Legislative Review (AELR) anticipates that its 2009 interim agenda and meeting schedule will be largely determined by the nature and frequency of proposed emergency and nonemergency regulations submitted to the committee for review, which cannot be predicted at this time. The committee will continue to endeavor to keep its meeting schedule during the interim to a minimum by consolidating as much work as possible on those days when meetings are necessary.

Sincerely,

*Anne Healey* IMR

Delegate Anne Healey  
House Chairman

*Paul Pinsky* IMR

Senator Paul G. Pinsky  
Senate Chairman

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cc: Lynne B. Porter  
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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

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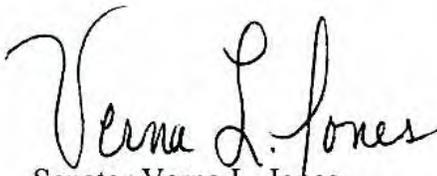
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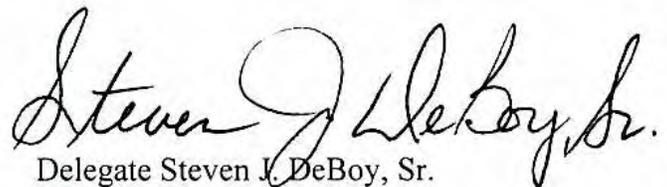
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Audit Committee has identified issues to be reviewed during the 2009 interim. The committee's proposed schedule for hearing several audits performed by the Legislative Auditor is enclosed.

Please contact the committee staff, Karen Morgan or Lisa Simpson, at (410) 946-5530 if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Sincerely,

  
Senator Verna L. Jones  
Senate Chairman

  
Delegate Steven J. DeBoy, Sr.  
House Chairman

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Enclosure



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Joint Audit Committee**

**2009 Interim – Schedule**

**Location: Joint Hearing Room – 90 State Circle, Annapolis, Maryland**

**Senator Verna L. Jones**

**Delegate Steven J. DeBoy, Sr.**

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**July 14, 2009 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 – Audits to Be Presented in Annapolis**

- Department of Budget and Management – Office of Personnel Services and Benefits
- Subsequent Injury Fund
- Uninsured Employers' Fund
- Update – Reporting Requirements for DNA Statewide Database System Reporting

**September 8, 2009 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 – Audits to Be Presented in Annapolis**

- Certain audits yet to be issued
- Managing for Results
- Update – Department of State Police – Aviation Command

**December 8, 2009 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 – Audits to Be Presented in Annapolis/  
Items for Consideration**

- Certain audits yet to be issued
- Repeat Audit Findings
- Fraud Hotline Update

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Note: Meetings are subject to change. The hearing schedule will contain the most up to date information.

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# Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure Maryland General Assembly 2009 Membership Roster

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE

May 15, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

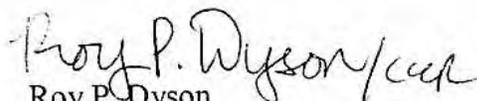
The Joint Committee on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) has identified the following issues for possible study during the 2009 interim.

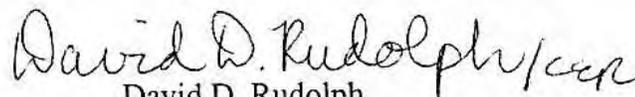
The committee is planning to have an initial meeting at which a representative from the BRAC Subcabinet will update the committee on the activities of the subcabinet, discuss the bills relating to BRAC that passed during the recent legislative session, and discuss the impact of the recession on BRAC accommodation plans.

The committee also intends to hold one or more panel discussions of representatives from areas in Anne Arundel, Cecil, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, and/or Prince George's counties that will be affected by the BRAC process. In addition, the committee may conduct site visits to areas and/or facilities relevant to the mission of the committee.

Finally, the committee will continue to monitor and provide oversight for statewide activities and progress relating to the BRAC process.

Sincerely,

  
Roy P. Dyson  
Senate Co-chairman  
Joint Committee on BRAC

  
David D. Rudolph  
House Co-chairman  
Joint Committee on BRAC

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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic  
Coastal Bays Critical Area**

**2009 Interim Roster**

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

May 21, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing in response to your request for an agenda of the proposed 2009 interim work of the Joint Committee on the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area (joint committee).

During the 2008 interim, the joint committee monitored the implementation of Chapter 119 of 2008 (Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program - Administrative and Enforcement Provisions), which enacted specific recommendations that resulted from a 2007 comprehensive review of the critical area law. During the 2009 interim, the joint committee intends to continue to monitor the implementation of this legislation and the corresponding proposed regulations to ensure compliance with legislative intent and to determine if any further legislation is necessary. In addition, the joint committee will monitor the implementation of Chapter 280 of 2009 (Chesapeake Bay Nitrogen Reduction Act of 2009), which will require all new or replacement onsite sewage disposal systems located in the critical area to use nitrogen removal technology.

The joint committee will meet to discuss these issues and possibly plan a site visit at some point during the interim. We will forward the date of the meeting as soon as it is scheduled.

We will be pleased to forward any additional information that you may require.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator Roy P. Dyson  
Presiding Chair

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cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families**

**2009 Interim Roster**

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
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The Honorable Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

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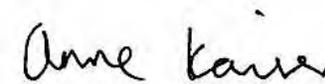
Respectfully submitted for your review is the proposed interim schedule for the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. The joint committee will continue to monitor Maryland programs that focus on children, youth, and families. The joint committee plans to hold meetings in Annapolis in July, September, October, November, and December 2009. The committee is in the process of clarifying dates, times, and locations for these meetings.

The joint committee will hold hearings on Children Successful in School and Stable and Economically Independent Families, two indicators the State uses to describe the well-being of Maryland children. The joint committee also plans to hold a hearing on the mental health effects of bullying.

We look forward to a productive interim and welcome your participation in our activities.

Sincerely,

  
Nancy J. King  
Presiding Senate Co-chair

  
Anne R. Kaiser  
House Co-chair

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cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
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**Maryland General Assembly**  
**Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing**  
**2009 Interim Membership Roster**

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May 21, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We respectfully submit to you the tentative 2009 interim schedule for the Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing. The interim schedule includes as its primary focus issues relating to the assignment of benefits under a health insurance plan. In addition, the committee is planning to hold briefings on Medevac helicopters, emergency preparedness, federal health care reform, and other current issues.

The committee looks forward to an interesting and productive interim.

Sincerely,

*Robert J. Garagiola*  
Senator Robert J. Garagiola *LMC*  
Senate Chairman

*Dan K. Morhaim*  
Delegate Dan K. Morhaim  
House Chairman

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# Joint Committee on Health Care Delivery and Financing

Senator Robert J. Garagiola, Senate Chairman  
Delegate Dan K. Morhaim, House Chairman

## 2009 Interim Schedule

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Wednesday, September 23	1:00 p.m.	<b>Assignment of Benefits:</b> Discussion by proponents and opponents on proposed legislation (SB 852/ HB 1366 of 2009) to prohibit health insurance carriers from refusing to accept a patient's assignment of benefits to a health care provider.
Wednesday, October 7	1:00 p.m.	<b>Assignment of Benefits:</b> Discussion by the Maryland Insurance Administration and the Attorney General's Office, and briefing on other state laws relating to Assignment of Benefits.
Wednesday, October 21	1:00 p.m.	<b>Assignment of Benefits:</b> Work Session. <b>Medevac Helicopters:</b> Update on issues relating to HB 265 of 2009. <b>State's Emergency Preparedness:</b> Briefing on preparedness for coping with an epidemic or pandemic of influenza and bio-preparedness.
Wednesday, November 4	1:00 p.m.	<b>Federal Health Care Reform:</b> Update. <b>False Claims Act:</b> Discussion of issues relating to SB 272/HB 304 of 2009. <b>Provider Panels:</b> Discussion on participation by hospitals (HB 734 of 2009).
Wednesday, December 9	1:00 p.m.	TBD

**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics**

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE ETHICS

May 13, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics will continue its usual interim policy of scheduling meetings on an as-needed basis to address requests for ethics opinions and to review filings of disclosure and disclaimer forms. Additionally, the Joint Ethics Committee may be called upon to respond to ethics-related complaints and will schedule any such proceedings in the manner required by law.

Sincerely,

Brian K. McHale  
House Chairman

Norman R. Stone, Jr.  
Senate Chairman

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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Committee on Management of Public Funds**

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
The Honorable Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This correspondence is to inform you of the tentative agenda for the Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds for the 2009 interim. The committee intends to discuss the priorities of the State Treasurer and the State Comptroller, as well as follow up on any other issues during the interim that affect public funds management.

The interim agenda is as follows:

- *August* – The committee plans to attend the general obligation bond sale in the Assembly Room of the Goldstein Treasury Building. The committee will then receive a briefing from the State Treasurer about the impact of the bond sale, maintenance of the State's AAA bond rating, and the implementation of retail bond sales.
- *August* – The committee will receive a presentation from the State Treasurer and the Department of Legislative Services on different forms of debt financing utilized by the State, debt limitations imposed on the State, and how the use of debt financing by the State has changed in recent years.
- *September* – The committee will receive information on the use of public-private partnerships in the State. The meeting will include an update on current partnerships, which will include State Center in Baltimore City, Seagirt Marine Terminal at the Port of Baltimore, and mixed use housing at the University of Maryland Baltimore County; University of Maryland, College Park; and University of Maryland, Baltimore.
- *October* – The committee will meet with the State Comptroller and the State Treasurer to follow up on any unresolved issues from the 2008 interim and to discuss priorities and any proposed legislation for the 2010 session.

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The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
The Honorable Members of the Legislative Policy Committee  
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- *October* – The committee will receive a briefing on State funding for higher education. The committee seeks to be informed about State oversight of higher education spending, including funding of collegiate sports programs, NCAA financing agreements, salaries of university employees, and consulting work performed by university employees.
- *November* – The committee will hear from the Office of Legislative Audits about the annual audit of local governments, as well as audits of the local school systems.

We hope you find our proposed agenda informative and useful. We appreciate your interest and continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

Delegate Henry B. Heller  
House Chair (Presiding)

Senator Verna L. Jones  
Senate Chair

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cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux  
Ms. Lynne B. Porter  
Mr. Mike Volk  
Members, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds

**Maryland General Assembly**  
**Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services**  
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## **Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services**

May 27, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to your memorandum dated April 30, 2009, requesting a proposed meeting schedule and tentative agenda for the Joint Committee on Access to Mental Health Services for the 2009 interim. The committee plans to hold briefings on June 17, September 9, October 7, and November 4 on the topics listed below.

### **Criminal Justice System Issues**

The committee will be updated by the Criminal Law and Mental Health Partnership which was established by Chapter 595 of 2007. In addition, the committee plans to examine the training of police who interact with individuals with mental health issues, whether within the criminal justice system or when responding to calls. Specifically, the committee will be updated on policies regarding the use of tasers. The committee will also invite representatives from the Judiciary to discuss how mental illness is considered in sentencing.

The committee will also be requesting a briefing from local jails and the Department of Corrections on the housing of individuals with mental illness within the penal system and the reentry of individuals with mental illness into the community.

### **Individuals with Mental Illness in the Schools**

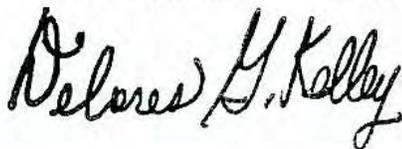
The committee will be requesting a briefing from the Maryland State Department of Education on regulations regarding behavioral interventions including seclusion and physical restraint of students by school personnel authorized by the school system. The committee will also be examining the policies of schools related to the discipline of individuals with mental illness. In addition, the committee will review the findings of a Government Accountability Office report on the use of restraints and seclusions in schools.

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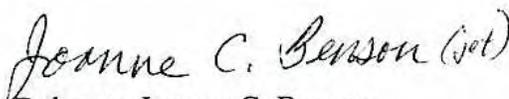
### **The Impact of Behavioral Health Related Sentences to Post Re-entry Job Opportunities**

The committee will examine systemic re-entry barriers to work, economic self sufficiency, and certain related prerequisites to mental health stability by reviewing best practices and emerging practices of unique Maryland companies like Harbor City Unlimited. This company hires exclusively individuals with mental illness or other behavioral health issues who in many cases have related criminal records and whose jobs are often held for them during health relapses.

In addition to the briefings listed above, the committee is prepared to address other issues impacting access to mental health services or any matters referred by the Legislative Policy Committee. The final briefing of the committee will be a work session to develop recommendations based on the issues presented to the committee during the 2009 interim.



Sincerely,



Delegate Joanne C. Benson  
House Chair

Senator Delores G. Kelley  
Senate Chair

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# Maryland General Assembly Spending Affordability Committee 2009 Membership Roster

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
SPENDING AFFORDABILITY COMMITTEE

May 21, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Spending Affordability Committee's 2009 tentative interim schedule is attached for your information. The committee will hold three meetings beginning in the fall for purposes of setting spending affordability recommendations for fiscal 2011. The specific dates and times will be determined later this summer. Subjects include forecasts of revenues and expenditures for the current and future fiscal years as well as an overview of the Transportation Trust Fund, capital budget, State personnel, and other issues.

The committee is looking forward to an interesting and productive interim.

Sincerely,

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Senator Ulysses Currie  
Presiding Chairman

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Delegate John L. Bohanan, Jr.  
House Chairman

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Enclosures

cc: Ms. Lynne B. Porter

# Spending Affordability Committee

Senator Ulysses Currie, Presiding Chairman  
Delegate John L. Bohanan, Jr., House Chairman

## 2009 Interim Schedule

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
TBD	TBD	Briefing on Forecast of Revenues and Expenditures for the Current and Upcoming Fiscal Years (Joint with Senate Budget and Taxation, House Appropriations, and House Ways and Means Committees)
TBD	TBD	Briefing on Outyear Forecast, Overview of the Transportation Trust Fund, State Personnel, Debt, and the Capital Budget
TBD	TBD	Committee Decision Meeting

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**Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee**  
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May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee respectfully submits its anticipated work plan for the 2009 interim. As you know, this joint committee replaces the Joint Technology Oversight Committee with the passage of Chapter 140 of 2009. The joint committee's charge, as specified under the legislation, is to "work to broaden the support, knowledge, and awareness of information technology and biotechnology to benefit the people of Maryland." The joint committee plans to hold two meetings during the fall.

At these meetings, the joint committee plans to hear briefings on the following issues:

- the fiscal 2009 activities of the Life Sciences Advisory Board, including any recommendations for a comprehensive strategic plan for life sciences and the biosciences industry;
- an overview of Maryland's ranking in application of new energy efficiency technology, including smart grid and other conservation measures; and
- an update on the development of medical information technology, including application of electronic medical records.

Please contact one of us or the committee staff, Tami Burt or Evan Isaacson, at (410) 946-5530 if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

*James C. Rosapepe*

James C. Rosapepe  
Senate Chairman

*Brian J. Feldman*

Brian J. Feldman  
House Chairman

cc: Mr. Karl Aro  
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**Maryland General Assembly**  
**Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight**  
**2009 Interim Membership Roster**

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Mr. Alfredo Goyburu  
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Mr. Tom S. Saquella, President  
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Job Opportunities Task Force

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Tami Burt

Last updated September 27, 2007 (Oversight Committee established under Chapters 50 and 51, 2007; effective through 12/31/10)



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
COMMITTEE ON UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE OVERSIGHT

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight intends to hold two meetings during the 2009 interim. Most likely, the committee's proposed schedule will include a meeting in November and a meeting in December.

As you know, the committee was created pursuant to Chapters 50 and 51 of 2007 to continue the work of the Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight, which had expired at the end of 2006, and its predecessor, the Unemployment Insurance Funding Task Force. The new joint committee expires at the end of 2010.

The committee may review the following issues:

- status of the 2005 reform to the unemployment insurance tax system (replacement of the current single schedule of experience tax rates and the flat-rated surcharge system with an overall more experienced rated system);
- status of the balance of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and its adequacy in an economic downturn;
- update on the impact of providing benefits to part-time workers (Chapters 5 and 6 of 2009);
- continued consideration of changes to several benefit provisions as a unified legislative package (*i.e.*, allowing variable duration for the receipt of benefits, rather than the current structure of a fixed 26-week period *and* phasing in an increase of the maximum weekly benefit to an amount that is a specified percentage of the average weekly wage); and

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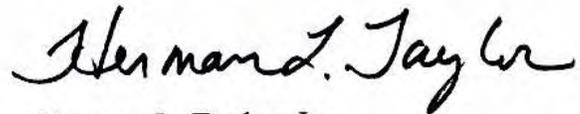
- discussion of the impact of implementing an alternative base period and other changes to the unemployment law that would be required for Maryland to receive federal funds through the U.S. Department of Labor's program to provide modernization incentive payments to states.

Please contact one of us or the committee staff, Tami Burt or Erica White, at (410) 946-5530, if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Sincerely,



Thomas McLain Middleton  
Senate Chair



Herman L. Taylor, Jr.  
House Chair

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JOINT COMMITTEE ON WELFARE REFORM

May 26, 2009

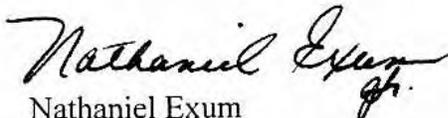
Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate  
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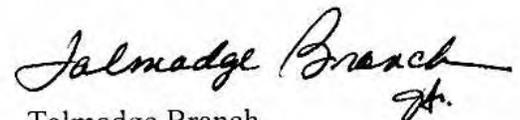
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Respectfully submitted for your review is the proposed interim schedule for the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform. The joint committee will continue to monitor Maryland's welfare program. The joint committee is planning at least one meeting in Annapolis in the House Appropriations Committee Hearing Room (Room 120 House Office Building) on a date still to be determined.

We look forward to a productive interim and welcome your participation in our activities.

Sincerely,

  
Nathaniel Exum  
Co-Chair

  
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Co-Chair

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cc: Members, Joint Committee on Welfare Reform  
Mr. Karl S. Aro  
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**Maryland General Assembly**  
**Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight**  
**Committee**  
**2009 Membership Roster**

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## MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### WORKERS' COMPENSATION BENEFIT AND INSURANCE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee plans to hold two meetings during the 2009 interim. The committee's proposed schedule will include a meeting in November and a meeting in December. At this time, the committee has identified a few issues to review at these meetings.

These issues may include: (1) the Workers' Compensation Commission's (WCC) responsibility for proactive identification of employers that do not have workers' compensation coverage – this issue was raised previously by legislative auditors and has not been resolved; it was recently discussed during the 2009 session (Senate Bill 987/House Bill 1436 of 2009 – failed); and (2) the recommendations of the WCC's study workgroup on revising the death benefit provisions for partially and wholly dependent individuals (Chapter 616 (Senate Bill 863) and 617 (House Bill 899) of 2009).

As with prior interims, the committee plans to request the various interested parties to bring issues before the committee during the interim on issues that they intend to have introduced during the upcoming session. Further, the committee will hear annual reports from selected agencies with oversight over workers' compensation.

Please contact one of us or the committee staff, Tami Burt, Michael Vorgetts, or Erica White, at (410) 946-5530, if you have questions concerning this schedule.

Sincerely,

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Senator Nathaniel Exum  
Senate Chair

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Delegate Carolyn Krysiak  
House Chair

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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Advisory Committee on Legislative Data Systems  
2009 Membership Roster**

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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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**JOINT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE DATA SYSTEMS**

May 27, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr.  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We are writing to report on the 2009 interim activities of the Joint Advisory Committee on Legislative Data Systems (JACLDS). The JACLDS tasks the Office of Information Systems (OIS) with the responsibility of conducting activities and initiating programs aimed at maintaining the computing environment and infrastructure for the Maryland General Assembly (MGA).

OIS will be making the following recommendations to the JACLDS at the June 9, 2009 meeting. These recommendations include:

- Office2007 Migration
- Dial-up Facilities
- Voting Systems Upgrade
- Floor Laptops
- Internet Firewall

### **Office2007 Migration**

The Maryland General Assembly (MGA) and Department of Legislative Services (DLS) use the Microsoft Office package for creation of legislative documents and general correspondence. Periodic upgrades to the Office package are required to ensure that the MGA and DLS are on fully supported and stable software levels. Therefore we will also be recommending to the LPC that member computers are also upgraded to Office2007 during the 2009 Interim.

### **Dial-Up Facilities**

Verizon Inc. has notified the OIS that our current dial-up facilities will be retired before the end of 2009. The OIS has been working with Verizon to identify a new solution to replace

the existing facilities. We anticipate making upgrades to member and staff PCs before the 2010 Legislative Session.

## **Voting Systems Upgrade**

The voting systems in the Senate and House chambers are being replaced this Interim. The replacement systems will include new voting system software from International Roll-Call Corporation. All servers and PCs required to run the voting systems, as well as the voting console at each member's desk, will be replaced. In order to keep costs as low as possible, we will be reusing the existing voting systems display boards.

## **Floor Laptops**

With the recent bankruptcy of Gateway Corporation, OIS will be replacing all Senate floor laptops with Dell laptops in the 2009 Interim. This will result in accelerating the replacement of approximately 25 laptops by one year. The remaining 70 House Gateway floor laptops will be replaced during the 2010 Interim.

## **Internet Firewall**

OIS will be replacing the Internet Firewalls in the 2009 Interim. The new firewalls will continue to protect the network facilities within the MGA and provide the foundation for expanded security initiatives such as browser based email, patch compliance and public wireless access.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

James N. Robey  
Senate Chair

Kumar P. Barve  
House Chair

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cc: Lynne Porter  
Michael Gaudiello

# Maryland General Assembly Joint Committee on Pensions

## 2009 Membership Roster

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MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
JOINT COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS  
May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Committee on Pensions' 2009 tentative interim schedule includes items relating to:

- reemployment of retirees of the employees' and teachers' pension systems;
- the investing in green funds for the Maryland Supplement Retirement Plans; and
- an overview of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

These items came up during the 2009 session or elsewhere and were referred to summer study. Other items to be reviewed include the annual reports/overviews on investments, the supplemental retirement plans, board-requested legislation, and the most recent actuarial valuation.

We look forward to an interesting and productive interim.

Respectfully submitted,

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Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden  
Co-Chairman

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Delegate Melony G. Griffith  
Co-Chairman

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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Karl S. Aro  
Mr. Warren G. Deschenaux

Ms. Lynne B. Porter

# Joint Committee on Pensions

Senator Nathaniel J. McFadden, Senate Chairman  
Delegate Melony G. Griffith, House Chairman

## 2009 Interim Schedule

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>
Sept.	TBA	2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Briefing on reemployment of retirees in the employees' and teachers' pension systems</li><li>• Briefing on investing in green funds by Maryland Supplemental Retirement Plans</li><li>• Briefing on the investment climate</li></ul>
Oct.	TBA	2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System</li><li>• Board requested legislation</li></ul>
Nov.	TBA	2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Annual State Retirement and Pension System Investment Overview</li><li>• Annual Results of Fiscal 2008 Actuarial Valuation and Fiscal 2010 Contribution Rates</li></ul>
Nov.	TBA	2 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Decisions</li></ul>

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**Maryland General Assembly  
Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural  
Land Preservation**

**2009 Interim Roster**

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Delegate Rudolph C. Cane, House Chair**

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Senator Michael Lennett  
Senator Donald F. Munson  
Senator Bobby A. Zirkin

**House Members**

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Delegate Virginia P. Clagett  
Delegate Mary-Dulany James  
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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401-1991

May 26, 2009

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., Co-Chairman  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Co-Chairman  
Members of the Legislative Policy Committee

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Joint Subcommittee on Program Open Space and Agricultural Land Preservation respectfully submits a summary of its meeting schedule and the issues it intends to examine and review during the 2009 interim.

The subcommittee plans to hold one briefing this fall. The subcommittee will invite representatives from Maryland's Department of Agriculture (including the Maryland Agricultural Commission and Young Farmers Advisory Board), Department of Natural Resources, Department of Planning, and the Maryland Environmental Trust to discuss a number of issues related to Program Open Space (POS), the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Program (MALPP), the Rural Legacy Program, conservation easements, and land preservation in general. The following are some of the items the subcommittee will cover during the fall briefing:

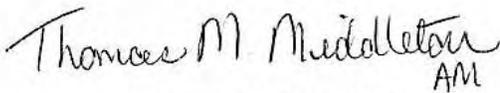
- the impact of fiscal 2010 funding decisions and the outlook for fiscal 2011;
- an update on any research conducted by the agencies on the possible impact of the baby boomer demographic shift on land conservation;
- an update on MALPP policies concerning commercial uses (including natural gas drilling, mining, and solar and wind energy) on agricultural preservation land;
- an update on how the cost of land has affected acreage in the State's land conservation programs and how targeting POS property acquisitions and other land conservation innovations have furthered the land conservation goal of 1,030,000 acres preserved as stated in the 2002 Senate Joint Resolution 10;
- an update on the agencies' outreach efforts to minority farmers across the State;

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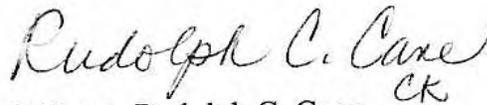
- an exploration of how to effectively monitor conservation easements; and
- an update on legislative initiatives from the 2009 session (including Chapter 206 of 2009) and potential legislation for the upcoming 2010 session.

The subcommittee looks forward to addressing the subject matter summarized above as well as other timely issues during the 2009 interim.

Sincerely,

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Senator Thomas M. Middleton  
Senate Chairman

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Delegate Rudolph C. Cane  
House Chairman

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cc: Karl S. Aro  
Warren G. Deschenaux  
Lynne B. Porter

General Assembly of Maryland  
**(GUIDELINES FOR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES - 2009 LEGISLATIVE INTERIM)**

*(The President and the Speaker do not intend for these guidelines to require committees to meet on every date reserved for meetings.)*

**DATES RESERVED FOR:**

<u>Legislative Policy Committee</u>	<u>Standing Committees</u>	<u>Statutory and Special Committees</u>
(Tuesday Meetings: 10:00 A.M.)	"ON-CYCLE" (Tuesday P.M./Wednesday Meetings)	"OFF-CYCLE" (Tuesday P.M./Wednesday Meetings)
	6/9 - 6/10	6/16 - 6/17
	6/23 - 6/24	6/30 - 7/1
	7/7 - 7/8	7/14 - 7/15
	7/28 - 7/29	8/4 - 8/5
	8/11 - 8/12	8/25 - 8/26
	9/1 - 9/2	9/8 - 9/9
	9/15 - 9/16	9/22 - 9/23
	9/29 - 9/30	10/6 - 10/7
	10/13 - 10/14	10/20 - 10/21
	10/27 - 10/28	11/3 - 11/4
	11/17 - 11/18	11/24 - 11/25
	12/1 - 12/2	12/8 - 12/9
	12/15 - 12/16	12/22 - 12/23

*Note: Meetings of the Legislative Policy Committee, other than those noted, during the 2009 Legislative Interim, are subject to the discretion of the Presiding Officers.*

TBA End of Interim LPC Meeting  
 TBA End of Interim LPC Mgmt. Subcommittee Meeting

(Note: Legislative Interim Committee Reports due to the Legislative Policy Committee by 12/23/2009)

*National Conference of State Legislatures, Annual Meeting, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania – July 20 -24, 2009*  
*Southern Legislative Conference, Annual Meeting, Winston-Salem, North Carolina – August 15-19, 2009*

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**Part III**  
**Legislation Related to the Legislative Policy  
Committee as a Result of the 2009 Session**

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Department of Legislative Services  
Annapolis, Maryland

June 2009

# **Legislation Relating to the Legislative Policy Committee as a Result of the 2009 Session**

## **Health Occupations – Maryland Athletic Trainers Act**

*(Senate Bill 247/Chapter 529 and HB 173/Chapter 530)*

The bill creates an Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee within the State Board of Physicians, subjects the new licensure program to periodic review under the Maryland Program Evaluation Act, as for other health occupations boards, and aligns the program's termination date with the termination dates for other allied health professionals regulated by the State Board of Physicians and the board itself. The bill also subjects the program to preliminary review in 2010 – before any licensing activity has taken place. On or before December 15<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year before the evaluation date of the governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.

## **Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families- Repeal of Sunset**

*(Senate Bill 413/Chapter 63 and HB 244/Chapter 64)*

This bill repeals the termination date for the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families. The joint committee must report on its work and any recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1 of each year. The joint committee was scheduled to terminate on June 30, 2009. With the enactment of this bill the date has been extended indefinitely.

## **Maryland Horse Racing Act–Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation**

*(Senate Bill 119/Chapter 196)*

This bill extends the termination date of the entities covered by the Maryland Horse Racing Act (Maryland Racing Commission, Maryland-Bred Race Fund Advisory Committee, and Standardbred Race Fund Advisory Committee) from July 1, 2011 to July 1, 2014. In addition, the bill requires full evaluations of these entities by July 1, 2013, but exempts them from the requirement for a preliminary evaluation.

## **Minority Business Enterprise Program – Report to Joint Committee on Fair Practices**

*(Senate Bill 946/Chapter 327 and HB 1336/Chapter 328)*

This bill requires State procurement units to submit a copy of their annual minority business enterprise (MBE) utilization reports to the General Assembly's Joint Committee on Fair Practices. On or before December 31 of each year, the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs shall submit this report to the Board of Public Works and the Legislative Policy Committee.

## **Mortality and Quality Review Committee – Sunset Extension and Membership**

*(Senate Bill 305/Chapter 48 and HB 93/Chapter 49)*

This bill alters the membership of the committee, removing the Deputy Secretary of Public Health and replacing the position with the Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health and Disabilities. The bill also extends the termination date on a requirement for the Mortality and Quality Review Committee to submit specific reports regarding incidents of injury and quality of care and for the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) to provide the committee with specified data necessary for the reports from September 30, 2009 to December 31, 2012.

## **Pimlico and Laurel Park Racetracks, Bowie Race Course Training Center, and Preakness Stakes – State Purchase or Condemnation**

*(Senate Bill 1072/Chapter 3)*

This emergency bill authorizes the State to acquire by purchase or condemnation, for public use and with just compensation, the following properties: 1) private property relating to Pimlico Race Course, Laurel Park Race Course, the Bowie Race Course Training Center, and other tangible and intangible property related to the Preakness Stakes; 2) private property relating to the Pimlico Race Course, the track known as Laurel Park, the Bowie Race Course Training Center, the name, copyrights, service marks, trademarks, trade names, contract rights, business entities, stock, and horse racing events that are associated with the Preakness Stakes and its trophy, the Woodlawn Vase; 3) all property of the Maryland Jockey Club of Baltimore City, Inc. or its successors and assigns, including stock and equity interests in it and including any and all property or property rights associated with it, whether tangible, intangible, real, personal or mixed; and 4) all property of the Laurel Racing Association, Inc. or their respective successors including stock or equity interests including any and all property rights associated with it, whether tangible or intangible, real, personal, or mixed.

Additionally, the bill requires the Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) to report monthly to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the Legislative Policy Committee on the status of the State's business plan regarding the management and disposition of any assets of the Pimlico Race Course, track at Laurel Park, the Bowie Race Course Training Center, the name, and copyrights.

## **Public Safety – SWAT Team Activation and Deployment - Reports**

*(Senate Bill 447/Chapter 542 and HB 1267/Chapter 543)*

This bill requires the Police Training Commission to develop, in consultation with the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention, a standardized format that each law enforcement agency maintaining a SWAT team must use in reporting data pertaining to the law enforcement agency's utilization of the SWAT team to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention. Report gathering by law enforcement agencies must

begin by January 1, 2010 and every 6 months thereafter. The Governor's Office of Crime Control must notify the Police Training Commission of law enforcement agencies' failure to comply. If a law enforcement agency continues its failure to comply after a request for compliance from the Police Training, the bill requires the Police Training Commission and the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to jointly report incidents of reporting noncompliance on the part of law enforcement agencies to the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly.

### **Well Drillers – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation**

*(Senate Bill 117/Chapter 29)*

This bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Well Drillers by 10 years to July 1, 2021, and requires an evaluation of the board by July 1, 2020. The bill includes related reporting requirements. On or before October 1, 2009, the Board must report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and the House Environmental Matters Committees on its plans to: (1) increase fees and its ability to generate sufficient fee revenue for the General Fund to cover its expenditures; and (2) track consumer complaints and related disciplinary actions within a database or spreadsheet. On or before December 15<sup>th</sup> of the 2<sup>nd</sup> year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section.

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**Part IV**  
**New Boards, Commissions, Task Forces,**  
**Advisory Councils, etc.**  
**Created by 2009 Legislation**

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Department of Legislative Services  
Annapolis, Maryland

June 2009

## **Committees, Task Forces, Commissions, Etc. Created by 2009 Legislation**

### **Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee**

*Health Occupations – Maryland Athletic Trainers Act (SB 247 /Chapter 529 and HB 173/Chapter 530)*

Establishing the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee within the State Board of Physicians consisting of the following members:

- (1) (I) On or before September 30, 2011, three athletic trainers who:
  - 1. are certified by a national certifying board; and
  - 2. have a minimum of 5 years of clinical experience; and
- (II) On or before October 1, 2011, three licensed athletic trainers who:
  - 1. are certified by a national certifying board; and
  - 2. have a minimum of 5 years of clinical experience;
- (2) Three licensed physicians:
  - (I) at least one of whom is a specialist in orthopedic or sports medicine; and
  - (II) two of whom previously or currently have partnered with or directed an athletic trainer;
- (3) One licensed chiropractor who has sports medicine experience;
- (4) One licensed physical therapist;
- (5) One licensed occupational therapist; and
- (6) Two consumer members;

Purpose: This Committee shall: 1) develop and recommend to the board regulations to carry out this subtitle; 2) develop and recommend to the board continuing education requirements of license renewal; 3) provide the board with recommendations concerning the practice of athletic training; 4) develop and recommend to the board an evaluation and treatment protocol for use by an athletic trainer and the physician with whom the athletic trainer practices; 5) provide advice and recommendations to the board on individual evaluation and treatment protocols when requested; and 6) keep a record of its proceedings.

### **Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service Monument, Commission on the**

*Commission on the Establishment of a Women in Military Service Monument (SB 367/Chapter 537 and HB 944/Chapter 538)*

Reestablishing the Commission on the Establishment of Women in Military Service Monument consisting of the following members:

- (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland who serves on the Maryland General Assembly's Veteran's Caucus, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) One member of the House of Delegates who serves on the Maryland General Assembly's Veteran's Caucus, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) the Secretary of Veterans Affairs or the Secretary's designee;
- (4) the Secretary of General Services or the Secretary's designee; and
- (5) the following members, appointed by the Governor on or before September 1, 2009:
  - I. Two representatives of the Maryland Veterans Commission; and
  - II. Four representatives of women's veterans organizations;

**Purpose:** The Commission shall: 1) refer to the "report to the Governor and the General Assembly on Women Veterans Monument" submitted by the Task Force on the Establishment of a Maryland Women Veterans Monument on December 31, 2005; 2) monitor compliance with the recommendations made in reports of the commission issued under Chapters 281 and 282 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006 regarding the funding, design, construction, and placement of an appropriate monument dedicated to women from Maryland who served in the uniformed forces of the United States of America; and 3) coordinate and monitor the effort to erect the Maryland Women in Military Service Monument.

**Chair:** Members of the Commission shall elect the chair from among the Commission's members.

**Staff:** The Department of Veteran Affairs shall provide staff for the Commission.

**Salary:** A member of the Commission may not receive compensation provided in the State budget as a member of the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State Budget.

**Report:** The Commission shall submit a final report on its activities, including a report on the status of the Maryland Women in Military Service Monument and any additional recommendations to the Governor on or before September 30, 2014.

## **Commission on Autism, Maryland**

*Health – Maryland Commission on Autism (SB 963/Chapter 337 and HB 503/Chapter 338)*

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Autism consisting of the following members:

- (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) The Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health and Disabilities, or the Deputy Secretary's designee;
- (4) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;
- (5) The Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
- (6) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;
- (7) The Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee; and
- (8) The following members appointed by the Governor:
  - I. Two representatives from different institutions or higher learning located in the State who have clinical and research expertise relating to both children and adults with autism;
  - II. An individual employed as a director of special education at a school district located in the State;
  - III. A diagnostician;
  - IV. A school psychologist;
  - V. A physician specializing in pediatrics who practices in the State;
  - VI. Three parents of individuals with autism spectrum disorders, including two parents of an individual under the age of 21 years and one parent of a transitioning youth with autism;
  - VII. Two adults with autism spectrum disorders;
  - VIII. A representative from an association of providers of services to individuals with autism and other development disabilities;
  - IX. Two members of nonprofit organizations in the State who provide services to individuals or families living with autism spectrum disorders and who together represents the provision of Lifespan services;
  - X. A representative of the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council;
  - XI. A physical therapist licensed by the State of Physical Therapy Examiners;
  - XII. An occupational therapist licensed by the State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice;
  - XIII. A representative of a labor organization that represents employees who provide services to individuals with autism spectrum disorders; and
  - XIV. A representative of a health insurer, nonprofit health service plan, or health maintenance organization that does business in the State.

- Purpose:** The Commission shall: 1) advise and make recommendations to the Governor, General Assembly, and relevant State agencies regarding matters concerning services for individuals with autism spectrum disorders at all State levels, including health care, education, and other adult and adolescent service; 2) develop a comprehensive statewide plan for an integrated system of training, treatment, and services for individuals of all ages with autism spectrum disorders; 3) evaluate ways to promote autism spectrum disorder awareness; and 4) review the findings of any summit or conference convened by the State regarding autism spectrum disorders.
- Chair:** The Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health and Disabilities or the Deputy Secretary's designee shall be the chair of the Commission.
- Salary:** A member of the Commission may not receive compensation provided in the State budget; but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State Budget.
- Staff:** The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and Maryland State Department of Education shall provide the staff necessary to carry out this subtitle.
- Report:** The Commission shall report its preliminary findings and recommendations on or before June 1, 2011 and its final report of the findings and recommendations on or before September 30, 2012.

### **Health and Physical Education, Advisory Council on**

*Gwendolyn Britt Student Health and Fitness Act (SB 879/Ch. 622 and HB 1264/Chapter 623)*

Establishing an Advisory Council on Health and Physical Education consisting of the following members:

- (1) A representative from the Department of Education;
- (2) A representative from the Maryland Parent-Teacher Association;
- (3) A representative from the Maryland State Teachers Association;
- (4) A representative from the Public School Superintendents Association of Maryland;
- (5) Representatives from each local school system;
- (6) A representative from the Maryland Association of Boards of Education;
- (7) A representative from the Maryland Association of Counties;
- (8) A representative from the Governor's Council on Physical Fitness and Sport;
- (9) A representative of the Professional Organization for Health and Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance;
- (10) A representative from an institution of higher education having a health and physical education teacher education program;
- (11) A representative from Special Olympics of Maryland;
- (12) A representative from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

- (13) A representative from the American Academy of Pediatrics; and
- (14) Representatives from the following health organizations:
  - I. The American Heart Association;
  - II. The American Cancer Society; and
  - III. The American Diabetes Association;

**Purpose:** The Advisory Council shall develop and coordinate programs in collaboration with public schools to educate students regarding the importance of: 1) physical activity and physical movement; 2) the relationship of physical activity to a healthy lifestyle and improved fitness; 3) the relationship between healthy eating, physical activity, and maintaining a healthy weight; and 4) the value of physical activity and its relationship to improved academic achievement and stress reduction; and i) identify promising health and physical education practices in the state; ii) build a network of health and physical education professionals to share information and strengthen partnerships; iii) support successful health and physical education programs in the state and encourage the expansion of those programs; and iv) consult with organizations represented on the Advisory Council as appropriate.

**Chair:** From among its members, the Council shall elect a chair, vice chair, and other officers necessary to carry out the Advisory Council’s functions.

**Staff:** The department shall provide staff and other necessary support to the Advisory Council using existing resources.

**Salary:** A member of the Advisory Council may not receive compensation provided in the State budget; but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State Budget.

**Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children**

*Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children (SB 257 /Chapter 501 and HB 306/Chapter 502)*

Establishing the Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children consisting of the following members:

- (1) One Interstate Commission voting representative from each member state who shall be that state’s compact commissioner;
- (2) Ex officio, nonvoting representatives who are members of interested organizations. Such ex officio members, as defined in the bylaws, may not include but are not limited to:
  - I. Members of the representative organizations of military family advocates;

- II. Local education agency officials;
- III. Parent and teacher groups;
- IV. The U.S. Department of Defense;
- V. The Education Commission of the States;
- VI. The Interstate Agreement on the Qualifications of Educational Personnel; and
- VII. Other interstate compacts affecting the education of children of military members.

Report: The Interstate Commission shall report annually to the Legislatures, Governors, Judiciary, and State Councils of the member states concerning the activities of the commission during the preceding year, as well as any recommendations that may have been adopted.

Chair: The Interstate Commission shall, by a majority of members, elect annually from among its members a chairperson, vice-chairperson, and a treasurer.

State Coordination: Through the creation of a state council or use of an existing body or board, each member shall provide for the coordination among its agencies of government, local education agencies, and military installations concerning the state’s participation in and compliance with the Compact with the Interstate Commission activities.

The membership of this council must include the following members:

- 1. The State Superintendent of Schools;
- 2. A superintendent of a school district with a high concentration of military children;
- 3. A representative from a military installation;
- 4. One representative each from legislative and executive branches of government; and
- 5. Representatives of other offices and stakeholder groups the state council deems appropriate.

**Prison Violence in Maryland, Task Force to Study**

*Task Force to Study Prison Violence in Maryland (SB 817/Chapter 102)*

Reconstituting the Task Force to Study Prison Violence in Maryland consisting of the following members:

- (1) One member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate to serve as a co-chair;
- (2) One member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve as a co-chair;
- (3) The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services or a designee of the Secretary;

- (4) The Commissioner of the Division of Corrections, or a designee of the Commissioner;
- (5) The Attorney General or a designee of the Attorney General;
- (6) The Secretary of Juvenile Services, or a designee of the Secretary;
- (7) The Public Defender of Maryland, or the Public Defender's designee; and
- (8) The following members appointed by the Governor:
  - I. Two representatives, one male and one female, of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees who are also employed as correctional officers in a State prison;
  - II. One representative of the Justice Policy Institute;
  - III. One representative of the criminology department of a Maryland institution of higher learning;
  - IV. Two former prisoners, one male and one female, of the State prison who were incarcerated for a minimum of five years;
  - V. One expert in the field of chemical engineering or toxicology;
  - VI. One representative of a Maryland prison reform advocacy group;
  - VII. One intelligence lieutenant from the Division of Corrections;
  - VIII. One representative knowledgeable and experienced in the field of medical and health care services for prisoners;
  - IX. One representative of the Department of State Police; and
  - X. Two members, at least one of whom is a member of the Maryland Classified Employees Association, and each of whom is employed as a case manager, psychologist, addiction counselor, or warden in a State prison.

**Purpose:** The Task Force shall study available information on: 1) the scope, nature, patterns, and causal relationships of violence in the State's prisons; 2) the impact of illegal drugs on violence in the State's prisons; 3) the impact of exposure to lead and other pollutants on violence in the State's prisons; 4) the best practices of other state correctional systems in dealing with prison violence; 5) the impact of contraband on violence in the State's prisons; 6) the role of gang activity on violence in the State's prisons; and 7) any other issues that the Task Force considers relevant.

**Salary:** A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation provided in the State budget as a member of the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State Budget.

**Report:** The Task Force shall report its interim report on or before December 31, 2009 and its final report of the findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2010 and the final report on or before May 31, 2009 to the General Assembly.

**Prisoner Reentry, Task Force on**

*Task Force on Prisoner Reentry (SB 908 /Chapter 625 and HB 637/Chapter 626)*

Establishing the Task Force on Prisoner Reentry consisting of the following members:

- (1) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- (2) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) Two members of the public with relevant expertise in the provision of reentry services to adult offenders, appointed by the Governor;
- (4) Two members of the public with relevant expertise in the provision of reentry services to juvenile offenders, appointed by the Governor;
- (5) Two individuals who were formerly committed to a State correctional facility, appointed by the Governor;
- (6) Two members of the public who represented employer organizations, appointed by the Governor;
- (7) Two members of the public who represent organized labor, appointed by the Governor;
- (8) Up to four members, appointed by the Governor, who represent local reentry task forces that have reviewed or are in the process of reviewing local policies and practices relating to the employment of ex-offenders, including one from Prince George's County and one from Baltimore City; and
- (9) The following members, who shall serve ex officio:
  - I. The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee;
  - II. The Secretary of Juvenile Services, or the Secretary's designee;
  - III. The State Superintendent of Education, or the Superintendent's designee;
  - IV. The Secretary of Human Resources, or the Secretary's designee;
  - V. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, or the Secretary's designee;
  - VI. The Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the Secretary's designee;
  - VII. The Commissioner of Corrections, or the Commissioner's designee;
  - VIII. The Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration, or the Administrator's designee; and
  - IX. One member from the Governor's Workforce Investment Board, appointed by the Governor.

Purpose: The Task Force shall: 1) examine ways to poll resources and funding streams to promote lower recidivism rates for returning offenders and minimize the harmful effects of offenders' time in prison, jail, or a juvenile facility on families and communities of offenders by collecting data and best practices in offender reentry from demonstration grantees and other agencies and organizations; 2) analyze the statutory, regulatory rules-based, and proactive-based hurdles to reintegration of adult and

juvenile offenders into the community; 3) investigate guidelines and criteria to track outcomes of inmate reentry program participation, including program approvals, day-to-day program participation, and program graduation and other types of program completion and non-completion; 4) research longitudinal data tracking of the pre-and post-release impact of reentry programs; 5) investigate the number of idle inmates in each state correctional facility; and 6) develop a comprehensive and strategic reentry plan as specified under the federal Second Chance Act of 2007.

- Chair: The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee shall chair the Task Force.
- Salary: A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation provided in the State Budget; but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State Budget.
- Staff: The Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee shall provide staff support for the Task Force from the department.
- Report: The Task Force shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations on or before December 31, 2010. The final report shall be submitted on or before December 31, 2011.

## **Workforce Corporation, Maryland**

*Workforce Development – Maryland Workforce Corporation (HB 1526/Chapter476)*

Establishing the Maryland Workforce Corporation consisting of the following members on the board of directors:

- (1) As ex officio members:
  - (I) the Secretary;
  - (II) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development;
  - (III) the Secretary of Higher Education;
  - (IV) the Secretary of Human Resources;
  - (V) the Secretary of Juvenile Services;
  - (VI) the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland;
  - (VII) the State Superintendent of Schools;
  - (VIII) the Executive Director of the Maryland Association of Community Colleges; and
  - (IX) the Chair of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board; and
- (2) Fourteen individuals appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate who have knowledge and experience in business and industry, skills training, education, including adult basic education, labor organizations, and minority employment;

Purpose: The Commission shall: 1) refer to the “report to the Governor and the General Assembly on Women Veterans Monument” submitted by the Task Force on the Establishment of a Maryland Women Veterans Monument on December 31, 2005; 2) monitor compliance with the recommendations made in reports of the Commission issued under Chapters 281 and 282 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006 regarding the funding, design, construction, and placement of an appropriate monument dedicated to women from Maryland who served in the uniformed forces of the United States of America; and 3) coordinate and monitor the effort to erect the Maryland Women in Military Service Monument.

Purpose: The purpose of the Corporation is to: 1) work in coordination with the department and other state agencies to establish a plan and framework for the innovative, demand-driven programs across the state that will give Maryland workers the opportunity to acquire and develop the education and skills needed to participate fully in the workforce; 2) solicit, acquire, and coordinate private and public funding to assure a reliable funding stream for the programs developed under this subtitle; 3) obtain resources for the statewide workforce programs developed under this subtitle from private and public sources including: i) local workforce investment boards; ii) community colleges; iii) adult learning programs; iv) correctional education and vocational programs; v) the Department of Human Resources; vi) the Department of Business and Economic Development; vii) the Higher Education Commission; viii) the Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.

Chair: The Governor shall designate a member of the board as its chair.

Salary: A member of board may not receive compensation provided in the State budget as a member of the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations as provided in the State Budget.

Report: Within 90 days after the start of each fiscal year, the Corporation shall report on its status to the Governor and the General Assembly. The report shall state the complete operating and financial statement covering the Corporation’s operations and summarize the Corporation’s activities during the preceding fiscal year.

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**Part V**  
**Changes to Existing Boards, Commissions,  
Task Forces, Advisory Councils, etc.**  
**As a Result of 2009 Legislation**

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# **Changes to Existing Statewide Boards, Commissions, Task Forces, Etc. as a Result of 2009 Legislation**

## **Aging Services, Interagency Committee on**

*Interagency Committee on Aging Services – Membership (House Bill 1480/Chapter 737)*

This departmental bill adds the Secretary of Veterans Affairs (VA), the Director of the Governor's Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Chair of the Commission on Aging to the membership of the Interagency Committee on Aging Services.

## **Assistive Technology Loan Program, Board of Directors**

*Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program – Membership (House Bill 1479/Chapter 471)*

This departmental bill adds the Secretary of Information Technology or designee to the membership of the Board of Directors of the Assistive Technology Loan Program and removes the Secretary of Budget and Management or designee.

## **Athletic Commission, State**

*State Athletic Commission – Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation (House Bill 61/Chapter 122)*

This bill extends the termination date for the State Athletic Commission to July 1, 2021, and requires an evaluation of the commission by July 1, 2020. The bill includes a related reporting requirement.

## **Children, State Citizens Review Board for**

*Family Law - State Citizens Review Board for Children and Local Boards of Review – Duties (Senate Bill 933/Chapter 629 and House Bill 1337/Chapter 630)*

The bill alters existing duties of the State Citizens Review Board for Children (CRBC) and local boards of review. The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

## **Children, Youth, and Families, Joint Committee on**

*Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families – Repeal of Sunset (Senate Bill 413/Chapter 63 and House Bill 244/Chapter 64)*

This bill repeals the termination date for the Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families.

## **Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners, State Board of**

*State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners- Terms of Members (Senate Bill 789/Chapter 312 and House Bill 1460/Chapter 313)*

This emergency bill authorizes three additional massage therapy members and one additional chiropractor member to begin their terms on the State Board of Chiropractic and Massage Therapy Examiners on May 1, 2009, rather than July 1, 2009. One massage therapy member and

one chiropractor member will have terms of two years and two months. Two massage therapy members will have terms of four years and 2 months.

### **Civic Literacy, Commission on**

*Education – Commission on Civic Literacy – Membership (Senate Bill 940/Chapter 326)*

This bill adds one member of the Judiciary of the State of Maryland to the Commission on Civic Literacy. The commission consists of 30 members, including members from the Executive and Legislative branches of government, as well as other community stakeholders.

### **Community Legacy Board**

*Community Legacy Program – Neighborhood Intervention Project Applications and Financial Assistance Fund (House Bill 1414/Chapter 726)*

This bill prohibits the Community Legacy Board from awarding more than a certain amount to a neighborhood intervention project except under certain circumstances. The Board may not allocate annually more than 15% of the Community Legacy Financial Assistance Fund to neighborhood intervention projects. It may not award more than \$500,000 for any neighborhood intervention project. These restrictions do not apply to the projects approved by the Secretary under subsection (F) of section 6-210, Article on Housing and Community Development.

### **Cosmetologists, State Board of**

*State Board of Cosmetologists – Executive Director (House Bill 1450/Chapter 467)*

This departmental bill repeals the requirement that the executive director of the State Board of Cosmetologists be a licensed senior cosmetologist or a master barber. It also eliminates the statutory requirement that the executive director be responsible for the day-to-day operations of the board.

### **Dental Examiners, Board of**

*Dental Hygienists - Expanded Functions (Senate Bill 602/Chapter 565 and House Bill 576/Chapter 566)*

This bill expands the scope of practice for a licensed dental hygienist and authorizes the Board of Dental Examiners to adopt regulations governing the education, training, evaluation, examination, and administration associated with the expanded scope of practice. In addition, the bill allows for more flexibility in unsupervised clinical hours that dental hygienists can work by making the 60% threshold currently applicable to any given calendar week applicable to a three-month period instead.

### **Drugs and Alcohol, Task Force to Combat Driving Under the Influence of**

*Criminal Procedure - Drunk and Drugged Driving - Probation Before Judgment (Senate Bill 259/Chapter 494 and House Bill 301/Chapter 495)*

This Administration bill expands, from 5 to 10 years, the period in which a prior conviction for specified alcohol- and/or drug-related driving offenses disqualifies a person from eligibility to be placed on probation before judgment (PBJ). If a defendant is ordered into treatment as a condition of probation, the bill also expands, from 5 to 10 years, the period in which a court is

prohibited from striking or staying the entry of judgment and placing the defendant on probation if, in that time, the defendant has been convicted of an alcohol- and/or drug-related driving offense or was placed on PBJ after being charged with an alcohol- and/or drug-related driving offense.

## **Education and Workforce Training Coordinating Council and the Institutional Educator Pay Plan Advisory Council**

*Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation – Workforce Development and Adult Learning Administration (Senate Bill 762/Chapter 309)*

This bill alters membership on the Institutional Educator Pay Plan Advisory Council and the Education and Workforce Training Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions.

The Institutional Educator Pay Plan Advisory Council membership increases from 4 to 5 members. Additionally, the bill stipulates that the membership include employee educators whose positions are included in the Institutional Educator Pay Plan from the Division of Workforce Development and Adult Learning in the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and the Juvenile Services Education Program in the Department of Education. The bill removes the position formerly held by the Division of Correctional Education in the Department of Education.

The bill increases the membership on the Education and Workforce Training Coordinating Council for Correctional Institutions from 7 to 14 members. The bill stipulates that four members of the council, rather than one, must be residents of the State appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Two members must represent the business community, one member must be a former offender, and one member must represent the general public. The bill adds several state officials as *ex officio* members: the Secretary of Business and Economic Development; the president of a community college in the State; the chair of the Governor's Workforce Investment Board; and the Director of Education and Workforce Skills Training for Correctional Institutions. The bill requires the Council to meet at least four times per year. The Director shall receive salary provided in the budget of the Department.

## **Education, State Board of**

*Education-Tween/Teen Dating Violence (Senate Bill 1049/Chapter 344)*

This bill requires the State Board of Education to encourage the county boards of education to incorporate age-appropriate lessons on dating violence into county boards' health education curriculum.

## **Elections, State Board of**

*Election Law – Voting Systems – Requirements (House Bill 893/Chapter 428)*

This bill requires the State Board of Elections to take certain actions if at the time of procurement of a voting system there is not commercially available a voting system that satisfies certain requirements. The bill also requires the State Board to select and certify a voting system that satisfies certain requirements with specified exceptions.

## **Elections, State Board of**

*Election Law - Early Voting (House Bill 1179/Chapter 445)*

This bill allows for early voting for the 2010 gubernatorial primary and general elections beginning the second Friday before the elections through the Thursday before the elections, but excluding Sunday, between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day. The early voting periods for the 2012 presidential primary and general elections run from the second Saturday before each election through the Thursday before the election, including Sunday. No later than six months before a primary election, the State Board of Elections (SBE), in collaboration with the local board of elections in each county, must designate each early voting center in that county.

## **Elections, State Board of**

*Campaign Finance – Reports and Affidavits – Failure to File (House Bill 1395/Chapter 458)*

This bill requires the State Board of Elections, instead of a local board of election, to assess a late filing fee for failure to file a campaign finance report or affidavit; requiring the State Board, instead of a local board of election, to accept overdue campaign finance reports or affidavit.

The State Board shall assess a late filing fee for a failure to file a campaign finance report or affidavit. The State Board shall accept an overdue campaign finance report or affidavit that is submitted without payment of the late filing fee, but the campaign finance report is not considered filed until the fee has been paid.

## **Financial Literacy in the State, Task Force to Study How to Improve**

*Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State – Membership, Staffing, and Extension (Senate Bill 140/Ch. 199 and House Bill 120/Chapter 200)*

This bill increases the membership of the Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State and provides for additional staffing of the task force. New members include the State Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee, the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the Secretary's designee, one representative from the Maryland Parents and Teachers Association, one representative from the Maryland Coalition for Financial Literacy, and one representative from a nonprofit credit counseling service. The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation is required to jointly staff the Task Force with the Department of Legislative Services. The bill further extends the task force's reporting date to December 1, 2009, and its termination date to June 30, 2010.

## **Future for Growth and Development, Task Force on the**

*Smart, Green, and Growing – Smart and Sustainable Growth Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 280/Chapter 180 and House Bill 297/Chapter 181)*

This bill requires the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development to make certain recommendations. The Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development, as established by Chapter 381 of the Acts of 2006, as amended by Chapter 626 of the Acts of 2007, shall make recommendations on the education course for members of a local jurisdiction's planning commission and board of appeals by July 1, 2009; (c) The Department of Planning, in

consultation with the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development, shall develop an online education course for members of planning commissions and boards of appeals.

### **Green Building Council**

*Environment - Green Building Council (Senate Bill 212/Chapter 224 and House Bill 154/Chapter 225)*

This bill expands the responsibilities of the Green Building Council to include providing certain recommendations on how to expand green building; expanding the scope of certain recommendations that the Council is required to make relating to the implementation of a certain building program.

### **Growth and Development, Task Force on the Future for**

*Smart, Green, and Growing-Annual Report-Smart Growth Goals, Measures, and Indicators and Implementation of Planning Visions (Senate Bill 276/Chapter 178 and House Bill 295/Chapter 179)*

Uncodified language in this bill requires that, after consultation with local governments, the National Center for Smart Growth Research and Education at the University of Maryland College Park and other stakeholders, the Task Force on the Future for Growth and Development shall make recommendations on or before July 1, 2009 on the additional measures and indicators that the State, the National Center, or a local jurisdiction should be required to collect.

### **Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of: Community Services Advisory Commission, Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Task Force, State Advisory Council on Medical Privacy and Confidentiality, Maryland Medical Advisory Committee, and State Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases**

*Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Commissions, Programs, and Reports – Revision (House Bill 70/Chapter 656)*

This bill repeals a number of commissions, councils, programs, and task forces within the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). The bill also repeals and consolidates a number of reports required by DHMH. Repealed units include: the Community Services Advisory Commission, the Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Task Force, and the State Advisory Council on Medical Privacy and Confidentiality. The bill repeals reporting requirements for Maryland Medical Advisory Committee and State Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases.

### **Health Care Commission, Maryland**

*Prince George's County Hospital Authority (Senate Bill 1039/Chapter 116 and House Bill 1486/Chapter 117)*

This bill authorizes the Maryland Health Care Commission to issue an exemption from certificate of need and waive the requirements of the State Health Plan in order to facilitate a recommendation by the Prince George's Hospital Authority to relocate beds or services of all or part of a facility.

## **Health Care Commission, Maryland**

*Health Maintenance Organizations - Payments to Nonparticipating Providers (House Bill 255/Chapter 664)*

This bill alters the rates that a health maintenance organization (HMO) must pay for a covered service rendered to an HMO enrollee by certain noncontracting health care providers. The Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) must annually review payment to health care providers to determine compliance with the bill and report its findings to the Maryland Insurance Administration (MIA). The bill takes effect January 1, 2010, and terminates December 31, 2014.

## **Health Care Commission, Maryland**

*Maryland Trauma Physician Services Fund – Rural Trauma Centers – Reimbursements (Senate Bill 464/Chapter 546 and House Bill 521/Chapter 547)*

This bill requires the Maryland Health Care Commission to make a certain determination on or before a certain date each year; prohibiting the Commission from making certain reimbursements under certain circumstances.

On or before May 1 of each year, the Commission shall determine appropriate levels of payment that can be sustained for the upcoming fiscal year, given the expected revenue in the fund. If expected revenue in the fund is insufficient to meet expected payments, the Commission may not reimburse level III trauma centers for traumas on-call hours under paragraph (4)(i)6 of this subsection for trauma on-call hours exceeding 35,040 hours until the remaining costs eligible for reimbursement under paragraph (4) of this subsection are fully funded.

## **Health Care Commission, Maryland**

*Health Insurance - Use of Physician Rating Systems by Carriers (Senate Bill 661/Chapter 585 and House Bill 585/Chapter 586)*

This bill establishes requirements for the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) to approve “ratings examiners” to review “physician rating systems.” The bill prohibits carriers from using a physician rating system unless the system is approved by a ratings examiner. To use a physician rating system, carriers must establish an appeals process for physicians and disclose specified information to physicians at least 45 days in advance of making evaluations available to enrollees or altering a physician rating system. The Insurance Commissioner is authorized to take specified action against carriers that use physician rating systems that are not in compliance with the bill. The bill takes effect January 1, 2010.

## **Health Care Commission, Maryland**

*Health Insurance - Small Group Market Regulation – Modifications (Senate Bill 637/Chapter 577 and House Bill 674/Chapter 578)*

This bill alters the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan (CSHP) sold in the small group health insurance market by permitting preexisting condition limitations, repealing the benefit floor, expanding the permissible range of rates, and permitting use of health status in rating. The bill has multiple effective dates beginning with July 1, 2009. Provisions relating to permissible rates and use of health status in rating take effect on and apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after July 1, 2010. All other

provisions relating to CSHP take effect on and apply to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2009.

The bill repeals the prohibition on preexisting condition limitations and instead subjects CHSP to those limitations currently applicable to group and blanket health insurance. The minimum benefit floor for CHSP is repealed. The requirement that CHSP include uniform deductibles and cost-sharing is also repealed, and instead Maryland Health Care Commission has to specify the deductibles and cost-sharing associated with the benefits in CHSP.

## **Health Care Commission, Maryland and the Health Services Cost Review Commission**

*Electronic Health Records - Regulation and Reimbursement (House Bill 706/Chapter 689)*

This bill requires the Maryland Health Care Commission (MHCC) and the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) to designate a State health information exchange (HIE) by October 1, 2009. By various deadlines, MHCC also must adopt regulations requiring “State-regulated payors” to provide incentives to providers to promote the adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records (EHRs); designate one or more management service organizations (MSOs) to offer EHR services; and submit specified reports. Beginning the later of January 1, 2015, or the date established for the imposition of penalties under the federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA), each provider using an EHR that seeks payment from a State-regulated payor must use EHRs that are certified by a national certification organization designated by MHCC and capable of connecting to and exchanging data with the State HIE. State-regulated payors may reduce payments to health care providers for noncompliance with these requirements. The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

## **Health Services Cost Review Commission**

*Health Services Cost Review Commission - Financial Assistance and Debt Collection Policies (House Bill 1069/Chapter 311)*

This bill alters the requirements for hospital financial assistance and debt collection policies by requiring hospitals to: (1) provide free and reduced-cost care to individuals with specified incomes; (2) develop an information sheet and provide certain notice to patients; and (3) submit to the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) a debt collection policy that adheres to specified standards. A hospital that knowingly violates any financial assistance policy provision or regulation is subject to a fine of up to \$50,000 per violation. Uncodified language imposes reporting requirements on HSCRC. The bill takes effect June 1, 2009.

## **Health Services Cost Review Commission**

*Health Services Cost Review Commission-Financial Assistance and Debt Collection Policies (Senate Bill 776/Chapter 310)*

Under the bill, the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) must require each acute care hospital in the state: 1) to develop a financial assistance policy for providing free and reduced-cost care to patients who lack health care coverage or whose health care coverage does not pay the full cost of the hospital bill; 2) to develop an information sheet and provide certain

notice to patients; and (3) submit to the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) a debt collection policy that adheres to specified standards. A hospital that knowingly violates any financial assistance policy provision or regulation is subject to a fine of up to \$50,000 per violation. Uncodified language imposes reporting requirements on HSCRC.

### **Health Services Cost Review Commission**

*State Health Services Cost Review Commission - Health Care Facilities - Required Forms (House Bill 487/Chapter 398)*

This bill requires each hospital regulated by the Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) to submit to HSCRC as part of its annual filings the most recent form 990 that the hospital has submitted to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

### **Higher Education Commission, Maryland**

*College Textbook Competition and Affordability Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 183/Chapter 520 and House Bill 85/Chapter 521)*

This bill requires certain institutions to report to the Maryland Higher Education Commission regarding certain efforts to lower the cost of certain textbooks, and certain policies developed in accordance with this Act, and certain recommendations. The bill requires the Commission, in consultation with certain stakeholders, to conduct certain feasibility studies on or before a certain date and report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date.

On or before December 1, 2011, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with the University System of Maryland, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Morgan State University, the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, and the Maryland Independent College and University Association, shall conduct a feasibility study regarding:

(1) the establishment of one or more textbook rental programs in Maryland that would allow students to lease textbooks on a per book, per credit hour, or per course basis, including an analysis of start-up costs and funding options such as private sector donations and grants; and  
(2) the establishment of a statewide digital marketplace for college textbooks and supplemental material including: (i) an analysis of the infrastructure, technology, and support services necessary to allow institutions, students, faculty, bookstores, publishers, and other stakeholders to interact efficiently; and (ii) a consideration of digital rights management capabilities and transactional processes needed for both fee-based and no-cost content; and (3) the accessibility of the digital marketplace and any and all electronic textbooks and supplemental material to blind and print-disabled students and faculty members. On or before December 31, 2011, the Maryland Higher Education Commission shall:

(1) compile the reports required under paragraph (a) of this section; and (2) submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, the compilation, the results of the feasibility studies conducted under paragraph (a) (b) of this section, and make recommendations regarding textbook rental programs and, the establishment of a digital marketplace including cost estimates to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, and statewide policy initiatives that will further ameliorate the high cost of undergraduate and graduate education as impacted by textbook prices based on information gathered under subsection (a) of this section.

## **Higher Education Commission, Maryland**

*Higher Education - Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program – Alterations (Senate Bill 802/Chapter 607 and House Bill 710/Chapter 608)*

This bill authorizes eligible postsecondary institutions rather than the Office of Student Financial Aid in the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to determine eligibility and award Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarships.

## **Higher Education Commission, Maryland**

*State Plan for Higher Education Quadrennial Review – Reporting Date (House Bill 1403/Chapter 460)*

This emergency departmental bill extends the deadline by which the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) must submit a quadrennial review of the State Plan for Higher Education to the Governor and the General Assembly from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2009.

## **Higher Education Commission, Maryland**

*Higher Education – Enforcement Powers of Maryland Higher Education Commission and Secretary of Higher Education (House Bill 1435/Chapter 465)*

This departmental bill authorizes the Secretary of the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to issue a cease and desist order, issue a notice of violation, and impose a penalty of up to \$5,000 to an institution of postsecondary education operating without a required certificate of approval. Acting through the Attorney General, the Secretary may seek an injunction or other judicial remedy against such institutions.

## **Horse Industry Board, Maryland**

*Maryland Horse Industry Board - Equine Activities (House Bill 955/Chapter 699)*

This bill clarifies the various types of equine-related activities that fall under the regulatory authority of the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB) and specifies what activities are not subject to regulation by MHIB. The bill also requires that equine activities be treated as agricultural activities for provisions of State law relating to MHIB.

## **Horse Industry Board, Maryland**

*Maryland Horse Industry Fund - Assessments on Commercial Equine Feed (House Bill 973/Chapter 702)*

This bill increases the maximum per ton assessment, from \$2 to \$6, that may be imposed by the Maryland Horse Industry Board (MHIB) on commercial equine feed sold in Maryland. The bill specifies that any unspent or unencumbered balance in the fund at the end of a fiscal year may not revert to the general fund.

## **Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee, Joint**

*Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee – Membership and Duties (House Bill 438/Chapter 140)*

This bill renames and codifies the Joint Technology Oversight Committee to be the Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee. The membership of the committee increases from 10 to 12 with the addition of one senator and one delegate.

The committee must work to broaden the support, knowledge, and awareness of information technology and biotechnology, evaluate related issues, and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, Legislative Policy Committee, Senate Finance Committee and House Economic Matters Committee by December 1 each year.

### **Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, Board for**

*Injured Workers' Insurance Fund-Regulation and Status (Senate Bill 959/Chapter 336)*

This bill specifies that each member of the Board for Injured Workers' Insurance Fund is entitled to reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of the Board member's duties and that each member of the Board must be paid biweekly. The bill also requires the Board to keep reserves and surplus in accordance with the Insurance Article. Finally, the bill requires the Board to adopt a schedule of premium rates in accordance with sound actuarial practices and to ensure that the rates are not excessive, inadequate, or unfairly discriminatory.

### **Injured Workers' Insurance Fund, Board for the**

*Injured Workers' Insurance Fund - Board – Term Limits (Senate Bill 161/Chapter 204)*

This bill alters term limits for board members of the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund (IWIF). Under the bill, a member of the board may not serve for more than either two full terms or a total of 10 years.

### **Judicial Compensation Commission**

*Judicial Compensation Commission (Senate Bill 307/Chapter 2)*

This emergency bill alters the meeting schedule for the Judicial Compensation Commission provided in the State budget by requiring them to meet on September 1, 2009 and every four years thereafter. In addition, the bill establishes that, for the 2009 session only, the failure of the General Assembly to pass the joint resolution of the Commission by the fiftieth day of session may not deem effective the salary increases within the resolution.

### **Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, Board of Trustees of**

*Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation-Imposition of Civil Penalties by Board of Trustees-Authorization (Senate Bill 89/Chapter 24)*

This bill authorizes the Board of Trustees of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF), after an opportunity for a hearing and a reasonable amount of time to correct the alleged violation, to impose a civil penalty on specified property owners of up to \$2,500 per violation for specified violations, but not more than \$50,000 per administrative hearing. Penalty revenue is directed to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Fund.

### **Mortality and Quality Review Committee**

*Mortality and Quality Review Committee – Sunset Extension and Membership (Senate Bill 305/Chapter 48 and House Bill 93/Chapter 49)*

The bill removes the Deputy Secretary of Public Health from the committee's membership, and adds the Deputy Secretary of Behavioral Health and Disabilities. This bill extends the

termination date on a requirement for the Mortality and Quality Review Committee to submit specific reports regarding incidents of injury and quality of care and for the Office of Health Care Quality (OHCQ) to provide the committee with specified data necessary for the reports from September 30, 2009 to December 31, 2012.

### **Motor Vehicle Towing Practices, Task Force to Study**

*Task Force to Study Motor Vehicle Towing Practices – Extension (House Bill 978/Chapter 704)*

This bill reestablishes the Task Force to Study Motor Vehicle Towing Practices and extends its termination date from May 31, 2009 to December 31, 2009. The bill requires the task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2009. The bill takes effect June 1, 2009.

### **Nursing Home Administrators, State Board of Examiners of**

*State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators – Composition and Executive Director (Senate Bill 471/Chapter 71)*

This bill expands the membership of the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators from 11 to 13 members. The bill expands from five to six the number of members who must be licensed nursing home administrators, one of whom must include a licensed nursing home administrator with experience with the Eden Alternative Green House or a similar program, if practicable, a physician or a nurse practitioner who specializes in geriatrics, a geriatric social worker, and a representative of the Office of Health Care Quality who serves as an *ex officio* member. The number of consumer members is reduced from four to two, and one of the consumer members must have, or have had, a family member living in a nursing home. The bill also requires the full board to appoint, and the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to confirm, the executive director, who must have at least a bachelor's degree. This requirement does not apply to the current executive director.

### **Oyster Advisory Commission and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission**

*Natural Resources - Oyster Shell Purchase Program - Fair Market Value (Senate Bill 810/Chapter 318 and House Bill 177/Chapter 319)*

This bill requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to consult with the Oyster Advisory Commission (OAC) and the Tidal Fisheries Advisory Commission on fresh oyster shell, placement, and transportation rates and to establish an annual payment rate for transportation and placement of fresh oyster shells. The bill clarifies the areas in which licensed oyster dealers may plant, or provide for planting, specified oyster shells. The Secretary of Natural Resources is required to adopt regulations. Finally, a 25 cents per bushel limit on DNR oyster shell purchases is repealed.

### **Park and Planning Commission, Maryland-National Capital**

*Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee Membership (House Bill 1144/Chapter 443)*

This bill adds a representative of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

## **Pharmacy, State Board of**

*State Board of Pharmacy - Pharmacy Permit - Term and Renewal (Senate Bill 309/Chapter 532 and House Bill 252/Chapter 533)*

This bill extends the term that a pharmacy permit is valid from one to two years and requires the State Board of Pharmacy to send each permit holder a renewal notice by October 1 of the year in which the permit expires, rather than by November 1. Finally, the bill removes the requirement that, along with a renewal notice, the board send a renewal application to a permit holder. The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

## **Pharmacy, Physician, and Nursing, State Boards of**

*Pharmacists-Administration of Vaccinations-Expanded Authority (Senate Bill 700/Chapter 304)*

This bill expands the types of vaccinations that may be administered by a pharmacist to any vaccination that the Board of Pharmacy, Board of Physicians, and Board of Nursing determines is in the best interest of the community. The vaccinations must be administered in accordance with regulations to be set jointly by the three boards, which are required to meet at least annually.

## **Physicians, State Board of**

*Radiation Therapists, Radiographers, Nuclear Medicine Technologist, and Radiologist Assistants – Renewal Requirements for Licenses (House Bill 374/Chapter 13)*

This bill requires that a licensed radiation therapist, radiographer, nuclear medicine technologist, or radiologist assistant meet, as a condition of license renewal, any additional renewal requirements set by the Board of Physicians. In addition, the bill repeals the language “otherwise entitled to be licensed” as a condition of license renewal.

## **Physicians, State Board of**

*Health Occupations - Maryland Athletic Trainers Act (Senate Bill 247/Chapter 529 and House Bill 173/Chapter 530)*

This bill requires the State Board of Physicians to license and regulate the practice of athletic training and establishes an Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee within the board.

## **Physicians, State Board of**

*State Board of Physicians – Polysomnographic Technologists – Education and Licensing Requirements (Senate Bill 433/Chapter 261 and House Bill 597/Chapter 262)*

This bill requires the State Board of Physicians to waive certain education requirements for certain polysomnographic technologists who meet certain requirements by a certain date.

The Board shall waive the education requirement of this subtitle if, on or before September 30, 2011, an individual who has passed the national, certifying examination by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists: 1) is certified by the Board of Registered Polysomnographic Technologists as a registered polysomnographic technologist; 2) has submitted an application for licensure to the Board; and 3) and meets all of the requirements under under § 14-5C-09(b) and (c)(1) and (2) of this subtitle.

## **Pharmacy and Physicians, State Boards of**

*Group Model Health Maintenance Organizations-Drug Therapy Management (Senate Bill 791/Chapter 314 and House Bill 725/Chapter 315)*

The bill sets standards for licensed physicians and licensed pharmacists who wish to provide drug therapy management to patients in a group model health maintenance organization (HMO). The bill requires a licensed physician and a licensed pharmacist who wish to provide drug therapy management to patients to have a physician-pharmacy agreement that is approved by the State Board of Pharmacy and the State Board of Physicians. The bill prohibits the Board of Physicians and the Board of Pharmacy from approving a physician-pharmacist agreement if the boards find that there is inadequate training, experience, or education of the physicians or pharmacists to implement the protocol or protocols specified in the physician-pharmacist agreement or there is a failure to satisfy the requirements of the law or Title 14 of the Health Occupations Article or any regulations adopted by the Board of Physicians or Board of Pharmacy.

## **Police and Correctional Training Commissions**

*Public Safety - Electronic Control Devices – Requirements (Senate Bill 850/Chapter 320 and House Bill 539/Chapter 321)*

The bill requires the Police Training Commission and Correctional Training Commission to add entrance-level and annual in-service training in the proper use of electronic control devices to curricula, for police and correctional officers who are issued an electronic control device by a law enforcement agency, consistent with established law enforcement standards and federal and State constitutional provisions.

## **Public Accountancy, State Board of**

*State Board of Public Accountancy – Reinstatement Fee for Expired Firm Permits (House Bill 1440/Chapter 466)*

This bill authorizes the State Board of Public Accountancy to reinstate the permit to practice certified public accountancy of a firm that has failed to renew its permit on the payment of a reinstatement fee if the firm is otherwise entitled to a permit. In accordance with its regulations, the Board may reinstate the permit of a firm that has failed to renew the permit for any reason if the firm otherwise is entitled to a permit; and pays to the Board a reinstatement set by the Board.

## **Public Art, Maryland Commission on**

*Business and Economic Development - Maryland Public Art Initiative – Sunset Repeal (House Bill 1406/Chapter 724)*

This bill repeals the termination provision applicable to the Maryland Public Art Initiative Program, the Maryland Public Art Fund, and the Maryland Commission on Public Art.

## **Public Service Commission**

*Public Utility Companies-Energy Efficiency, Conservation, and Demand Response Programs-Selection of HVAC Service Providers (Senate Bill 955/Chapter 333)*

This bill requires that if an energy efficiency plan of an electric company seeks to provide heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC), or refrigeration services for its customers, the plan must include procedures for the competitive selection for the service provider. However, the Public Service Commission, on request by the electric company and for good cause shown, may waive this requirement that the electric company competitively select service providers.

## **Public Service Commission**

*Electric Universal Service Program – Modifications (Senate Bill 703/Chapter 305 and House Bill 736/Chapter 306)*

This emergency bill alters the electric universal service program (EUSP) by removing restrictions on how the Department of Human Resources (DHR) may provide benefits for low-income energy bill assistance through EUSP. The requirement that assistance offered through EUSP meet at least 50% of determined need is removed. The \$1.5 million limit on the total amount of assistance that DHR can provide for the retirement of arrearages for electric customers who have not previously received assistance for arrearages is altered, allowing the Public Service Commission (PSC) to determine the maximum amount that may be granted.

## **Public Service Commission**

*Public Service Companies – Termination of Electric and Gas Service – Extreme Temperatures (Senate Bill 1057/Chapter 345 and House Bill 453/Chapter 346)*

This bill requires the Public Service Commission to require certain public service companies to designate certain weather station areas for certain purposes.

The Commission shall require each public service company that provides electric or gas service to designate and file with the Commission designated weather station areas within its service territory for use in administering the restrictions on weather-related terminations under subsections (A) and (B) of this section. This section may not be construed to limit the authority of the Commission to adopt, by regulation or order, additional limitations and conditions on termination of electric or gas service that are more protective of consumers. The Commission shall adopt regulation to carry out this section.

## **Quality Care at the End of Life, State Advisory Council on**

*State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life- Membership (Senate Bill 1054/Chapter 118)*

This bill adds one member to the State Advisory Council on Quality of Care at the End of Life, increasing membership to 23 from 22. The new member is added to the number of appointments made by the Governor and must be a representative of the nursing home industry.

## **Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force, Maryland**

*Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force- Reconstitution (Senate Bill 370/Chapter 249 and House Bill 367/Chapter 250)*

This emergency bill re-establishes the Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force and adds two legislative members. The original task force consisted of one representative from the Maryland Department of Transportation, one representative from the Maryland Department of the Environment, one representative from an organization representing the interests of automobile manufacturers, two or three representatives who are legally blind and have experience in training the blind to travel safely to represent the organized blind community, and two or three representatives who represent pedestrian organizations. The reconstituted task force consists of the same membership, plus the new legislative members. The bill requires that the final report be made to the Governor in addition to the General Assembly. The termination date and the final reporting deadline of the task force is December 31, 2010. The bill expresses legislative intent that the Governor appoints the same individuals who were appointed to the predecessor task force established by Chapter 384 of 2008. Finally, a technical correction is made to reflect the fact that quiet vehicles are registered, but not licensed, by the State.

## **Retirement and Pension System, State**

*State Retirement and Pension System - Board of Trustees - Attendance and Educational Training (House Bill 446/Chapter 674)*

This bill expands the reasons for which a member of the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System may be granted an excused absence to include jury duty and attendance at investment or fiduciary training. It also repeals requirements that investment and fiduciary training for trustees be conducted in the State and by entities who are not affiliated with any of the system's external investment managers. Instead, the training must be approved by the chairman of the board. The bill specifies that an elected member of the board representing employees must be given reasonable time during work to attend board or committee meetings. By September 1 of each year, the board must submit a report to the Joint Commission on Pensions summarizing the cost and nature of travel expenses incurred by staff and board members during the prior fiscal year. The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

## **Social Work Examiners, State Board of**

*Health Occupations – Licensure of Social Workers (Senate Bill 628/Chapter 86 and House Bill 510/Chapter 87)*

This bill requires the Board of Social Work Examiners, when reviewing an application for licensure to practice social work, to notify each applicant whether he or she has been approved to take the licensure exam within 60 days after the application was submitted. In addition, the bill requires the board to establish a workgroup of consisting of Board members, representatives of social work associations, human service providers who employ social workers and other interested stakeholders to examine licensure and reciprocity issues and report its findings to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Matters Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee by January 1, 2010.

## **Somers Cove Marina Commission**

*Natural Resources – Somers Cove Marina Commission (House Bill 1373/Chapter 456)*

This emergency bill makes several changes to the Somers Cove Marina Commission's personnel status, vehicle use authority, and procurement authority. The bill authorizes Commission employees, who are not Department of Natural Resources (DNR) employees, to use DNR vehicles and equipment, DNR to transfer vehicles, equipment, and other inventory to the commission, and the Commission's executive director to implement an emergency procurement so long as there is as much competition as possible and a written report justifying the emergency procurement is submitted. Procurement in support of enterprise activities for the purpose of direct resale or remanufacture and subsequent resale is exempted from specified procurement provisions. The bill designates employees or officials of the commission as State personnel under the Maryland Tort Claims Act (MTCA).

## **Stationary Engineers, Plumbing, and Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration, the State Boards of**

*Waiver of Examination Requirements - BRAC - Stationary Engineers, Plumbers, Gas Fitters, and Heating, Ventilation, Air-Conditioning, and Refrigeration Contractors (House Bill 1452/Chapter 731)*

This departmental bill exempts individuals licensed as stationary engineers, plumbers, gas fitters, and heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration (HVACR) contractors in specified jurisdictions outside the State from the State's licensing examinations in those trades, if these individuals have relocated to the State because of a family member's reassignment due to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. The request for a waiver must be made before July 1, 2012.

## **Sustainable Forestry Council**

*Sustainable Forestry Act of 2009 (Senate Bill 549/Chapter 175)*

This bill renames the Forest Advisory Commission in the Department of Natural Resources as the Sustainable Forestry Council. This Council consists of 9 members who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice of the Secretary, to serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

## **Title Insurance Industry in Maryland, Commission to Study the**

*Title Insurance Producers-Regulation and Requirements (Senate Bill 86/Chapter 361)*

The Commission to Study the Title Insurance Industry in Maryland must review the adequacy of the bonding and letter of credit requirements and include its findings in its final report due by December 15, 2009.

## **Tobacco Authority, State**

*State Tobacco Authority- Repeal (Senate Bill 74/ Chapter18)*

The bill repeals the State Tobacco Authority.

## **Transit Authority Board, Washington Metropolitan Area**

*Washington Metropolitan Area Authority – Finance and Governance (Senate Bill 915/Chapter 111)*

This bill increases the number of members on the Board of Directors for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board from six to eight to include two new directors representing the federal government. The bill directs the Administrator of General Services to appoint the two new federal directors, one of whom must be a regular passenger and customer of WMATA's bus or rail service. Additionally, the bill requires the Administrator of General Agency to appoint two nonvoting members to serve as the alternates for the federal directors. The bill also directs the nonfederal signatories to appoint alternates for their directors. The bill stipulates that an alternate director may only act in the absence of a director for whom he has been appointed as an alternate, except that, in the case of the District of Columbia, where only one director and his alternate are present, such alternate may act on behalf of the absent director. Each alternate, including the nonvoting federal directors, serves at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The bill clarifies that a director of a signatory may be removed or suspended from office only as provided by law of the signatory for which he was appointed.

## **Veterinary Medical Examiners, State Board of**

*State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners - Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation (House Bill 62/Chapter 123)*

This bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners by 10 years to July 1, 2021, and requires an evaluation of the board by July 1, 2020. The bill includes a related reporting requirement.

## **Veterinary Medical Examiners, State Board of**

*State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners - Veterinary Education - Continuing Education Requirements (House Bill 1413/Chapter 725)*

This departmental bill authorizes the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners to establish an annual continuing education requirement of at least 12 hours for veterinarians as a condition of license renewal. Under current law, the Board is authorized to establish a 12-hour continuing education program.

## **Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission**

*Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission – Appointment of District of Columbia Member (Senate Bill 513/Chapter 76)*

This bill changes the District of Columbia agency from which the District of Columbia member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission is appointed from the Public Service Commission of the District of Columbia to a District of Columbia agency with oversight of matters relating to the Commission. However, the bill establishes that the current member from the District of Columbia is held harmless under the effective date of this bill.

## **Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission**

*Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission - Comprehensive Whistleblower Protection (House Bill 1133/Chapter 162)*

This bill requires the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) to implement whistleblower protection regulations by October 1, 2010.

## **Well Drillers, State Board of**

*State Board of Well Drillers- Sunset Extension and Program Evaluation (Senate Bill 117/Chapter 29)*

This bill extends the termination date for the State Board of Well Drillers by 10 years to July 1, 2021, and requires an evaluation of the board by July 1, 2020. The bill includes a related reporting requirement.

## **Women, Maryland Commission for**

*Maryland Commission for Women – Appointment of Members (Senate Bill 149/ Chapter 34 and House Bill 1153/Chapter 35)*

This bill alters the nomination and appointment process for members of the Maryland Commission for Women by requiring the Governor to appoint all members with the advice and consent of the Senate and removing the authority of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to individually appoint members to the commission. Of the 25 members, twelve members must be appointed from among applicants who have been nominated and recommended for appointment by organizations located in the State whose interests relate to the status of women and thirteen must be from among applicants applying on their own behalf. Commissioners, appointed by the Governor, Senate President, and Speaker of the House of Delegates and whose terms end in 2009, 2010, and 2011, may be reappointed by the Governor for one additional consecutive term of office or replaced with new members nominated and appointed in accordance with the bill's provisions.

## **Workers' Compensation Commission**

*Workers' Compensation - Death Benefits for Partially Dependent Individuals – Payment (Senate Bill 863/Chapter 616 and House Bill 899/Chapter 617)*

This bill increases the maximum workers' compensation payment to partially dependent or partially self-supporting individuals from \$60,000 to \$75,000. The bill also requires the Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC) to conduct a study on statutory provisions related to death benefit payments to individuals dependent on a covered employee. WCC must report its findings and recommendations to the Senate Finance Committee and House Economic Matters Committee by December 1, 2009. The bill takes effect July 1, 2009, and applies to any claims filed for death benefits on or after September 1, 2007.

## **Youth Advisory Council, Maryland**

*Maryland Youth Advisory Council – Youth Members (Senate Bill 463/Chapter 69 and House Bill 485/Chapter70)*

This bill expands the term of a youth member of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council from nine months to one year and expands the term of the youth co-chair from nine months to one

year. The Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) must allow youth council members up to four lawful absences from school per year for council business. The terms of youth members in office on June 1, 2009 expire on August 30, 2009. Youth members of the council serve nine-month terms from September 1 through June 1.

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**Part VI**  
**Reports to the General Assembly**  
**And Its Committees**

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**New Reports to the Presiding Officers and the General Assembly, as a Result of 2009 Legislation**

Citation	Agency	Topic
SB 278, Ch. 172(2) HB 315, Ch. 171(2) EN § 2-1207(b)	An Institution of Higher Education Task Force to oversee the independent study required by Environment Article § 2-1207	(a)(1) an Institution of Higher Education in the state shall conduct an independent study of the economic impact of requiring greenhouse gas emissions reductions from the state’s manufacturing sector. (2) the Governor shall appoint a task force to oversee the independent study required by this section. (3) the task force shall include representatives of: (i) labor unions; (ii) affected industries and businesses; (iii) environmental organizations; and (iv) low-income and minority communities. (4) to the extent practicable, the members appointed to the task force shall reflect the geographic, racial, and gender diversity of the State. (b) on or before October 1, 2015, the Institution of Higher Education responsible for the independent study shall complete and submit the study to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
SB 11, Ch. 505 ART 24 § 9-602(e)	Arts Council of Anne Arundel County, Inc. Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau	The Arts Council of Anne Arundel County, Inc. and the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitors Bureau shall report to the Anne Arundel County Executive and the members of the General Assembly representing Anne Arundel County on their use of hotel tax revenue during the preceding fiscal year.
HB 533, Ch. 677(4(a))	Board of Public Works Procurement Advisory Council	On or before December 1, 2009, the Procurement Advisory Council in the Board of Public Works shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on: (1) the extent of collaboration and cooperation that exists among State and local entities for public purchasing; (2) means in place for making information about State and local contracts available to other State and local entities; (3) means and methods for expanding items (1) and (2) of this subsection in order to improve cost effectiveness and efficiency in procurement; and (4) methods for maximizing the opportunity for small businesses to compete for intergovernmental cooperative purchasing contracts that are not solicited through eMaryland Marketplace.
HB 1321, Ch. 718 CJ § 3-8C-12	Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals	On or before November 1 of each year, the Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on each Truancy Reduction Pilot Program established under this subtitle.
SB 552, Ch. 277(3)	Comptroller of the Treasury	That, on or before March 15, 2010, the Comptroller shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on: (1) The revenues raised under the amnesty program; and (2) Other matters relating to the amnesty program.
SB 516, Ch. 553 HB 449, Ch. 554 AG § 10-14A-03	Department of Agriculture	On or before November 15 of each year, the Department [of Agriculture] shall report on the status of organic agriculture in the state to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

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Citation	Agency	Topic
HB 62, Ch. 123(2)	Department of Agriculture State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners	That, on or before October 1, 2009, the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article. The report shall address the following issues as outlined in the Department of Legislative Services preliminary sunset evaluation dated December 2008: (1) Registered veterinary technicians; (2) Penalty authority; (3) Public outreach; and (4) Disciplinary caseload.
HB 268, Ch. 385 HU § 5-304(b)(3)(ii)	Department of Budget & Management	In consultation with the Secretary, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall report, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly: ... (ii) on or before November 1 of each year, on the number of recipients, children of current or former recipients, foster youth, and obligors hired and retained by the principal Departments within the executive branch of State Government.
HB 268, Ch. 385 HU § 5-304(b)(3)(i)	Department of Budget & Management	In consultation with the Secretary, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall report, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly: (i) on or before January 1, 2010, on the development of the hiring plan for current and former recipients, children of current or former recipients, foster youth, and obligors.
HB 735, Ch. 690 SG § 8-3A-02(c)	Department of Budget & Management	In accordance with § 2-1246 of this Article, on or before December 31 of each gubernatorial election year, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Delegates on the total number of state employees employed with regard to political affiliation, belief, or opinion under this section.
HB 735, Ch. 690(2)	Department of Budget & Management	(a) The Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the appropriate department secretaries and agency heads, shall evaluate all skilled and professional service positions considered special appointments under § 6-405(a)(3) of the State Personnel and Pensions Article to determine whether these positions should continue to be considered special appointments in the State Personnel Management System. (b) The Secretary shall: (1) on or before July 1, 2011, complete the evaluation required under subsection (a) of this section; and (2) on or before January 1, 2012, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, report the results of the evaluation to the Governor and the General Assembly.

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Citation	Agency	Topic
SB 234, Ch. 526 HB 184, Ch. 527	Department of Education	<p>On or before December 1, 2009, the Department [of Education] shall submit to the Governor, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, a copy of the finalized Business Plan that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) any feedback and comments from county superintendents and local governing bodies under subsection (b) of this section;</li> <li>(2) a cost projection for the staged implementation of the finalized Business Plan;</li> <li>(3) an evaluation of the State’s mandated pre-Kindergarten income eligibility level;</li> <li>(4) a comparison of income eligibility levels for preschool services in Maryland and other states;</li> <li>(5) the feasibility of expanding the State’s mandated income eligibility levels for preschool services, utilizing all available funding sources;</li> <li>(6) the feasibility of and a cost projection for identifying pre-Kindergarten students attending public schools as enrolled students under § 5-202(a)(6) of the Education Article;</li> <li>(7) the level of participation in preschool services by the eligible population in the State; and</li> <li>(8) the level of demand for access to preschool services by the noneligible population in the State.</li> </ul>
HB 113, Ch. 371	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>(a) On or before September 1, 2009, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit an interim report ... in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the feasibility of creating a coordinated care program to reform the provision of long-term care services under the Medical Assistance program in a manner that improves and integrates the care of individuals, including health care services, designed as necessary to meet the differing needs of seniors and adults with disabilities in the State. ...</p> <p>(f) The Department shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) include in the interim report required under subsection (a) of this section a timeline and work plan for the stakeholder process required under subsection (e) of this section.</li> </ul> <p><b>[1 of 2 reports.]</b></p>
HB 113, Ch. 371	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>(a) ... the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene ... on or before December 1, 2010, shall submit a final report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the feasibility of creating a coordinated care program to reform the provision of long-term care services under the Medical Assistance program in a manner that improves and integrates the care of individuals, including health care services, designed as necessary to meet the differing needs of seniors and adults with disabilities in the State. ...</p> <p>(f) The Department shall:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2) include in the final report required under subsection (a) of this section, draft legislation for approval by the General Assembly that would enact the consensus recommendations developed through the stakeholder process</li> </ul> <p><b>[2 of 2 reports.]</b></p>

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HB 500, Ch. 400 HG § 15-305(d)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	On or before June 30, 2011, the Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the effectiveness of the eligibility and enrollment information mailings, including, in total amounts and amounts broken out by school year, the number of parents and guardians receiving the eligibility and enrollment information and the number of students and parents who were enrolled in the program or the Maryland Children's Health Program as a result of the requirements of this section.
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 15-103.5	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	(a) for the calendar year prior to the report date under subsection (b) of this section, the Department [of Health & Mental Hygiene] shall review the rates paid to providers under the federal Medicare fee schedule and compare the rates under the Medicare fee schedule to the fee-for-service rates paid to similar providers for the same services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the rates paid to managed care organization providers for the same services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program. (b) on or before January 1, 2010, and each January 1 thereafter, the Department shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on: (1) the review and comparison under subsection (a) of this section; (2) whether the fee-for-service rates and managed care organization provider rates will exceed the rates paid under the Medicare fee schedule for the period covered by the review required under subsection (a) of this section; (3) an analysis of the fee-for-service reimbursement rates paid in other states and how those rates compare with those in the state; (4) a schedule for bringing the state's fee-for-service reimbursement rates to a level that assures that all health care providers are reimbursed adequately to provide access to care; and (5) an analysis of the estimated costs of implementing the schedule and any proposed changes to the fee-for-service reimbursement rates for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program.
SB 664, Ch. 418 HB 782, Ch. 417 HG § 19-14B-01(f)(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	On or before October 1, 2010, the Department [of Health & Mental Hygiene] shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the evaluation required under subsection (f)(1) of this section.
SB 761, Ch. 308	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	(g) If the General Assembly enacts legislation that requires the submission of a federal waiver, the Department [of Health & Mental Hygiene] shall submit the waiver on or before June 1, 2011.

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SB 761, Ch. 308	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>(a) On or before September 1, 2009, the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit an interim report ... to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the feasibility of creating a coordinated care program to reform the provision of long–term care services under the Medical Assistance program in a manner that improves and integrates the care of individuals, including health care services, designed as necessary to meet the differing needs of seniors and adults with disabilities in the State. ...</p> <p>(f) The Department shall:</p> <p>(1) include in the interim report required under subsection (a) of this section a timeline and work plan for the stakeholder process required under subsection (e) of this section.</p> <p><b>[1 of 2 reports.]</b></p>
SB 761, Ch. 308	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>(a) ... the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene ... on or before December 1, 2010, shall submit a final report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the feasibility of creating a coordinated care program to reform the provision of long–term care services under the Medical Assistance program in a manner that improves and integrates the care of individuals, including health care services, designed as necessary to meet the differing needs of seniors and adults with disabilities in the State. ...</p> <p>(f) The Department shall: ...</p> <p>(2) include in the final report required under subsection (a) of this section draft legislation for approval by the General Assembly that would enact the consensus recommendations developed through the stakeholder process.</p> <p><b>[2 of 2 reports.]</b></p>
SB 796, Ch. 603 HB 957, Ch. 604	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>(a) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with the Office of the Treasurer, shall convene a workgroup of affected stakeholders to evaluate and make recommendations regarding:</p> <p>(1) the structure of the Community Services Trust Fund;</p> <p>(2) the transfer of funds to the Trust Fund;</p> <p>(3) the use and protection of the funds that are transferred to the Trust Fund; and</p> <p>(4) other issues relevant to maximizing the effectiveness of the Trust Fund.</p> <p>(b) On or before December 1, 2009, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p>

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SB 796, Ch. 603(2) HB 957, Ch. 604(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	(a) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, in collaboration with the Office of the Treasurer, shall convene a workgroup of affected stakeholders to evaluate and make recommendations regarding: (1) the structure of the Community Services Trust Fund; (2) the transfer of funds to the Trust Fund; (3) the use and protection of the funds that are transferred to the Trust Fund; and (4) other issues relevant to maximizing the effectiveness of the Trust Fund. (b) On or before December 1, 2009, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report the findings and recommendations of the workgroup to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
SB 808, Ch. 609(2) HB 243, Ch. 610(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	That, on or before October 1, 2013, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall submit a report on the status of the farmstead cheese program to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
HB 510, Ch. 87(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Board of Social Work Examiners	That the Board of Social Work Examiners shall establish a workgroup consisting of Board members, representatives of social worker associations, human service providers who employ social workers, and other interested stakeholders, to: (1) examine and make recommendations on the licensure statute and the process by which licenses are issued; (2) examine issues affecting the status of the workforce in the State, including examination requirements, reciprocity with other states, supervision requirements, and other relevant issues; and (3) on or before January 1, 2010, report its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee.
SB 776, Ch. 310(3) HB 1069, Ch. 311(3)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Health Services Cost Review Commission	(a) The Health Services Cost Review Commission shall study and make recommendations on incentives for hospitals to provide free and reduced-cost care to patients without the means to pay their hospital bills. (b) The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2009.

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<p>SB 776, Ch. 310(2) HB 1069, Ch. 311(2)</p>	<p>Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene Health Services Cost Review Commission workgroup on patient financial assistance and debt collection</p>	<p>(a) The Health Services Cost Review Commission shall establish a workgroup on patient financial assistance and debt collection. The workgroup shall review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the need for uniform policies among hospitals relating to patient financial assistance and debt collection, including as elements within any uniform policies: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) income thresholds and any special treatment of disability and pension income;</li> <li>(ii) asset thresholds and treatment of various types of assets;</li> <li>(iii) use of liens to enforce collection of a debt;</li> <li>(iv) collection procedures;</li> <li>(v) establishment of guardianship;</li> <li>(vi) use of judgments to collect debts; and</li> <li>(vii) patient education and outreach to inform patients of the availability of financial assistance with their bills;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(2) the desirability of applying any uniform policies to private psychiatric and chronic care hospitals; and</li> <li>(3) the desirability of altering the legal rate of interest on a judgment to collect a hospital debt.</li> </ul> <p>(b) The workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations, including recommendations for legislation, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before October 1, 2009.</p>
<p>HB 706, Ch. 689 HG § 19-143(b)</p>	<p>Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission</p>	<p>On or before January 1, 2010, the [Maryland Health Care] Commission shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on progress in implementing the requirements of subsections (a) and (d) of this section; and</li> <li>(2) include in the report recommendations for legislation specifying how incentives required for state-regulated payors that are national carriers shall take into account existing carrier activities that promote the adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records.</li> </ul>

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<p>HB 706, Ch. 689 HG § 19-143(c)</p>	<p>Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission</p>	<p>(1) on or before January 1, 2011, following consultations with appropriate stakeholders, the [Maryland Health Care] Commission shall post on its website for public comment and submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee a report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) the development of a coordinated public–private approach to improve the state’s health information infrastructure;</li> <li>(ii) any changes in state laws that are necessary to protect the privacy and security of health information stored in electronic health records or exchanged through a health information exchange in the state;</li> <li>(iii) any changes in state laws that are necessary to provide for the effective operation of a health information exchange;</li> <li>(iv) any actions that are necessary to align funding opportunities under the federal American recovery and reinvestment act of 2009 with other state and private sector initiatives related to health information technology, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the patient–centered medical home;</li> <li>2. the electronic health record demonstration project supported by the federal centers for Medicare and Medicaid services;</li> <li>3. the health information exchange; and</li> <li>4. the Medicaid information technology architecture initiative; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(v) recommended language for the regulations required under subsection (d) of this section.</li> </ul> <p>(2) the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee shall have 60 days from receipt of the report for review and comment.</p>
<p>HB 706, Ch. 689 HG § 19-143(g)</p>	<p>Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission</p>	<p>On or before October 1, 2012, the [Maryland Health Care] Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on progress achieved toward adoption and meaningful use of electronic health records by health care providers in the state and recommendations for any changes in state laws that may be necessary to achieve optimal adoption and use.</p>
<p>SB 661, Ch. 585 HB 585, Ch. 586 IN § 15-1705</p>	<p>Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission</p>	<p>On or before December 1 of each year, the Commissioner and the [Maryland Health Care] Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the number and types of appeals that have been filed by physicians under this subtitle and the outcome of the appeals; and</li> <li>(2) the number of entities that have been approved by the Commission as ratings examiners under title 19, subtitle 1, part iv of the Health – General Article.</li> </ul>
<p>SB 627, Ch. 575(2) HB 714, Ch. 576(2)</p>	<p>Department of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission Department of Business &amp; Economic Development</p>	<p>That, on or before December 1, 2009, the Maryland Health Care Commission and the Department of Business and Economic Development shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) The feasibility of expanding the eligibility criteria of State development programs to include providing assistance to physician practices in medically underserved areas in the State; and</li> <li>(b) The feasibility of making economic development funding available for physician practices evolving to medical homes.</li> </ul>

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SB 637, Ch. 577(4) HB 674, Ch. 578(4)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission	(a) The Maryland Health Care Commission shall study: (1) options to implement the use of value-based health care services and increase efficiencies in the Comprehensive Standard Health Benefit Plan; (2) potential options for allowing plans with fewer benefits than the Standard Plan to be sold in the small group market, including the impact of any of the potential options and the need for any additional legislative authority for the Commission to implement any recommended options; and (3) whether any additional authority is needed to effectively implement the website application required under § 19-108.1 of the Health – General Article, as enacted by Section 2 of this Act, that allows small businesses to compare premiums of health benefit plans issued under the small group market. (b) On or before December 1, 2009, the Commission shall report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.
SB 963, Ch. 337 HB 503, Ch. 338 HG § 13-2806(1)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Department of Education Maryland Commission on Autism	The Commission [on Autism] shall issue a report to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article: (1) on or before June 1, 2011, on the Commission’s preliminary findings and recommendations regarding the development of a comprehensive statewide plan under § 13-2805 of this subtitle. Staffing Statement: HG § 13-2804(e) The Department and the State Department of Education shall provide the staff necessary to carry out this subtitle. <b>[1 of 2 reports.]</b>
SB 963, Ch. 337 HB 503, Ch. 338 HG § 13-2806(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Department of Education Maryland Commission on Autism	The Commission [on Autism] shall issue a report to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article: ... (2) on or before September 30, 2012, on the Commission’s final findings and recommendations regarding the development of a comprehensive statewide plan under § 13-2805 of this subtitle. Staffing Statement: HG § 13-2804(e) The Department and the State Department of Education shall provide the staff necessary to carry out this subtitle. <b>[2 of 2 reports.]</b>

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HB 268, Ch. 385(2)	Department of Human Resources	<p>That, on or before September 1, 2009, the Secretary of Human Resources shall report, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform of the General Assembly,:</p> <p>(1) on the Department of Human Resources plans to:</p> <p>(i) increase participation of current and former Family Investment Program (FIP) recipients, children of existing or former recipients, foster youth, and obligors in the job skills enhancement program;</p> <p>(ii) make current and former FIP recipients, children of current or former recipients, foster youth, and obligors aware of the options for receiving job training through the job skills enhancement program for employment in energy efficiency and renewable energy industries; and</p> <p>(iii) access funds available to the State under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and any other available funds to reduce energy use and global warming emissions for job training under the job skills enhancement program; and</p> <p>(2) in consultation with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, the Department of Housing and Community Development, the Governor’s Workforce Investment Board, the Maryland Energy Administration, public utility companies, and subcontractors of public utility companies on the hiring plans of the public utility companies and the subcontractors of the public utility companies for staffing the energy efficiency and conservation programs of the public utility companies and the subcontractors of the public utility companies.</p>
SB 507, Ch. 551(3) HB 370, Ch. 552(3)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation	<p>That, on or before October 1, 2012, the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on:</p> <p>(a) the number and nature of complaints submitted to the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation regarding locksmiths and locksmith services; and</p> <p>(b) whether additional competency–based credentials for locksmiths are necessary for the protection and safety of the public.</p>
SB 909, Ch. 188(3)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Commissioner of Labor and Industry	<p>That the Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the Commissioner’s investigations of complaints of violations of this Act and the outcomes of those investigations including any recommendations by the Commissioner to improve the administration and enforcement of this Act, as well as any other information that the Commissioner determines relevant.</p>

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HB 61, Ch. 122(2)	Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation State Athletic Commission	That, on or before October 1, 2013, the State Athletic Commission shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the Commission's implementation of mixed martial arts regulation. The report shall include, at a minimum, the following data on mixed martial arts by fiscal year for fiscal years 2009 through 2013: (1) the number of licensees; (2) the number of shows; (3) any complaints regarding activities; and (4) the amount of revenue from the boxing and wrestling tax attributable to mixed martial arts events.
SB 247, Ch. 529 HB 173, Ch. 530 SG § 8-403(b)(6)	Department of Legislative Services	(a) On or before December 15 of the 2nd year before the evaluation date of a governmental activity or unit, the Legislative Policy Committee, based on a preliminary evaluation, may waive as unnecessary the evaluation required under this section. (b) Except as otherwise provided in subsection (a) of this section, on or before the evaluation date for the following governmental activities or units, an evaluation shall be made of the following governmental activities or units and the statutes and regulations that relate to the governmental activities or units: ... (6) Athletic Training Advisory Committee (§ 14-5d-04 of the Health Occupations Article: July 1, 2012) <b>[Establishing the Athletic Trainer Advisory Committee.]</b>
SB 556, Ch. 558 HB 1192, Ch. 559 SF § 7-406(d)	Department of Legislative Services Legislative Auditor	The Office of Legislative Audits may conduct an audit or review of a grantee in accordance with §§ 2-1221 through 2-1227 of the State Government Article.
SB 1019, Ch. 643 HB 1495, Ch. 644 SPP § 24-405(j)	Department of Maryland State Police, Secretary	On or before September 1 of each year, the Secretary of State Police shall submit a report in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article to the Joint Committee on Pensions that provides: (1) the number of rehired retirees under subsection (b)(3)(iii) of this section; (2) the annual salary of each rehired retiree at the time of retirement and the current annual salary of each rehired retiree; (3) the number of police employees hired who are not retirees; and (4) the annual salary of each police employee who is hired.
SB 549, Ch. 175 NR § 5-212(j)	Department of Natural Resources	On or before June 30 of each year, the Department [of Natural Resources] shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee on the use of funds credited to the woodland incentives fund, including an identification of and the reasons for those revenues derived from forestry practices on designated lands owned and managed by the Department that were not credited to the Woodland Incentives Fund.

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SB 549, Ch. 175(2)	Department of Natural Resources	That the Department of Natural Resources, in consultation with other appropriate units of State government and representatives from the Partnership for Sustainable Forestry, shall develop for General Assembly consideration in the 2010 and 2011 legislative sessions, respectively, creative, tax-related strategies intended to help promote the retention and improved management of the State's privately owned forest lands.
SB 666, Ch. 298 NR § 5-104(b)	Department of Natural Resources	On or before December 1, 2011, the Department [of Natural Resources], in consultation with the forestry-related stakeholder groups, shall report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on proposals for the development of statutory, budgetary, and regulatory policies to achieve no net loss of forest in the state.
SB 163, Ch. 206	Department of Planning	That the Department of Planning shall evaluate, in consultation with the Department of Natural Resources and local governments, the degree to which State goals for recreation, parks, open space, and land acquisition are being effectively addressed through the local side Program Open Space process. On or before October 1, 2010, the Department of Planning shall report its evaluation, as well as any recommended statutory or administrative changes, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.
SB 958, Ch. 334(4) HB 921, Ch. 335(4)	Department of Planning	That, on or before December 31, 2009, the Maryland Department of Planning shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the impact of this [Construction Permits - Expiration Dates] Act, whether the toll period should be extended, and what other alternatives might be available to the State and local jurisdictions in light of the current economic downturn.
SB 908, Ch. 625 HB 637, Ch. 626 COR § 2-501(f)(1)	Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services Task Force on Prisoner Reentry	The Task Force [on Prisoner Reentry] shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2010. Staffing Statement: (c) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee shall: (1) chair the task force; and (2) provide staff support for the task force from the Department. <b>[1 of 2 reports.]</b>
SB 908, Ch. 625 HB 637, Ch. 626 COR § 2-501(f)(2)	Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services Task Force on Prisoner Reentry	The Task Force [on Prisoner Reentry] shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2011. Staffing Statement: (c) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee shall: (1) chair the task force; and (2) provide staff support for the task force from the Department. <b>[2 of 2 reports.]</b>

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SB 817, Ch. 102	Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services Task Force to Study Prison Violence in Maryland	(f) The Task Force [to Study Prison Violence in Maryland] shall submit: (1) an interim report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, on or before December 31, 2009. Staffing Statement: (g) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall provide staff to the Task Force. <b>[1 of 2 reports.]</b> <b>Reconstitutes Task Force and adds reporting requirements.]</b>
SB 817, Ch. 102	Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services Task Force to Study Prison Violence in Maryland	The Task Force [to Study Prison Violence in Maryland] shall submit: ... (2) a final report of the findings and recommendations of the Task Force to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2010. Staffing Statement: (g) The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall provide staff to the Task Force. <b>[2 of 2 reports.]</b> <b>Reconstitutes Task Force and adds reporting requirements.]</b>
HB 1263, Ch. 713 EN § 6-905.5(j)	Department of the Environment	(1) on or before October 1 each year, the Department of the Environment shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on: (i) the number of mercury switches and mercury switch assemblies recovered from vehicles; (ii) the capture rate of switch recovery achieved; (iii) the number of switches projected to be recovered; (iv) the amount and use of funds paid into the state recycling trust fund for the administration of this act; and (v) any recommendations to improve the provisions of this act or to increase the capture rate of mercury switches from vehicles. (2) the Department shall also inform the General Assembly if the Department determines that mercury switches in end-of-life vehicles no longer pose a significant risk to the environment or to public health.
HB 1556, Ch. 480 EN § 9-285	Department of the Environment	Beginning November 1, 2010, the Department [of the Environment] shall report each year to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on: (1) the status of the [State Coal Combustion By-Products Management] Fund; (2) revenues of and expenditures from the fund; (3) the efficiency of the regulatory program under this part; (4) compliance rates within the regulatory program under this part; and (5) based on the factors listed in items (1) through (4) of this section, the necessity to review and adjust the fee in accordance with § 9-283 (g) of this subtitle.

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SB 278, Ch. 172(3) HB 315, Ch. 171(3) EN § 2-1211	Department of the Environment	<p>The Department [of the Environment] shall monitor implementation of the plan required under § 2-1205 of this subtitle and shall submit a report, on or before October 1, 2020, and every 5 years thereafter, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly that describes the State's progress toward achieving:</p> <p>(1) the reduction in greenhouse gas emissions required under this subtitle, or any revisions conducted in accordance with § 2-1210 of this subtitle; and</p> <p>(2) the greenhouse gas emissions reductions needed by 2050 in order to avoid dangerous anthropogenic changes to the earth's climate system, based on the predominant view of the scientific community at the time of the latest report.</p>
SB 370, Ch. 249 HB 367, Ch. 250	Department of Transportation Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety Task Force	<p>On or before December 31, 2010, the [Maryland Quiet Vehicles and Pedestrian Safety] Task Force shall report its final findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p> <p>Staffing Statement: (d) The Secretary of Transportation shall provide staff support for the Task Force from the Department of Transportation.</p> <p><b>[Reconstitutes Task Force and adds reporting requirement and alters recipients of report.]</b></p>
HB 1561, Ch. 742 SG § 9-913(i)	Department of Veterans Affairs	<p>(1) on or before August 31 of each year, the Secretary [of the Department of Veterans Affairs] shall submit a report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of this Article, on the status of the [Maryland Veterans Trust] Fund.</p> <p>(2) the report shall include:</p> <p>(i) the gross amount of gifts and grants credited to the Fund;</p> <p>(ii) the costs of administration of the Fund; and</p> <p>(iii) a detailed accounting of the use of the Fund.</p>
SB 946, Ch. 327 HB 1336, Ch. 328 SF § 14-305(a)(1)	each unit	<p>(1) Within 90 days after the end of the fiscal year, each unit shall report to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, the certification agency, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Joint Committee on Fair Practices.</p> <p>(2) A report under this subsection shall for the preceding fiscal year:</p> <p>(i) state the total number and value of procurement contracts between the unit and certified minority business enterprises, by specific category of minority business enterprise;</p> <p>(ii) indicate the percentage that those procurement contracts represent, by specific category of minority business enterprise, of the total number and value of procurement contracts; and</p> <p>(iii) contain other such information as required by the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and the certification agency and approved by the Board.</p> <p>(3) A report under this subsection shall be in a form prescribed by the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and the certification agency and approved by the Board.</p>

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<p>SB 915, Ch. 111 HB 572, Ch. Passed</p>	<p>Governor</p>	<p>That Section 1 of this[Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority - Finance and Governance ] Act may not take effect until similar Acts are passed by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia; that the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia are requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly of Maryland by the enactment of substantially similar Acts; that the Department of Legislative Services shall notify the appropriate officials of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the United States Congress of the enactment of this Act; and that upon the concurrence in this Act by the Commonwealth of Virginia, the District of Columbia, and the United States, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services.</p>
<p>SB 257, Ch. 501 HB 306, Ch. 502 ED § 7-1303</p>	<p>Interstate Commission on Educational Opportunity for Military Children</p>	<p>Article X: The Interstate Commission [on Educational Opportunity for Military Children] shall have the following powers: ...</p> <p>O. To report annually to the Legislatures, Governors, Judiciary, and state councils of the member states concerning the activities of the interstate Commission during the preceding year. Such reports shall also include any recommendations that may have been adopted by the Interstate Commission.</p>

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<p>SB 278, Ch. 172(3)                      HB 315, Ch. 171(3)                      EN § 2-1209</p>	<p>Maryland Department of the Environment</p>	<p>(a) on or before October 1, 2015, the Department [of the Environment] shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly that includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) a summary of the state’s progress toward achieving the 2020 emissions reduction required by the plan under § 2–1205 of this subtitle;</li> <li>(2) an update on emerging technologies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions;</li> <li>(3) a review of the best available science, including updates by the intergovernmental panel on climate change, regarding the level and pace of greenhouse gas emissions reductions and sequestration needed to avoid dangerous anthropogenic changes to the earth’s climate system;</li> <li>(4) recommendations on the need for science–based adjustments to the requirement to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 25% by 2020;</li> <li>(5) a summary of additional or revised regulations, control programs, or incentives that are necessary to achieve the 25% reduction in statewide greenhouse gas emissions required under this subtitle, or a revised reduction recommended in accordance with item (4) of this subsection;</li> <li>(6) the status of any federal program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and any transition by the state from its participation in the regional greenhouse gas initiative to a comparable federal cap and trade program; and</li> <li>(7) an analysis of the overall economic costs and benefits to the state’s economy, environment, and public health of a continuation or modification of the requirement to achieve a reduction of 25% in statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2020, including reductions in other air pollutants, diversification of energy sources, the impact on existing jobs, the creation of new jobs, and expansion of the state’s low carbon economy.</li> </ul> <p>(b) the report required under subsection (a) of this section shall be subject to a public comment and hearing process conducted by the Department.</p>
<p>SB 117, Ch. 29(2)</p>	<p>Maryland Department of the Environment                      State Board of Well Drillers</p>	<p>That on or before October 1, 2009, the State Board of Well Drillers, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, shall submit a report to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on its plans to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) Increase fees and its ability to generate sufficient fee revenue for the General Fund to cover its expenditures; and</li> <li>(2) Track consumer complaints and related disciplinary actions within a database or spreadsheet..</li> </ul>
<p>SB 1072, Ch. 3(2)</p>	<p>Maryland Economic Development Corporation</p>	<p>That the Maryland Economic Development Corporation, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, shall report monthly to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the Legislative Policy Committee on the status of the State’s business plan regarding the management and disposition of any assets acquired under this Act.</p>

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SB 1072, Ch. 3(2)	Maryland Economic Development Corporation	<p>That if the Maryland Economic Development Corporation acquires property under this [Pimlico and Laurel Park Racetracks, Bowie Race Course Training Center, and Preakness Stakes - State Purchase or Condemnation] Act, the Corporation shall, before disposing of the property, consult with the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the State Comptroller, the State Treasurer, and the Minority Leaders of the Senate and the House of Delegates concerning the disposition of the property.</p> <p><b>[Creates an uncodified ongoing monthly reporting requirement.]</b></p>
SB 183, Ch. 520(2) HB 85, Ch. 521(2)	Maryland Higher Education Commission	<p>(b) On or before December 1, 2011, the [Maryland Higher Education] Commission, in consultation with the University System of Maryland, St. Mary's College of Maryland, Morgan State University, the Maryland Association of Community Colleges, and the Maryland Independent College and University Association, shall conduct a feasibility study regarding:</p> <p>(1) the establishment of one or more textbook rental programs in Maryland that would allow students to lease textbooks on a per book, per credit hour, or per course basis, including an analysis of start-up costs and funding options such as private sector donations and grants;</p> <p>(2) the establishment of a statewide digital marketplace for college textbooks and supplemental material including:</p> <p>(i) an analysis of the infrastructure, technology, and support services necessary to allow institutions, students, faculty, bookstores, publishers, and other stakeholders to interact efficiently; and</p> <p>(ii) a consideration of digital rights management capabilities and transactional processes needed for both fee-based and no-cost content; and</p> <p>(3) the accessibility of the digital marketplace and any and all electronic textbooks and supplemental material to blind and print-disabled students and faculty members.</p> <p>(c) On or before December 31, 2011, the Commission shall:</p> <p>(1) compile the reports required under paragraph (a) of this section; and</p> <p>(2) submit to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, the compilation, the results of the feasibility studies conducted under paragraph (b) of this section and recommendations regarding textbook rental programs the establishment of a digital marketplace and statewide policy initiatives that will further ameliorate the high cost of undergraduate and graduate education as impacted by textbook prices based on information gathered under this section.</p>
SB 481, Ch. 549 HB 145, Ch. 550	Maryland Insurance Administration	<p>(a) The Maryland Insurance Administration shall conduct a review of dental provider contracts, the terms and conditions of the contracts, and the impact that the contracts have on the dental profession.</p> <p>(b)(1) On or before December 31, 2009, the Administration shall report its findings, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee.</p> <p>(2) In the report required under this subsection, the Administration shall provide recommendations to the committees concerning whether the provisions of § 15-112.2(c) and (d) of the Insurance Article should apply to provider contracts for dental provider panels.</p>

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SB 751, Ch. 97 IN § 30-103(c)	Maryland Insurance Administration	<p>(a)(1) the on or before April 1, 2012, the [Maryland Insurance] Commissioner shall issue a report on the information provided to the Commissioner under § 30–102 of this title.</p> <p>(2) the report required under this section shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) contain the names of any slaveholders or slaves provided under § 30–102 of this title; and</li> <li>(ii) include a copy of each document provided to the commissioner under § 30–102 of this title.</li> </ul> <p>(b)(1) the report required under this section shall be made available to the public.</p> <p>(2) the Commissioner shall make a copy of the report available on the website of the Administration.</p> <p>(c) the Commissioner shall provide a copy of the report required under this section to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p>
SB 79, Ch. 509(2)	Maryland Insurance Administration	<p>(a)(1) The Maryland Insurance Administration, in consultation with the Maryland Health Care Commission and appropriate stakeholders, shall study options to raise or define medical loss ratio requirements in the individual, small group, and large group health insurance markets that incentivize reduction of health care costs and improvement of health care quality.</p> <p>(2) In conducting the study required under this section, the Administration shall study medical loss ratio requirements in other states to determine innovative ways to encourage health insurance carriers to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) incentivize adoption of electronic health records;</li> <li>(ii) implement wellness programs;</li> <li>(iii) implement chronic care management programs; and</li> <li>(iv) adopt other policies that reduce health care costs and improve health care quality.</li> </ul> <p>(3) The study required under this section also shall examine the feasibility and desirability of tiered medical loss ratio requirements in the small group market by looking at the impact of tiered medical loss ratio requirements in other states.</p> <p>(b) On or before December 1, 2009, the Administration shall report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and House Health and Government Operations Committee on its findings under this section.</p>

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SB 689, Ch. 303	Maryland State Department of Education	<p>(a)(1) The State Department of Education shall conduct a study to identify examinations that allow students to earn substitute credits in the State–approved high school courses English 12 and Algebra II in order to accelerate a student’s graduation from high school.</p> <p>(2) The study conducted under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) ensure that the content of an examination: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. assesses a student’s mastery of the entire content of the State–approved course; and</li> <li>2. is aligned with Maryland Content Standards for the State–approved course;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(ii) determine the passing score of an examination that allows a student to receive credit for the State–approved course; and</li> <li>(iii) establish eligibility criteria for students.</li> </ul> <p>(3) On or before March 1, 2010, the Department shall report on its progress toward identifying examinations and implementing a credit–by–examination process for the State–approved high school courses English 12 and Algebra II to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p>
SB 990, Ch. 638 HB 379, Ch. 639 ED § 7-119(d)	Maryland State Department of Education	On or before January 31 of each year, the Department [of Education] shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the data obtained under subsection (c)(2) of this section. [Education - Reporting Requirement - Class Size]
SB 266, Ch. 492 HB 311, Ch. 493	Maryland State Police	<p>That, on or before January 1, 2010, the Department of State Police shall report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the status of the Department’s efforts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) revise or discontinue use of the Case Explorer database in connection with the Department’s intelligence–gathering activities; and</li> <li>(2) contact all persons who have been described in the Case Explorer database as being suspected of involvement in terrorism, or who have been labeled in the Case Explorer database as a terrorist, but as to whom the Department has no reasonable, articulable suspicion of involvement in terrorism; afford those persons an opportunity to review and obtain copies of the relevant database entries; and subsequently purge those entries.</li> </ul>
HB 1526, Ch. 476 LE § 11-1011	Maryland Workforce Corporation	<p>(a) within 90 days after the start of each fiscal year, the [Maryland Workforce] Corporation shall report on its status to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.</p> <p>(b) the report shall state the complete operating and financial statement covering the Corporation’s operations and summarize the Corporation’s activities during the preceding fiscal year.</p>
SB 279, Ch. 186(4)	Office of Crime Control & Prevention	That, on or before November 1, 2009, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the House Judiciary Committee and Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee on how victim services for survivors of homicide victims should be expanded.

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SB 447, Ch. 542 HB 1267, Ch. 543 PS § 3-507(e)(2)	Office of Crime Control & Prevention	The Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall submit a report of the analyses and summaries of the reports of law enforcement agencies described in paragraph (1) of this subsection to the Governor, the General Assembly as provided in § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, and each law enforcement agency before September 1 of each year.
SB 597, Ch. 562(4)	Office of Crime Control & Prevention	<p>(a) On or before December 1, 2009, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention, in consultation with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation and local law enforcement units, shall report to the House Economic Matters Committee and the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, regarding the licensing and reporting requirements for the sale of secondhand items in the State.</p> <p>(b) To prepare the report, the departments shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) list by county the name, address, and category of each business that is engaged in the sale of secondhand items;</li> <li>(2) evaluate any gaps in the current licensing and reporting requirements for the sale of secondhand items in the State;</li> <li>(3) determine the estimated impact of any gaps in the current law on the ability of law enforcement to recover stolen items, as well as any other enforcement issues, including limitations on enforcement related to sales conducted over the Internet; and 4) develop recommendations for legislation regarding the appropriate scope of licensing and reporting requirements for the sale of secondhand items by all participants in the secondhand industry, including electronic sales.</li> </ol> <p>(c) In developing the report, the departments shall solicit public comments from the affected stakeholders, including antique dealers, pawnbrokers, secondhand precious metal objects dealers, secondhand retail shops, and businesses that arrange sales of secondhand items predominantly by electronic commerce.</p>
SB 850, Ch. 320(2) HB 539, Ch. 321(2)	Office of Crime Control & Prevention	That, on or before December 31, 2011, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention shall report to the Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee and the House Judiciary Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the compliance by electronic control device manufacturers with the relevant requirements and provisions of this Act.
SB 447, Ch. 542 HB 1267, Ch. 543 PS § 3-507(f)(3)	Office of Crime Control & Prevention Department of Public Safety & Correctional Services Police Training Commission	If the law enforcement agency fails to comply with the required reporting provisions of this section within 30 days after being contacted by the Police Training Commission with a request to comply, the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and prevention and the Police Training Commission jointly shall report the noncompliance to the Governor and the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly.
SB 500, Ch. 270	Prince George’s County Board of Education	That, on or before June 30 of each year, the Prince George’s County Board of Education shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Prince George’s County Senate Delegation and House Delegation on the success of the pilot program developed and implemented under this [Prince George’s County - Board of Education - Financial Literacy Pilot Program Course] Act.

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HB 1559, Ch. 481	St. Mary's County Administrator Task Force to Study the Governance and Structure of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission	On or before July 1, 2010, the Task Force [to Study the Governance and Structure of the St. Mary's County Metropolitan Commission] shall report its findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the St. Mary’s County Delegation of the General Assembly and the St. Mary’s County Board of County Commissioners. Staffing Statement: The St. Mary’s County Administrator shall provide staff for the Task Force.
HB 893, Ch. 428(2)	State Board of Elections	(1) The State Board of Elections shall notify the Department of Legislative Services no later than 15 days after the first election in which voting machines are used that: (i) produce a voter–verifiable paper record; and (ii) were examined by an independent testing laboratory this that is approved by the U.S. Election Assistance Commission and shown by the testing laboratory to meet the requirements of § 9–102(f)(3) and (h)(1) of the Election Law Article. (2) Five days after the Department of Legislative Services receives notice under paragraph (1) of this section, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
HB 446, Ch. 674 SPP § 21-108(a)(4)(ii)	State Retirement Agency	On or before September 1 of each year, the Board of Trustees shall submit a report in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article to the Joint Committee on Pensions that provides: 1. a total of all travel expenses for the fiscal year ending immediately prior to September 1 for: a. members of the board of trustees; and b. staff of the State Retirement Agency; 2. the destination, duration, and justification for the travel; 3. for members of the board of trustees, a statement whether the travel was made for purposes of fiduciary educational training; and 4. for staff of the investment division, a statement whether the travel was made for purposes of meeting with existing or prospective investment managers. <b>[Adds additional requirement.]</b>
SB 277, Ch. 500(6)	That each local jurisdiction that enforces speed limit laws as authorized under this [Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statewide Authorization and Use in Highway Work Zones] Act	That each local jurisdiction that enforces speed limit laws as authorized under this [Vehicle Laws - Speed Monitoring Systems - Statewide Authorization and Use in Highway Work Zones] Act shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2013, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on the effectiveness of speed monitoring systems in the jurisdiction.

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<p>SB 489, Ch. 267(2)                      HB 471, Ch. 268(2)</p>	<p>The certification agency as defined in § 14–301 of the State Finance and Procurement Article</p>	<p>That, on or before December 1, 2010:</p> <p>(a) The certification agency as defined in § 14–301 of the State Finance and Procurement Article, in consultation with the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, the House Health and Government Operations Committee, and the Office of the Attorney General, shall evaluate State bonding and other financial business data to determine whether the cap on the personal net worth requirement for certification as a minority business enterprise should be further adjusted; and</p> <p>(b) The certification agency shall report its findings to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article.</p> <p>Staffing Statement: SF § "Certification agency" means the agency designated by the Board of Public Works under § 14-303(b) of this subtitle to certify and decertify minority business enterprises. COMAR 21.11.03.03 (b)(2) "Certification agency" means the Department of Transportation, Office of Minority Business Enterprise.</p>
<p>SB 549, Ch. 175(9)</p>	<p>University of Maryland Cooperative Extension                      the forest conservancy district boards</p>	<p>That the General Assembly encourages the forest conservancy district boards and the University of Maryland Cooperative Extension to work together in formulating a strategy to help facilitate the State's compliance, from a private forest land owner outreach perspective, with the 2007 Forestry Conservation Initiative. The boards and the Cooperative Extension shall submit written findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Environmental Matters Committee, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, on or before December 1, 2009.</p>

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<p>SB 183, Ch. 520(3) HB 85, Ch. 521(3)</p>	<p>University System of Maryland</p>	<p>(a) The University System of Maryland, under the direction of the Board of Regents, shall conduct a study of changes that the University System of Maryland and its constituent institutions can make to their business models regarding textbook assignments and textbook purchasing in order to reduce the cost of textbooks to students while preserving and enhancing the quality of educational materials available to students. Principles underlying this review shall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the protection of academic freedom;</li> <li>(2) the promotion of competition among publishers, bookstores, and other textbook vendors;</li> <li>(3) the empowerment of faculty and students to access information about options which will strengthen their market power; and</li> <li>(4) the exploration of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) alternative approaches used in other universities, states, and countries;</li> <li>(ii) new technologies; and</li> <li>(iii) legal structures.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>(b) The study conducted under subsection (a) of this section shall include, but not be limited to, an exploration of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) using the market power of faculty and students to drive down prices;</li> <li>(2) strategies to increase the use of used textbooks;</li> <li>(3) the creation of textbook rental programs;</li> <li>(4) increasing faculty awareness of textbook costs and options for reducing textbook costs;</li> <li>(5) minimizing the impact of publishers' "planned obsolescence" marketing strategies;</li> <li>(6) cost-effective substitution of content-licensing for textbook purchasing; and</li> <li>(7) ensuring that any and all electronic textbooks and supplemental material shall be accessible to blind and print-disabled students and faculty members.</li> </ul> <p>(c) On or before December 1, 2010, the University System of Maryland shall submit to the Board of Regents and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, the results of the study required under subsection (a) of this section.</p> <p>(d) Nothing contained in this section bars the University System of Maryland from implementing changes consistent with its intent before December 1, 2010.</p>
<p>HB 1134, Ch. 438 ART 29 § 1-106</p>	<p>Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission</p>	<p>The WSSC shall: ...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(4) File annually with the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County, the County Executive of Montgomery County, and the Montgomery County and Prince George's County Senate and House Delegations to the Maryland General Assembly, a certified copy of the annual audit and current financial statements.</li> </ul>

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<p>SB 863, Ch. 616 HB 899, Ch. 617</p>	<p>Workers' Compensation Commission</p>	<p>(a)(1) The Workers' Compensation Commission shall conduct a study on the death benefit provisions in §§ 9-678 through 9-686 of the Labor and Employment Article.</p> <p>(2) The study shall determine legislative changes that would:</p> <p>(i) provide fair and equitable benefits to wholly dependent individuals and partially dependent individuals; and</p> <p>(ii) provide for coordination among all of the death benefit provisions.</p> <p>(b) In conducting its study, the Commission shall establish a workgroup that is comprised of representatives of the various stakeholders, including representatives of:</p> <p>(1) the Commission;</p> <p>(2) labor;</p> <p>(3) defense counsel;</p> <p>(4) counsel for claimants;</p> <p>(5) employers, including a representative of small business;</p> <p>(6) workers' compensation insurance companies, including a representative of the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund;</p> <p>(7) local governments; and</p> <p>(8) any other person that the Commission considers appropriate.</p> <p>(c) On or before December 1, 2009, the Commission shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, its findings and recommendations, including draft legislation to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee.</p>

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HB 811, Ch. 693 ART 24 § 2-101(b)(1)	a political subdivision is authorized to incur debt	<p>(b)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, if a political subdivision is authorized to incur debt to be redeemed from a fee, charge, or the proceeds of a levy, then within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year of the political subdivision, its financial officer shall submit to the Department and State Treasurer, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a comprehensive report on the financial condition of the political subdivision as of the end of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(2) If a political subdivision subject to the provisions of paragraph (1) of this subsection has a population of more than 400,000, the report required under paragraph (1) of this subsection may be submitted within 180 days after the end of the fiscal year of the political subdivision.</p> <p>(c) A report under this section shall be on the form that the Department provides.</p> <p><b>[Adds recipients.]</b></p>
SB 959, Ch. 336 LE § 10-122(e)	Board for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund	<p>On or before September 1 each year, the Board [for the Injured Workers' Insurance Fund] shall submit a report to the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on:</p> <p>(1) the identity of the minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms used by the Board in the immediately preceding fiscal year;</p> <p>(2) the percentage and dollar value of the [Injured Workers' Insurance ] Fund assets that are under the investment control of minority business enterprise brokerage and investment management services firms; and</p> <p>(3) the measures the Board undertook in the immediately preceding fiscal year in accordance with subsection (c)(2) of this section.</p> <p><b>[Changes code cite.]</b></p>
SB 176, Ch. 213 SF § 8-112(e)(3)	Capital Debt Affordability Committee	<p>At the same time that the [Capital Debt Affordability] Committee makes its report as required under subsection (b) of this section, the Committee shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly the Committee's estimate of the amount of new bonds for academic facilities that prudently may be authorized in the aggregate for the next fiscal year by the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College.</p> <p><b>[Adds Baltimore City Community College to list.]</b></p>
SB 16, Ch. 189 ED § 7-118(f)	Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System	<p>On or before December 1 of each year, the Chief Executive Officer of the Baltimore City Public School System ... shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the status of, and the benefits accrued from, the organization of Parents and Teachers Matching Fund Pilot Program.</p> <p><b>[Adds to expiration requirements and recipients extends expiration date.]</b></p>

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SB 901, Ch. 624(2) ART II § 65(s) The Charter of Baltimore City	City of Baltimore Land Bank Authority of Baltimore City	The [Land Bank] Authority [of Baltimore City] shall report annually to the Mayor And City Council Of Baltimore City and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland, the General Assembly on the activities of the Authority. <b>[Transferring the provisions of Article 24, Title 22 concerning the Baltimore City Land Bank Authority from the Annotated Code of Maryland to Article II of the Baltimore City Charter; and making stylistic changes.]</b>
HB 735, Ch. 690 SPP § 4-302(b)	Department of Budget & Management	(b) The Secretary [of Budget and Management] shall submit to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly an annual report covering all units of the executive branch of State Government, including a unit with an independent personnel system, for each fiscal year that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) provides information about <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) employee performance and efficiency;</li> <li>(ii) use of leave by State employees;</li> <li>(iii) incentive awards;</li> <li>(iv) whistleblower proceedings;</li> <li>(v) each denial of a pay increase, each disciplinary suspension, each grievance, each involuntary demotion, and each rejection on probation; and</li> <li>(vi) a summary of the equal employment opportunity report required under § 5-204 of this Article, including hiring, firing, promotions, terminations, and rejections on probation, by race, sex, and age;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(2) provides statistics and rankings that compare minority group State employees to all State employees in all job categories;</li> <li>(3) provides information about part-time work and, in the Secretary's discretion, alternate work schedules, work days, and work locations;</li> <li>(4) provides information on the total number of positions designated as special appointments, including special appointments designated with regard to political affiliation, belief, or opinion; and</li> <li>(5) makes any recommendations about conditions in State employment that the Secretary considers advisable.</li> </ul> (c) The report required by this section shall be submitted on or before January 1 following the fiscal year to which it applies. <b>[Changes code site and what is to be included in report.]</b>
HB 735, Ch. 690 SPP § 2-302(e)	Department of Budget & Management	(1) At least annually, the Secretary [of Budget and Management] shall report on the Equal Employment Opportunity Program established in § 5-202 of this article to the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight. (2) The head of a personnel system in the Legislative and Judicial branches may report periodically on equal employment opportunity programs and policies in effect in that personnel system to the Joint Committee on Fair Practices and State Personnel Oversight. <b>[Changes recipients name.]</b>

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HB 101, Ch. 487 ED § 22-303(b)	Department of Education	<p>On or before February 1, 2006, and every other year thereafter until 2014, the Department [of Education] shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the Department's implementation of this subtitle [Juvenile Services Educational Programs], including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the identification of all residential facilities for which the Department has assumed responsibility for the educational services; and</li> <li>(2) all facilities for which the Department plans to assume responsibility during the next calendar year.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Extends requirement to 2014.]</b></p>
SB 448, Ch. 544 HB 623, Ch. 545 ED § 5-114(d)(3)	Department of Education	<p>The State Superintendent shall include information on any local school system deficit, corrective action cost containment plan, actions taken to close a local school system deficit, and status of any local school system deficit in a quarterly report to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article.</p> <p><b>[Change code cite from (e)(3) to (d)(3).]</b></p>
SB 448, Ch. 544 HB 623, Ch. 545 ED § 5-114(d)(2)	Department of Education	<p>If a local school system has a deficit, the State Superintendent shall immediately notify the Governor, the General Assembly, the Department of Legislative Services, and county governing body and shall require the local school system to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Develop and submit for approval a corrective action cost containment plan within 15 days;</li> <li>(ii) File monthly status reports with the State Superintendent and county governing body demonstrating actions taken to close the deficit and the effect of the actions taken on the deficit; and</li> <li>(iii) Include information on the corrective action cost containment plan, actions taken to close the deficit, and status of the deficit in the biannual financial status reports filed with the State Superintendent and county governing body.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Changes code cite from (e)(2) to (d)(2).]</b></p>
SB 212, Ch. 224 HB 154, Ch. 225 SF § 4-809(g)	Department of General Services Maryland Green Building Council	<p>On or before November 1 of each year, the [Green Building ] Council shall report to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, as to recommendations for the implementation plan for a higher performance building program in the State and any progress that has been made during the preceding year.</p> <p>Staffing Statement: (e) staff support to the council shall be provided by the Department of General Services, with assistance as necessary to be furnished by other involved agencies and units of State Government.</p> <p><b>[Changes wording of report.]</b></p>

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HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 13-2504(b)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>(b) the Department [of Health &amp; Mental Hygiene], in conjunction with the Office of Oral Health, shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before September 30 of each year on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the results of the Program;</li> <li>(2) findings and recommendations for the oral health program and any other oral health programs established under title 18, subtitle 8 of this Article;</li> <li>(3) the availability and accessibility of dentists throughout the state participating in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;</li> <li>(4) the outcomes that managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program achieve concerning the utilization of targets required by the five year oral health care plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) loss ratios that the managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations experience for providing dental services; and</li> <li>(ii) corrective action by managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations to achieve the utilization targets; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(5) the allocation and use of funds authorized for dental services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Adds to reporting requirement.]</b></p>
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 15-102.4(e)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>If there is money held in Trust under this section, on or before June 1 of each year, the Secretary [of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall submit to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, a report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The number of managed care organizations for which the Secretary has designated money to be held in trust under this section; and</li> <li>(2) The amount of money held in trust by the Secretary that has been paid out in cases of insolvency or impairment of managed care organizations.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Changes this annual report to a trigger report.]</b></p>
HB 76, Ch. 125 HG § 18-1002	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>On or before December 1, 2006, and annually thereafter, the Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on the activities of the Department in implementing § 18-1001 of this subtitle.</p> <p><b>[Sunset Extension.]</b></p>

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SB 63, Ch. 352 HG § 13-2504(b)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	(b) the Department [of Health & Mental Hygiene], in conjunction with the Office of Oral Health, shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before September 30 of each year on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) the results of the Program;</li> <li>(2) findings and recommendations for the oral health program and any other oral health programs established under title 18, subtitle 8 of this Article;</li> <li>(3) the availability and accessibility of dentists throughout the state participating in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;</li> <li>(4) the outcomes that managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program achieve concerning the utilization of targets required by the five year oral health care plan, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) loss ratios that the managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations experience for providing dental services; and</li> <li>(ii) corrective action by managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations to achieve the utilization targets; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(5) the allocation and use of funds authorized for dental services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.</li> </ul> <b>[Repeals Sunset.]</b>
SB 664, Ch. 418 HB 782, Ch. 417 HG § 19-14B-01(d)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	On or before December 1, 2008, the plan required under this section shall be submitted by the Department [of Health & Mental Hygiene], in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly. <b>[Codifies an obsolete requirement satisfied under SB 101/Ch. 503, Sec. 5, 2007 as amended by SB 677/Ch. 199, 2008 and HB 809/Ch. 200, 2008.]</b>
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 7-205(f)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Developmental Disabilities Administration	On or before January 1 of each year the Secretary [of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall prepare a report to be submitted to the General Assembly and the Department of Legislative Services on the Waiting List Equity Fund. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(2) The report shall include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) An accounting of all receipts and expenditures to and from the Fund;</li> <li>(ii) The number of individuals who left and entered State residential centers during the previous year;</li> <li>(iii) The number of additional persons who were on the waiting list for developmental disabilities services during the previous year; and</li> <li>(iv) An accounting of each of the factors used in determining the cost of providing services to an individual in a State residential center in accordance with the provisions of subsection (d) (2) of this section.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <b>[Renumbered from 7-206(f) to 7-205(f).]</b>

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SB 862, Ch. 107 HB 705, Ch. 108 HG § 5-704(b)(12)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene State Child Fatality Review Team	Provide the Governor, the public, and subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly, with annual written reports, which shall include the State [Child Fatality Review ] Team's findings and recommendations; and (13) In consultation with local teams: (i) Define "near fatality"; and (ii) Develop procedures and protocols that local teams and the State Team may use to review cases of near fatality.  Staffing Statement: HG § 5-702 (a) There is a State Child Fatality Review Team. (b) The State Team is part of the Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] for budgetary and administrative purposes. <b>[Restatement.]</b>
SB 637, Ch. 577(3) HB 674, Ch. 578(3) IN § 15-1205(c)(2)(ii)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Maryland Health Care Commission	(ii) On or before January 1, 2013, the [Maryland Health Care] Commission shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee regarding the effect of the 50% rate adjustments authorized under paragraph (1) of this subsection and the effect of the adjustment to the community rate for health status authorized under subsection (f) of this section on participation in health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed under this subtitle. <b>[Changed due date of report.]</b>
HB 1554, Ch. 740 SF § 6-211(c)(4)	Department of Housing & Community Development	(c) the Department of Housing and Community Development shall: ... (4) report annually to the Governor, the Treasurer, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on overall performance of the Linked Deposit Program. <b>[Changes code cite from (6) to (4).]</b>
SB 703, Ch. 305 HB 736, Ch. 306 PUC § 7-512.1(d)(1)	Department of Housing & Community Development	(1) On or before December 1 of each year, the Department of Housing and Community Development shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the low-income residential weatherization component of the electric universal service program, including: (i) The amount of funds expended during the preceding fiscal year; (ii) The level of participation during the preceding fiscal year, including the number of households served in each area of the state; and (iii) The types of projects, including the average cost per unit, provided to households during the preceding fiscal year. (2) The Department of Housing and Community Development may satisfy the reporting requirement under paragraph (1) of this subsection by requesting the [Public Service] Commission to include the information in the Commission's report required under subsection (c) of this section and providing the information to the Commission by the date specified by the Commission. <b>[Adds residential.]</b>

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HB 268, Ch. 385 SF § 13-224(d)	Department of Human Resources	Each year, the Department [of Human Resources] and any local departments that have entered into hiring agreements shall submit a report to the Board [of Public Works], the Joint Committee on Welfare Reform, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on: (1) the number of hiring agreements executed; (2) the number of current and former FIP recipients, children of current or former recipients, foster youth, and obligors hired by an entity with which a hiring agreement was executed; and (3) the effectiveness of each hiring agreement in obtaining employment for current and former FIP recipients, children of current or former recipients, foster youth, and obligors. <b>[Adds to reporting requirement.]</b>
HB 268, Ch. 385 HU § 5-304(c)(4)	Department of Human Resources	On or before November 1 of each year and in consultation with the Maryland Association of Counties, the Secretary [of the Department of Human Resources] shall report, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee of the General Assembly, on: (i) the development of the local government hiring plan; and (ii) the number of current and former recipients, children of current or former recipients, foster youth, and obligors hired and retained by local governments. <b>[Changes code cite from (d) to (c)(4) and adds to requirement.]</b>
HB 683, Ch. 411	Department of Human Resources	HB 968/Ch. 444, 2007 as amended by HB 683/Ch. 411, 2009: (j) On or before December 1, 2009, the Secretary of Human Resources shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on: (1) the number of adopted children and adoptive families served by the [ Post Adoption Support Services Pilot] Program; (2) the number of adopted children and adoptive families that made applications for post adoption support services under the Program; (3) the types of post adoption support services provided to adopted children and adoptive families by the Program; and (4) the effectiveness of the post adoption support services provided under this Program. <b>[Extends the termination date.]</b>
SB 933, Ch. 629 HB 1337, Ch. 630 FL § 5-539.1(g)	Department of Human Resources State Citizens Review Board for Children	(1) The State Board [State Citizens Review Board for Children] shall submit, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly and the Secretary of Human Resources on or before January 1 of each year and prepare and make available to the public a report containing a summary of its activities, findings, and recommendations under this section. (2) The State Board may combine the reports required under paragraph (1) of this subsection and § 5-539 of this subtitle. <b>[Restatement.]</b>

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HB 788, Ch. 420	Department of Juvenile Services Governor's Office of Children	<p>That, on or before December 31, 2006, and annually thereafter, the Department of Juvenile Services and the Office for Children, Youth, and Families [now Governor's Office for Children] shall jointly report to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article on the implementation of this [Baltimore City and Baltimore County - Child in Need of Supervision Pilot Program] Act.</p> <p>Staffing Statement: Pursuant to Executive Order 01.01.2005.34 H - Except as otherwise provided by law or this Executive Order, all existing policies and procedures, contracts, property, and other duties and responsibilities associated with the Subcabinet for Children, Youth, and Families and the Governor's Office of Children, Youth, and Families shall continue in effect under the Children's Cabinet and the Governor's Office for Children, respectively, unless completed, withdrawn, cancelled, or modified or otherwise changed pursuant to law.  <b>[Extends the abrogation date to 6/30/2013.]</b></p>
HB 101, Ch. 487 PUC § 7-512.1(c)(4)	Department of Legislative Services Legislative Auditor	<p>The Office of Legislative Audits shall conduct an audit of the electric universal service program at least once every 3 years and shall report the results of the audit in accordance with § 2-1224 of the State Government Article.  <b>[Changes code cite and requirement.]</b></p>
SB 703, Ch. 305 HB 736, Ch. 306 PUC § 7-512.1(c)(4)	Department of Legislative Services LA-Legislative Auditor	<p>(i) The Office of Legislative Audits shall conduct a performance audit of the electric universal service program once every 3 years or at another interval as directed by the Joint Audit Committee and shall report the results of the audit to the General Assembly.  (ii) The cost of the performance audit under this paragraph shall be included in the costs of administering the electric universal service program, and funded through the electric universal service program fund under subsection (f) of this section.  <b>[Restatement.]</b></p>
SB 140, Ch. 199 HB 120, Ch. 200	Department of Legislative Services Department of Labor, Licensing & Regulation Task Force to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State	<p>SB 533/Ch. 186, 2008 and HB 1242/Ch. 187, 2008 as amended by SB 140 and HB 120, 2009: On or before December 1, 2009, the Task Force [to Study How to Improve Financial Literacy in the State] shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly regarding its findings and recommendations.</p> <p>Staffing Statement: (d) the Department of Legislative Services and the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall jointly provide staff for the Task Force.  <b>[Adds a new one time reporting requirement and changes membership and staff.]</b></p>
HB 1373, Ch. 456 NR § 5-908.1(l)(2)	Department of Natural Resources Somers Cove Marina Commission	<p>On November 1, 2013, based on the evaluation undertaken in accordance with paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Department [of Natural Resources] and the [Somers Cove Marina] Commission shall report their findings and recommendations, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.  <b>[Changes code cite from (k) to (l).]</b></p>

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HB 101, Ch. 487 EN § 9-275(c)	Department of the Environment Waste Management Administration	Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department shall provide the standing committees of the Maryland General Assembly with primary jurisdiction over this section with a status report on the [State Used Tire Cleanup and Recycling] Fund on or before November 1 of each year. The report shall include an accounting of all moneys expended for each of the purposes specified in subsection (a) of this section. <b>[Changes code cite from (b) to (c).]</b>
HB 978, Ch. 704	Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration Task Force to Study Motor Vehicle Towing Practices	HB 684/Ch. 514, 2008 as amended by HB978/Ch. , 2009: (g) On or before December 31, 2008, the Task Force [to Study Motor Vehicle Towing Practices] shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  Staffing Statement: (d) The Motor Vehicle Administration shall provide staff for the Task Force. <b>[Grants extension for report.]</b>
SB 367, Ch. 537 HB 944, Ch. 538 SG § 9-8A-01(h)	Department of Veterans Affairs Commission on the Establishment of a Maryland Women in Military Service Monument	The Commission shall submit a final report on its activities, including a report on the status of the Maryland Women in Military Service Monument and any additional recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on or before September 30, 2014.  Staffing Statement: (d) The Department of Veterans Affairs shall provide staff for the Commission. <b>[Creates new one time requirement.]</b>
SB 146, Ch. 32 HB 19, Ch. 33 ART 19 § 40	each county, Municipal Corporation, and taxing district created by and situated within the State	(a)(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each county, Municipal Corporation, and taxing district created by and situated within the State shall have its books, accounts, records, and reports examined at least once during each fiscal year by the persons and for the purposes specified in this section. The examination shall be made by a certified public accountant in the capacity of either an independent auditor or official auditor of any county or Municipal Corporation. The auditor shall be in compliance with the provisions of the Maryland Public Accountancy Act. The official auditor shall be approved by the Legislative Auditor for the purposes specified in this section. On such examination, inquiry shall be made into the methods, accuracy, and legality of the accounts, records, files, and reports of each county, Municipal Corporation, and taxing district. The Legislative Auditor upon the Legislative Auditor’s own initiative may review or audit the books, records, and reports of any county, Municipal Corporation, or taxing district. Any county, Municipal Corporation, or taxing district may request the Legislative Auditor to audit its books, records, and reports. If the request is approved, the costs of the examination shall be borne by the auditee. The results of the audit shall be reported, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Legislative Auditor on such form or forms and in such manner as the Legislative Auditor may prescribe. This report shall be made to the Legislative Auditor by the date the county’s, municipal corporation’s, or taxing district’s financial report is required to be submitted under § 37 of this subtitle. An audit report filed with the Legislative Auditor is a public record under the provisions of

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		<p>§ 10–611 of the State Government Article. Each year the Legislative Auditor shall review the audit reports submitted and shall make a full and detailed report in writing to the State Comptroller and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Executive Director of the State Department of Legislative Services of the result of the examination of the books, accounts, records, and reports of each county, Municipal Corporation, and taxing district, together with such suggestions as the Legislative Auditor may think advisable to be made with respect to methods of bookkeeping, changes in the uniform system of financial reporting, and changes in the reports of the counties, Municipal Corporations, and taxing districts. In conducting the reviews specified in this section, the Legislative Auditor may review the working papers and other documentation of the auditor. As a result of the Legislative Auditor’s reviews, audit reports, working papers, or other documentation may be referred to the State Board of Public Accountancy for action as prescribed in the Maryland Public Accountancy Act. It shall also be the duty of the Legislative Auditor to report all violations by any county, Municipal Corporation, and taxing district of the requirement and provisions specified in the sections of this subtitle to the State Comptroller and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the Executive Director of the State Department of Legislative Services. Should any county or Municipal Corporation, or taxing district fail or refuse to file the audit reports as provided in this section with the Legislative Auditor within the time prescribed or fail or refuse to submit an audit report including financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the State Comptroller, acting upon the advice of the Executive Director of the State Department of Legislative Services, shall be authorized to order the discontinuance of payment of all funds, grants, or State aid which the county, Municipal Corporation, or taxing district is entitled to receive under State law. This provision shall have specific reference to all funds, grants, or State aid which the county, Municipal Corporation, or taxing district is entitled to receive under applicable provisions of State law distributed by the State Comptroller, the clerks of the court, or other units of State government.</p> <p><b>[Restatement.]</b></p>

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SB 574, Ch. 286 ART 19 § 37(a)	each county, Municipal Corporation, and taxing district in the State	<p>(a)(1) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, each county, Municipal Corporation, and taxing district in the State shall by the first day of November after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(2)(i) each county, Municipal Corporation or taxing district with a population of more than 400,000 may by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(ii) unless subparagraph (i) of this paragraph applies, Howard County may by the first day of December after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(iii) Frederick County may by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(iv) Wicomico County may by the first day of January after the close of the fiscal year file with the Department of Legislative Services its financial report covering the full period of that fiscal year.</p> <p>(b) the reports required by subsection (a) of this section shall be:</p> <p>(1) properly filled in on the form or forms established by the Department as provided in this subtitle; and</p> <p>(2) Verified by the Chief Executive Officer of each County, Municipal Corporation, and taxing district.</p> <p><b>[Altering the date by which Wicomico County may file its annual financial report.]</b></p>
SB 690, Ch. 591 HB 713, Ch. 592 HU § 8-1004(g)	Governor's Office for Children	<p>On or before October 1 of each year, the [Governor's] Office [for Children], in coordination with the cooperating Departments, shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the progress of implementing the system for outcomes evaluation.</p> <p><b>[Changes code cite from 1003 to 1004.]</b></p>
SB 463, Ch. 69 HB 485, Ch. 70 SG § 9-2701	Governor's Office for Children Maryland General Assembly	<p>On or before the last day of the Youth Members' Terms, the [Maryland Youth Advisory] Council shall report its activities, to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of this Article, to the General Assembly.</p> <p>...</p> <p>(d)(1) the term of a Youth Member of the Council is 9 months, from September 1 to June 1 of the following year.</p> <p>Staffing Statement: (e)(1) The term of a youth member of the Council is 1 year, from September 1 through August 30 of the following year.</p> <p>(g) The Governor's Office for Children, in addition to the member from the Senate, or the member from the House, or both, shall provide staff support for the Council.</p> <p><b>[Changes terms of Youth Members.]</b></p>

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HB 1297, Ch. 715 SF § 14-305(b)	Governor's Office of Minority Affairs	(1) On or before December 31 of each year, the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs shall submit to the Board of Public Works and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Legislative Policy Committee a report summarizing the information the Office receives under subsection (a) of this section. (2) This report may be prepared in conjunction with the annual report required under § 9-306 of the State Government Article. <b>[Restatement.]</b>
SB 946, Ch. 327 HB 1336, Ch. 328 SF § 14-305(b)	Governor's Office of Minority Affairs	(1) On or before December 31 of each year, the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs shall submit to the Board of Public Works and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Legislative Policy Committee a report summarizing the information the Office receives under subsection (a) of this section. (2) This report may be prepared in conjunction with the annual report required under § 9-306 of the State Government Article. <b>[Restatement.]</b>
SB 413, Ch. 63 HB 244, Ch. 64 SG § 2-10A-06(l)	Joint Committee on Children, Youth, and Families	(1) Annual report.- (1) Subject to § 2-1246 of this title, the [Joint] Committee [on Children, Youth, and Families] shall submit an annual report to the General Assembly on or before December 1 of each year. (2) The report shall include: (i) a description of the work of the Committee; and (ii) any recommendations of the Committee.  Staffing Statement: DLS shall Provide Staff for Committee <b>[Repeal of Sunset.]</b>
HB 438, Ch. 140 SG § 2-10A-13(f)	Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology Committee	The [Joint Information Technology and Biotechnology] Committee shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of this title, the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee on or before December 1 of each year. <b>[Renames committee, modifying the membership and codifies reporting requirement]</b>
SB 307, Ch. 2 CJ § 1-708(c)	Judicial Compensation Commission	Beginning on September 1, 2009, and every 4 years thereafter, the [Judicial Compensation] Commission shall review the salaries and pensions of the judges of the courts listed in subsection (a) of this section and make written recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before the next ensuing regular session of the general assembly. The Governor shall include in the budget for the next ensuing fiscal year the funding necessary to implement those recommendations, contingent on action by the General Assembly under subsections (d) and (e) of this section. <b>[Changes requirement.]</b>

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HB 51, Ch. 120(2) SG § 20-208(c)	Maryland Commission on Human Relations	On or before January 1 of each year, the Commission [on Human Relations] shall submit a report on the work of the Commission to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of this Article, to the General Assembly. <b>[REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Art. 49B, §§ 3.]</b>
SB 14, Ch. 183 NR § 3-126(h)	Maryland Environmental Service	Within the first 90 days of each fiscal year, the [Maryland Environmental] Service shall make a report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly of its activities for the preceding fiscal year. Each such report shall set forth the complete operating and financial statement covering the Service's activities during such year, the salaries for each position of the Service, and a summary of energy activities undertaken by the service during such year. <b>[Changes reporting requirement.]</b>
HB 1403, Ch. 460 ED § 11-105(b)(3)(i)	Maryland Higher Education Commission	(3) (i) The [Higher Education] Commission shall submit to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly a Quadrennial review of the plan by July 1, 2009 and by July 1 of each fourth year thereafter. (ii) The quadrennial review shall include a report on the status and needs of postsecondary education in the State. <b>[Changes due date of plan.]</b>
SB 636, Ch. 89 IN § 15-132	Maryland Insurance Administration	On or before December 1 of each year, the Commissioner shall report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the estimated number of insured and self-insured contracts for health benefit plans in the state and the number of insured and self-insured lives under the age of 65 enrolled in benefit plans in the state. <b>[Places this report in code.]</b>
HB 446, Ch. 674 SPP § 21-108(a)(4)(i)	Maryland State Retirement Agency	On or before June 30 and December 31 of each year, the State Retirement Agency shall submit a report to the Department of Legislative Services that provides a summary of the training required by paragraph (3) of this subsection that was completed by each trustee during that 6-month period. <b>[Changes code cite from (3)(iii) to (4)(i) and changes wording.]</b>
HB 446, Ch. 674 SPP § 21-104(e)(3)(iii)	Maryland State Retirement Agency	The State Retirement Agency shall submit a trustee attendance report to the Department of Legislative Services by June 30 and December 31 of each year. <b>[Restatement.]</b>

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HB 1139, Ch. 441	Montgomery County Council Prince George's County Council	<p>HB 667/Ch. 423, Sec. 2, 2007: That the county councils of Montgomery County and Prince George's County shall jointly report to the delegations of Montgomery County and Prince George's County of the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2009, on the entities receiving a full or partial exemption under § 6-113 of Article 29 of the Annotated Code since authority was granted to the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to authorize such exemptions, including the date each exemption was granted, a general overview of how funding for the exemptions from the system development charge authorized under § 6-113 of Article 29 has been appropriated by the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission for each fiscal year since authority was granted to authorize such exemptions, and a 5-year action plan for improving on the process of granting such exemptions.</p> <p><b>[Extends expiration date to Dec 31, 2010.]</b></p>
SB 703, Ch. 305 HB 736, Ch. 306 PUC § 7-512.1(c)	Public Service Commission	<p>(1) On or before December 1 of each year, the [Public Service] Commission shall report, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the electric universal service program, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) subject to subsection (e) of this section, a recommendation on the total amount of funds for the program for the following fiscal year based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the level of participation in and the amounts expended on bill assistance and arrearage retirement during the preceding fiscal year;</li> <li>2. how bill assistance and arrearage retirement payments were calculated during the preceding fiscal year;</li> <li>3. the projected needs for the bill assistance and the arrearage retirement components for the next fiscal year; and</li> <li>4. the amount of any bill assistance or arrearage retirement surplus carried over in the electric universal service program fund under subsection (f)(6)(i) of this section;</li> </ul> </li> <li>(ii) for bill assistance, the total amount of need, as determined by the Commission, for electric customers with annual incomes at or below 175% of the federal poverty level and the basis for this determination;</li> <li>(iii) the amount of funds needed, as determined by the Commission, to retire arrearages for electric customers who have not received assistance in retiring arrearages under the electric universal service program within the preceding 7 fiscal years, and the basis for this determination;</li> <li>(iv) the amount of funds needed, as determined by the Commission, for bill assistance and arrearage retirement, respectively, for customers for whom income limitations may be waived under subsection (a)(7) of this section, and the basis for each determination;</li> <li>(v) the impact on customers' rates, including the allocation among customer classes, from collecting the total amount recommended by the Commission under item (i) of this paragraph; and</li> <li>(vi) the impact of using other federal poverty level benchmarks on costs and the effectiveness of the electric universal service program.</li> </ul> <p>(2)(i) To assist the Commission in preparing its recommendations under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Office of Home</p>

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		<p>Energy Programs shall report to the Commission each year on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. the number of customers and the amount of distributions made to fuel customers under the Maryland Energy Assistance Program established under Title 5, Subtitle 5A of the Human Services Article, identified by funding source and fuel source;</li> <li>2. the cost of outreach and education materials provided by the Office of Home Energy Programs for the electric universal service program; and</li> <li>3. the amount of money that the Department of Human Resources receives, and is projected to receive, for low-income energy assistance from:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the Maryland strategic energy investment fund under § 9-20b-05 of the State Government Article;</li> <li>b. with respect to electric customers only, the Maryland Energy Assistance Program; and</li> <li>c. any other federal, state, local, or private source.</li> </ol> </li> </ol> <p>(ii) The Office of Home Energy Programs may satisfy the reporting requirement of subparagraph (i)1 of this paragraph by providing the Commission with a copy of material that contains the required information and that the Office of Home Energy Programs submits to the federal government.</p> <p>(iii) The Commission shall include the information provided by the Office of Home Energy Programs under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph in its report to the General Assembly under paragraph (1) of this subsection.</p> <p>(3) Subject to subsection (d)(2) of this section, the Commission shall include the information provided by the Department of Housing and Community Development under subsection (d)(1) of this section in its report to the General Assembly under paragraph (1) of this subsection.</p> <p><b>[Altering specified criteria for providing bill assistance under the electric universal service program.]</b></p>
SB 16, Ch. 189 ED § 7-118(f)	Superintendent of Schools of Prince George's County	<p>On or before December 1 of each year, the ... Superintendent of Schools of Prince George's County shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, and the House Ways and Means Committee, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the status of, and the benefits accrued from, the organization of Parents and Teachers Matching Fund Pilot Program.</p> <p><b>[Adds to expiration requirements and recipients extends expiration date.]</b></p>

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SB 176, Ch. 213 ED § 19-102(e)(2)(i)	University System of Maryland Morgan State University St. Mary's College Baltimore City Community College	(1) A system ["System" means the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, or Baltimore City Community College] shall maintain records identifying the sources and amounts of payments used to support: (i) The auxiliary facilities; and (ii) The academic facilities authorized under the requirements of this subtitle. (2) A system shall report: (i) By September 1 to the Board of Public Works and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Department of Legislative Services, the information for the prior fiscal year required under paragraph (1) of this subsection. <b>[Restatement.]</b>
SB 176, Ch. 213 ED § 19-102(e)(2)(ii)	University System of Maryland Morgan State University St. Mary's College Baltimore City Community College	(1) A system ["System" means the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, or Baltimore City Community College] shall maintain records identifying the sources and amounts of payments used to support: (i) The auxiliary facilities; and (ii) The academic facilities authorized under the requirements of this subtitle. (2) A system shall report: ... (ii) By December 1, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Department of Legislative Services, the anticipated sources and amounts of payments required for the next fiscal year for: 1. Auxiliary facilities; and 2. Academic facilities authorized under the requirements of this subtitle. <b>[Restatement.]</b>
HB 1139, Ch. 441 ART 29 § 6-113(e)(7)	Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission	The WSSC shall submit a report at the end of each fiscal year to the House and Senate Delegations of both counties and to the County Councils. The report shall state the number of requests made by developers under this subsection including the number of acceptances and rejections by the WSSC and the justification for any rejections. <b>[Restatement.]</b>

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HB 268, Ch. 385	Department of Budget & Management Office of Personnel Services and Benefits	HB 1059/Ch. 486, Sec. 4, 1999: That the Secretary of Budget and Management, with assistance provided by the Secretary of Human Resources, develop and implement a plan for hiring welfare recipients by the principal departments within the Executive Branch of State Government. Components of the plan shall include, for each agency: the units that could most easily hire welfare clients; the positions most suitable for the welfare population; a proposal for recruiting welfare clients; job retention strategies; and a target number of clients to be recruited. The Secretary of Budget and Management shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, no later than November 1, 1999, on the development of the plan for recruiting and hiring welfare recipients, and annually thereafter on the number of welfare recipients hired and retained by the principal departments within the Executive Branch of State Government. <b>[Repeals requirement.]</b>
SB 448, Ch. 544 HB 623, Ch. 545 ED § 5-114(b)(2)	Department of Education	(b) The State Superintendent and the Department [of Education] shall: (1) Monitor the financial status of each local school system; and (2) Report on a biannual basis the financial status of each local school system to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly. <b>[Repeals requirement.]</b>
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 15-130(f)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	Semi-annual reports.- Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department shall report to the General Assembly every 6 months concerning the status of the Department's applications under subsection (b) of this section. <b>[Repeals requirement.]</b>
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 15-132(k)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall report to the General Assembly every 6 months concerning the status of the Department's application under subsections (b) and (d) of this section. [Federal Waivers - Waiver for Older Adults and Medicaid Managed Care Pilot Program] <b>[Repeals requirement.]</b>
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 15-141(q)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	The Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall, prior to applying to the centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for the waiver under this section, submit the proposed waiver to the Legislative Policy Committee for its review and comment. <b>[Repeals requirement.]</b>
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 18-803	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	On or before December 1 of each year, the Secretary [of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall submit a report on its findings and recommendations [for the Oral Health Program] to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the oral health programs established under this subtitle. <b>[Repeals requirement.]</b>

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HB 70, Ch. 656	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>HB 627/Ch. 280, Sec. 11, 2005: (a) For the calendar year prior to the report date under subsection (b) of this section, the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall review the rates paid to providers under the federal Medicare fee schedule and compare the rates under the Medicare fee schedule to the fee-for-service rates paid to similar providers for the same services under the Medical Assistance Program and the rates paid to managed care organization providers for the same services under the Medical Assistance Program.</p> <p>(b) On or before January 1, 2006, and each January 1 thereafter, the Department shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on:</p> <p>(1) The review and comparison under subsection (a) of this section; and</p> <p>(2) Whether the fee-for-service rates and managed care organization provider rates will exceed the rates paid under the Medicare fee schedule for the period covered by the report required under subsection (a) of this section.</p> <p><b>[Repeals requirement.]</b></p>
HB 70, Ch. 656	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>HB 1071/Ch. 702, 2001 as amended by SB 481/Ch. 464, 2002 : (On or before September 1 of each year, the Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall submit a report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Environmental Matters Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee on:</p> <p>(1) its progress in complying with subsection (a) of this section;</p> <p>(2) an analysis of the fee-for-service reimbursement rates paid in other states and how those rates compare with those in Maryland;</p> <p>(3) its schedule for bringing Maryland's fee-for-service reimbursement rates to a level that assures that all health care providers are reimbursed adequately to provide access to care; and</p> <p>(4) an analysis on the estimated costs of implementing the schedule and any proposed changes to the fee-for-service reimbursement rates for the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children's Health Program.</p> <p><b>[Repeals requirement.]</b></p>
HB 70, Ch. 656	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>SB 230/Ch. 1, Sec. 2, 1998 and HB 318/Ch. 2, Sec. 2, 1998: That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report to the General Assembly on or before January 1 of each year, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the results of hospital death record reviews conducted under § 19-310(l) of the Health -General Article.</p> <p>....</p> <p>The William H. Amoss Organ and Tissue Donation Act of 1998</p> <p><b>[Repeals requirement.]</b></p>

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HB 70, Ch. 656	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>SB 590/Ch. 113, Sec. 6, 1998: The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, shall submit a report to the General Assembly annually concerning:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(1) The availability and accessibility of dentists throughout the State participating in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program;</li> <li>(2) The outcomes that managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program achieve concerning the utilization targets required by § 2 of this Act, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) loss ratios that the managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations experience for providing dental services; and</li> <li>(ii) corrective action by managed care organizations and dental managed care organizations to achieve the utilization targets; and</li> </ul> </li> <li>(3) The allocation and use of funds authorized by this Act.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Repeals requirement.]</b></p>
HB 70, Ch. 656	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>SB 499/Ch. 593, Sec. 16, 1997: That the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall report quarterly, subject to § 2-1312 [now § 2-1246] of the State Government Article, to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Appropriations Committee on the status of Family Investment Program recipients referred to substance abuse treatment as a result of this Act [Welfare Innovation Act of 1997].</p> <p><b>[Repeals requirement.]</b></p>
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 15-133(d)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene	<p>(d) Report.- Subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Department shall report to the General Assembly every 3 months concerning the status of the Department's applications under subsections (a) and (c) of this section, including the number of individuals budgeted for the Medicaid home- and community-services based waiver for adults with physical disabilities.</p> <p><b>[Repeals requirement.]</b></p>
HB 1069, Ch. 311 HG § 19-214.1(f)(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Health Services Cost Review Commission	<p>(1) Each hospital shall submit to the [Health Services Cost Review] Commission the hospital's policy on the collection of debts owed by patients who qualify for reduced-cost care under the hospital's financial assistance policy.</p> <p>(2) On or before July 1, 2006, the Commission shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee on the details of the policies submitted to the Commission under paragraph (1) of this subsection.</p> <p><b>[Takes obsolete requirement out of code.]</b></p>

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SB 776, Ch. 310 HG § 19-214.1(f)(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Health Services Cost Review Commission	(1) Each hospital shall submit to the [Health Services Cost Review] Commission the hospital's policy on the collection of debts owed by patients who qualify for reduced-cost care under the hospital's financial assistance policy. (2) On or before July 1, 2006, the Commission shall report, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee on the details of the policies submitted to the Commission under paragraph (1) of this subsection. <b>[Takes obsolete requirement out of code.]</b>
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 13-1903	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Osteoporosis Prevention and Education Task Force	On or before December 1 of each year, the Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall submit a report of the findings and recommendations of the [Osteoporosis Prevention and Education] Task Force to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.  Staffing Statement: § 13-1902 (d) Staff.- The Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall provide staff for the Task Force. <b>[Repeals requirement.]</b>
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 4-3A-05(9)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene State Advisory Council on Medical Privacy and Confidentiality	On or before December 15 of each year, [State Advisory Council on Medical Privacy and Confidentiality] shall submit an annual report and its recommendations to the Governor, and subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.  Staffing Statement: § 4-3A-04(d) Staff.- The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall designate the staff necessary to carry out this subtitle. <b>[Repeals requirement.]</b>
HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 7-204(d)(2)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Community Services Advisory Commission	By July 1 of each year, the [Community Services Advisory] Commission shall: (1) Update the systematic plan; and (2) Report any findings and recommendations resulting from the annual update, the monitoring of plan implementation, and the review of [Developmental Disabilities] Administration activities to the Governor, appropriate State agencies, and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the Legislative Policy Committee.  Staffing Statement: Health General Article § 7-201 There is a Developmental Disabilities Administration in the Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene]. Health General Article § 7-204 (b)(1) There is a Community Services Advisory Commission within the [Developmental Disabilities] Administration. <b>[Repeals requirement.]</b>

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HB 70, Ch. 656 HG § 15-103(b)(27)(iv)(9)	Department of Health & Mental Hygiene Maryland Medicaid Advisory Committee	(iv) In addition to any duties imposed by federal law and regulation, the [Maryland Medicaid Advisory ] Committee shall: ... (9) Publish and submit an annual report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.  Staffing Statement: 15-103(b)(27)(x) (x) the Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall provide staff for the Committee. <b>[Repeals requirement]</b>
HB 101, Ch. 487	Department of Legislative Services Office of Legislative Audits	SB 869/Ch. 487, Sec. 6, 2004 & HB 1308/Ch. 488, Sec. 6, 2004: That: (a) The Office of Legislative Audits shall conduct a performance audit of the Maryland Renewable Energy Fund which includes, for each year since the creation of the Fund, an assessment of: (1) the amount of funds received in the Fund; (2) the uses of the funds; and (3) the administrative expenses related to the Fund for project review and oversight. (b) The Office shall report the results of the audit to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on or before December 1, 2009. (c) The cost of the performance audit shall be included in the administrative expenses under § 7-707(f)(4) of the Public Utility Companies Article, as enacted by this Act. <b>[Repeals requirement.]</b>
HB 457, Ch. 141 SG § 8-305	each principal department	The secretary of each principal department and the head of each other unit in the Executive Branch of the State government that is not in a principal department shall include on the website for the department or unit: (1) an organizational chart that: (i) shows the major subunits in the unit; and (ii) lists the name and title of each individual who heads a subunit; and (2) a concise description of the department or unit and each subunit. <b>[Removes requirement to submit to the General Assembly subject to State Government Article § 2-1246.]</b>

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SB 636, Ch. 89	Maryland Insurance Administration	<p>Pursuant to HB 1359/Ch. 9 Sec. 5, 1993 as amended by HB 330/Ch. 258 Sec. 3, 1994, provides that:</p> <p>(a) (1) Annually by October 1 the Insurance Commissioner shall determine the number of individuals in the State who are under the age of 65 and who are covered under an insured health benefit plan issued by an insurer authorized to engage in the insurance business in the State or under a prepaid health benefit package of a health maintenance organization that operates in the State.</p> <p>(2) The Insurance Commissioner shall accept registration from public and private employers and employee groups or associations in the State that offer health benefit plans under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act or other self-insured plans and that would agree to obtain insured health benefits for their employees or groups for a minimum period of 3 years under an insurance plan issued by an insurer authorized to engage in the insurance business in the State or under a prepaid health benefit package of a health maintenance organization that operates in the State and that would be subject to § 3 of this Act. Upon request of the insurer or HMO being considered by a registering group of up to 250 employees, the registering group shall provide claims and demographic information sufficient to assist insurers and HMOs to develop rates that are adequate, not excessive and not unfairly discriminatory, and in accordance with Article 48A, § 702 of the Code [now § 15-1205 of this article]."</p> <p>(b) Section 3 of this Act shall take effect the second January 1 following a determination by the Insurance Commissioner that at least 60 percent of Maryland's total population under the age of 65 are covered under an insured health benefit plan or are enrolled in plans sponsored by employers or groups for which the Insurance Commissioner has obtained registrations, provided, however, that the Insurance Commissioner shall study whether the percentage of Maryland's total population under age 65 required for § 3 to take effect should be greater than 60 percent and shall promulgate a regulation providing for a higher percentage if the Commissioner determines that it is in the public interest that the percentage should be raised. In determining whether the percentage should be raised, the Commissioner shall include a consideration of the extent to which:</p> <p>(1) Small group premium rates will increase with the addition of individuals and large groups to the community pool;</p> <p>(2) Existing insured groups are likely to self-insure and exit the community pool if individuals and large groups enter the community pool;</p> <p>(3) Individuals are likely to move to Maryland to join the community pool thereby increasing health expenditures in Maryland; and</p> <p>(4) Employer groups are likely to leave the State to avoid the community pool.</p> <p>(c) The Insurance Commissioner must submit an annual report in accordance with § 2-1312 [now § 2-1246] of the State Government Article by December 31 of each year. The report must specify the number of individuals under the age of 65 who are covered under an insured health benefit plan and by registered employers. If the Commissioner determines that the taking effect of § 3 of this Act at a participation level of 60 percent of the population under age 65 is in the public interest, the Commissioner shall state the reasons in the report.</p> <p><b>[Repeals requirement.]</b></p>

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SB 636, Ch. 89	Maryland Insurance Administration	<p>HB 1358/Ch. 294, Sec. 5, 1997: That, in accordance with § 2-1312 [now § 2-1246] of the State Government Article, the Insurance Commissioner shall report annually to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee regarding the effect of this [Maryland Health Insurance Portability and Accountability] Act on rates in the individual health insurance market, and any proposed changes to existing law. The Commissioner's report shall be made by December 1 of each year, beginning in 1999.</p> <p><b>[Repeals requirement.]</b></p>

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5	C00A Judiciary	Report on all bail debtors in Maryland	Judiciary	November 1, 2009, and annually thereafter	Study ROF
6	C00A Judiciary	Report on the Maryland Disability Law Center revenues and expenditures	Maryland Disability Law Center	November 1, 2009	Study
11	C81C Office of the Attorney General	Salaries of all AAG and staff attorneys in Executive Branch	OAG	With annual budget request	Status
12	D05E Board of Public Works	Certification that Maryland was transferred from the Southern Region to the Eastern Region	Council of State Governments	45 days prior to expenditure	Status ROF
12	D05E Board of Public Works	Audited financials	Maryland Zoological Society	November 1, 2009	Status
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15	D12A Executive Department Department of Disabilities	Performance measures related to housing	MDOD	With the submission of the budget allowance	Status
16	D13A Executive Department Maryland Energy Administration	Report on impact of fiscal 2010 bill assistance, rate relief, energy efficiency, and renewable energy program spending	MEA, DHR, PSC, DHCD, MDE, and DGS	December 15, 2009	Study
18	D16A Secretary of State	Status report on Address Confidentiality Program	SOS	November 1, 2009, and annually thereafter	Status

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21	D38I State Board of Elections	Report on existing and planned contracts in effect in fiscal 2009 and 2010	State Board of Elections	October 1, 2009	Status
22	D40W Department of Planning	Maryland Land Preservation and Recreation Plan	MDP	July 1, 2009	Study ROF
22	D40W Department of Planning	Report on historical statewide spending related to Priority Funding Areas	MDP	Fiscal 2011 State budget submission	Study
25	D50H Military Department	Annual report on the Trustee's Relief Account	MSFA	November 1, 2009, and annually thereafter	Status
26	D55P Department of Veterans Affairs	Outreach and service efforts	MDVA	October 1, 2009	Study
27	D70J Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund	Annual report on the reasonableness of the surplus of the Insured Division of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund	MIA	Concurrent with submission to the Presiding Officers of the General Assembly and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Finance and House Economic Matters Committee and annually thereafter	Study
28	D79Z Maryland Health Insurance Plan	Updated the Maryland Health Insurance Plan financial and enrollment information	MHIP	August 31, 2009 December 31, 2009	Status
29	D80Z Maryland Insurance Administration	Report explaining practice for forecasting the premium tax revenue	MIA BRE	October 1, 2009	Study ROF
34	E50C State Department of Assessments and Taxation	Report on the feasibility of providing electronic access and submission of Personal Property Return Form 1	State Department of Assessments and Taxation	December 31, 2009	Status
35	F Department of Budget and Management	Accounting of health insurance claim costs	Department of Budget and Management	45 days prior to expenditure	Status ROF

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35	F Department of Budget and Management	Report on teleworking oversight	Department of Budget and Management	September 1, 2009	Study
39	G20J MSRPS – State Retirement Agency	MPAS-2 scope report	State Retirement Agency	45 days prior to expenditure	Status ROF
39	G20J MSRPS – State Retirement Agency	Report on additional costs derived from Maryland Pension Administration System Project	State Retirement Agency	August 1, 2009	Status
40	G99G Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund	Cost-benefit analysis of settling claims	DBM	September 30, 2009	Study
40	G99G Injured Workers’ Insurance Fund	Identification of settlements in assessment report	IWIF	As required	Status
41	H Department of General Services	Report on energy conservation	DGS	November 1, 2009, and annually thereafter	Status
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43	J Department of Transportation	Capital budget changes	Maryland Department of Transportation	With draft CTP With final CTP	Status
44	J Department of Transportation	Information on non-transportation expenditures exceeding \$250,000	MDOT	As needed	Status
44	J Department of Transportation	Additional regular positions and contractual full-time equivalents	MDOT	As needed	Status
45	J Department of Transportation	Report on vacant position reductions	MDOT	June 15, 2009	Status
45	J Department of Transportation	Updated financial forecast	MDOT	Three days after Board of Revenue Estimates March 2010 revision	Status

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46	J Department of Transportation	Report on capital reductions	MDOT	September 1, 2009	Status
48	J00A01 MDOT – The Secretary’s Office	Explanation of need for additional special funds for grants-in-aid	MDOT	As needed	Status
49	J00A01 MDOT – The Secretary’s Office	Budget report	WMATA MDOT	30 days after board adopts fiscal 2010 budget	Status
49	J00A01 MDOT – The Secretary’s Office	Capital budget needs and expenditures	WMATA MDOT	November 13, 2009	Status
51	J00A04 MDOT – Debt Service Requirements	Justification for increasing nontraditional debt outstanding	MDOT	45 days prior to the publication of a preliminary official statement	Status
52	J00A04 MDOT – Debt Service Requirements	Nontraditional debt outstanding and anticipated debt service payments	MDOT	With September forecast With January forecast	Status
53	J00B MDOT – State Highway Administration	Report on Supplemental Grant Program projects	MDOT	15 days after federal deadline and once information is available	Status
56	J00D MDOT – Maryland Port Administration	Report summarizing the request for qualifications to be issued	MPA	30 days prior to issuance of a request for qualifications	Status
56	J00D MDOT – Maryland Port Administration	Report providing a description of the proposed agreement	MPA	15 days prior to entering into an agreement	Study
59	J00D MDOT – Maryland Port Administration	Annual report on remediation efforts at Dundalk Marine Terminal	MPA	December 15, 2009, and annually thereafter	Status
59	J00D MDOT – Maryland Port Administration	Copy of the Corrective Measures Alternative Analysis	MPA	Upon submission to the Maryland Department of the Environment	Status

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62	J00E MDOT – Motor Vehicle Administration	Report on Driver’s Records	MVA	September 1, 2009	Study ROF
63	J00E MDOT – Motor Vehicle Administration	Status report on REAL-ID implementation	MVA	November 2, 2009	Study
65	J00H MDOT – Maryland Transit Administration	Report on farebox recovery	MTA	November 16, 2009	Study
65	J00H MDOT – Maryland Transit Administration	Report on major transit lines	MTA MDOT	November 13, 2009	Study
68	J00J Maryland Transportation Authority	Summary of the proposed solicitation document	MDTA	45 days prior to issuing a public notice of solicitation	Status
68	J00J Maryland Transportation Authority	Description of the proposed lease agreement and financing plan	MDTA	45 days prior to entering into a P3	Study
69	J00J Maryland Transportation Authority	Report on the reason for cost increases on the I-95 project	MDTA	November 1, 2009	Status
71	K Department of Natural Resources	Alternative proposals for mitigating financial impact from black bear damage	DNR Maryland Legislative Sportsmen’s Foundation	November 1, 2009	Study
71	K Department of Natural Resources	Alternative funding sources for Civic Justice Corps report	DNR DJS MSDE	December 1, 2009	Study

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72	K Department of Natural Resources	Five-year capital development project plan	DNR	July 1, 2009	Status
73	K Department of Natural Resources	Report on the projects funded with the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund revenue	DNR	45 days prior to the expenditure of the fiscal 2010 allocation from the Chesapeake Bay 2010 Trust Fund	Status ROF
75	K Department of Natural Resources	Schedule of contracts and interagency agreements related to Chesapeake Bay restoration	DNR MDA MDE MDP	With submission of Governor's fiscal 2011 budget	Status
81	M00F02 DHMH – Community and Family Health Administration	Status on funding and collaborative efforts of both infant mortality programs	DHMH	November 1, 2009	Status
83	M00F04 DHMH – Aids Administration	Report on HIV testing at release from correctional facilities	DHMH DPSCS	November 1, 2009	Study
84	M00F06 DHMH – Office of Preparedness and Response	Report on the antiviral treatments purchased	DHMH	October 1, 2009	Status
86	M00L DHMH – Mental Hygiene Administration	Walter P. Carter Center	DHMH	December 15, 2009	Status ROF
86	M00L DHMH – Mental Hygiene Administration	University of Maryland Community Mental Health Programs	University of Maryland School of Medicine	January 15, 2010	Status
88	M00L DHMH – Mental Hygiene Administration	Staffing study update	MHA	November 1, 2009	Study
88	M00L DHMH – Mental Hygiene Administration	Cost of somatic care at State-run psychiatric facilities	MHA	December 1, 2009	Status

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91	M00M DHMH – Developmental Disabilities Administration	Waiting List report	DHMH	July 1, 2009	Study ROF
91	M00M DHMH – Developmental Disabilities Administration	Annual report on cost to serve court-ordered individuals in the community	DDA	December 1, 2009, and annually thereafter	Study
93	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Interim report regarding MCO studies and examinations	DHMH MIA	December 1, 2009	Study
93	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Report on updating the eligibility systems	DHMH DHR	December 1, 2009	Study ROF
95	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Report on long-term financial solution	Board of Directors of Bon Secours Hospital	45 days prior to the grant being provided	Study ROF
97	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Report regarding options preventing future subsidies	DHMH MIA	October 1, 2009	Study
98	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Report on long-term care incentive payments and “never events”	DHMH	December 1, 2009	Study
99	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Report on the Medicaid expansion to parents	DHMH	November 1, 2009	Status
99	M00Q DHMH – Medical Care Programs Administration	Report on barriers to enrollment and outstation eligibility workers	DHMH	November 1, 2009	Study
102	MEMSOF	Update on the 2009 Base Assessment Study	MIEMSS DSP	December 1, 2010	Study
102	MEMSOF	Response to expert panel findings	MIEMSS Maryland State Police	June 30, 2010	Study

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104	MEMSOF	Report on trauma and specialty referral centers	EMS Board MIEMSS MHCC	September 30, 2009	Study
107	N00G DHR – Local Department Operations	Report on caseload data and filled positions assigned by jurisdiction for specified caseload types	DHR	December 1, 2009 March 1, 2010	Status
109	N00G DHR – Local Department Operations	Comparison of staffing needs using current methodology and new staffing needs analysis process	DHR	Upon completion of new staffing needs analysis methodology	Report
110	N00H DHR – Child Support Enforcement Administration	Transition plan for Queen Anne’s County child support	DHR	October 1, 2009	Study
110	N00H DHR – Child Support Enforcement Administration	Evaluation of demonstration site incentive payments	DHR	December 1, 2009	Study
113	P Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation	Report on transfer of adult education programs	DLLR	December 1, 2009	Study
114	Q00 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services	Analysis of custodial agency staffing requirements	DPSCS	December 1, 2009, and biannually thereafter	Study
114	Q00 Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services	Plan on how to fully fund the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services	DPSCS DBM	October 1, 2009	Study
116	Q00A DPSCS – Office of the Secretary	Audit of 9-1-1 service provider remittances	ENSB	July 1, 2009	Status
117	Q00A DPSCS – Office of the Secretary	Copy of federal award letter showing appropriation of federal funds	DPSCS	45 days prior to expenditure	Status ROF

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117	Q00A DPSCS – Office of the Secretary	Letter showing approval of Part I Program Plan	DPSCS	45 days prior to expenditure	Status ROF
117	Q00A DPSCS – Office of the Secretary	Certification letter of public meetings with surrounding communities	DPSCS	45 days prior to expenditure	Status ROF
119	Q00A DPSCS – Office of the Secretary	Inmate medical services request for proposal	DPSCS	60 days prior to issuance	Status
123	Q00C01 DPSCS – Maryland Parole Commission	Impact of parole guidelines on recidivism	Maryland Parole Commission	November 1, 2009	Status
124	Q00C02 DPSCS – Division of Parole and Probation	Technical violator impact assessment	DPSCS	December 1, 2009	Study
125	Q00C02 DPSCS – Division of Parole and Probation	Violence Prevention Initiative outcome measures	DPP	September 1, 2009	Status
126	Q00D DPSCS – Patuxent Institution	Substance abuse treatment program measures	Patuxent Institution	With the annual budget submission	Status
130	R00A01 MSDE – Headquarters	Report on the use of loaned educator contracts	MSDE	December 15, 2009	Status
130	R00A01 MSDE – Headquarters	Report on financial need in the accountability and assessment program	MSDE	January 1, 2010, and annually thereafter	Status ROF
133	R00A02 MSDE – Aid to Education	Report on any transfer of funds from R00A02	MSDE	45 days prior to transfer	Status
134	R00A02 MSDE – Aid to Education	Report on the SEED School Enrollment	MSDE SEED School of Maryland	January 1, 2010	Study
137	R00A02 MSDE – Aid to Education	Report on availability of federal funds through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the Head Start Program	MSDE	As needed	Status

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138	R00A02 MSDE – Aid to Education	Report on how local education agencies are using additional federal revenue	MSDE	March 31, 2010	Study
139	R00A04 MSDE – Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund	Report on out-of-home placements	Governor’s Office for Children	December 1, 2009	Study
141	R13M Morgan State University	Report on programs and services needed at historically black institutions to ensure graduation of less prepared undergraduate students	MHEC HBI’s	September 1, 2009	Study ROF
141	R13M Morgan State University	Report on expenditures of funds and measures to evaluate the new program to improve success and graduation of undergraduate students	MSU	October 1, 2009	Study ROF
142	R13M Morgan State University	Annual report on instructional workload for tenured and tenure-track faculty	MSU	December 1, 2009	Status
142	R13M Morgan State University	Reports on all categories of institutional aid (need-based, merit, mission, and athletic)	MSU	With request and allowance	Status
144	R30B00 University System of Maryland	Annual report on instructional workload for tenured and tenured-track faculty	USM	December 1, 2009	Status
145	R30B23 USM – Bowie State University	Report on programs and services needed at historically black institutions to ensure graduation of less prepared undergraduate students	MHEC HBI’s	September 1, 2009	Study ROF
145	R30B23 USM – Bowie State University	Report on expenditures of funds and measures to evaluate the new program to improve success and graduation of undergraduate students	BSU	October 1, 2009	Study ROF
147	R30B25 USM – University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Report on programs and services needed at historically black institutions to ensure graduation of less prepared undergraduate students	MHEC HBI’s	September 1, 2009	Study ROF
147	R30B25 USM – University of Maryland Eastern Shore	Report on expenditures of funds and measures to evaluate the new program to improve success and graduation of undergraduate students	UMES	October 1, 2009	Study ROF

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149	R30B27 USM – Coppin State University	Report on programs and services needed at historically black institutions to ensure graduation of less prepared undergraduate students	MHEC HBIs	September 1, 2009	Study ROF
149	R30B27 USM – Coppin State University	Report on expenditures of funds and measures to evaluate the new program to improve success and graduation of undergraduate students	CSU	October 1, 2009	Study ROF
151	R30B36 USM – University System of Maryland Office	Report on all categories of institutional aid provided in the same format submitted to the Maryland Higher Education Commission	USM	January 1, 2010	Status
152	R60H Maryland Prepaid College Trust	Report on the Actuarial State of the Maryland Prepaid College Trust	College Savings Plan of Maryland	March 1, 2010, and annually thereafter	Status
153	R62I Maryland Higher Education Commission	Recommendations to improve the immediate and long-term success of the University System of Maryland at Hagerstown	MHEC	September 1, 2009	Study
156	R62I Maryland Higher Education Commission	The process of auditing community college enrollments	MHEC Maryland Association of Community Colleges	October 15, 2009	Study
160	R62I Maryland Higher Education Commission	Report on current fiscal year working appropriation for Maryland Higher Education Program Scholarships by program	MHEC	October 15, 2009 January 15, 2010	Status
160	R62I Maryland Higher Education Commission	Implementation of commission recommendations	MHEC P-20 Council other stakeholders	December 1, 2009	Status
163	R75T Higher Education	Report on programs and services needed at historically black institutions to ensure graduation of less prepared undergraduate students	MHEC HBIs	September 1, 2009	Study ROF
163	R75T Higher Education	Report on expenditures of funds and measures to evaluate the new program to improve success and graduation of undergraduate students	UMES	October 1, 2009	Study ROF
164	R75T Higher Education	Report on programs and services needed at historically black institutions to ensure graduation of less prepared undergraduate students	MHEC HBIs	September 1, 2009	Study ROF

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164	R75T Higher Education	Report on expenditures of funds and measures to evaluate the new program to improve success and graduation of undergraduate students	MSU	October 1, 2009	Study ROF
165	R75T Higher Education	Report on programs and services needed at historically black institutions to ensure graduation of less prepared undergraduate students	MHEC HBI's	September 1, 2009	Study ROF
165	R75T Higher Education	Report on expenditures of funds and measures to evaluate the new program to improve success and graduation of undergraduate students	CSU	October 1, 2009	Study ROF
166	R75T Higher Education	Report on programs and services needed at historically black institutions to ensure graduation of less prepared undergraduate students	MHEC HBI's	September 1, 2009	Study ROF
166	R75T Higher Education	Report on expenditures of funds and measures to evaluate the new program to improve success and graduation of undergraduate students	BSU	October 1, 2009	Study ROF
167	R75T Higher Education	Policy regarding the use of public higher education facilities to display or screen obscene material	USM MSU SMCM BCCC	September 1, 2009	Study
167	R75T Higher Education	A study examining measures to improve the status of graduate assistants and adjunct faculty at public higher education institutions	USM	November 1, 2009	Study
172	S50B Maryland African American Museum Corporation	Memorandum of understanding specifying use of the fiscal 2010 general fund grant	MAAMC DBM	July 1, 2010	Status
176	T Department of Business and Economic Development	Report on performance measures for the Maryland Biotechnology Investment Tax Credit	DBED	45 days before release of funds	Status ROF
180	T Department of Business and Economic Development	Report on competitiveness of film industry in Maryland	DBED	December 1, 2009	Study

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182	U00A Department of the Environment	Study on septage disposal	MDE	September 1, 2009	Study
183	U00A Department of the Environment	Report on full and timely information technology project disclosure	MDE	Prior to the expenditure of any funds on the web site revamp project	Study
184	V Department of Juvenile Services	Facility staffing and community caseloads	DJS	October 1, 2009	Study
186	W Department of State Police	2008 Uniform Crime Report	DSP	45 days prior to the expenditure of funds	Status ROF
186	W Department of State Police	Submission of a study on helicopter maintenance	DSP	October 1, 2009	Study
193	Section 27	Report on status of ledger control account	IWIF	Monthly, beginning on July 1, 2009	Status
193	Section 28	Report of components of each federal fund appropriation	DBM	With submission of fiscal 2011 budget	Status
195	Section 30	Annual report on indirect costs	DBM	With submission of the Governor's fiscal 2011 budget books	Status
195	Section 31	Executive's general fund forecast	DBM	With submission of the Governor's fiscal 2011 budget books	Status
197	Section 33	Consolidated report on all interagency agreements	DBM	December 1, 2009	Status
200	Section 35	Report on appropriations and disbursements in M00Q01.03, R00A02.07, and N00G00.01	DHMH MSDE DHR	November 1, 2009 March 1, 2009 June 1, 2010	Status
201	Section 37	Total number of FTEs on June 30 and July 1, 2009	DBM	July 14, 2009	Status
201	Section 37	Report on the creation, transfer, or abolition of regular positions	DBM	As needed	Status
202	Section 38	Report of all Executive Pay Plan positions	DBM MDOT	July 15, 2009 October 15, 2009 January 15, 2010 April 15, 2010	Status

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203	Section 40	Accounting of the employee and retiree health plan revenues and expenditures	DBM	With submission of Governor's fiscal 2011 budget books	Status
204	Section 42	Report summarizing all agreements with airlines concerning fee waivers, joint marketing services, and profit guarantees	MAA	January 15, 2010	Status
206	Section 45	Information technology status report	Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board	As needed, and bi-annually thereafter	Status
206	Section 45	Joint Case Management Interoperability Information Technology Plan	Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board	With the submission of the fiscal 2011 allowance and annually thereafter	Study ROF
206	Section 45	Letter of certification from the Department of Information Technology	DOIT	As needed, 45 days prior to expenditure	Status ROF
208	Section 46	Summary of Chesapeake Bay restoration expenditures	DBM	Fiscal 2011 State budget submission and annually thereafter	Status
208	Section 47	Report on recent and anticipated performance and actions of the Office of People's Counsel	OPC	45 days prior to the release of funds	Status ROF
208	Section 47	Report on actions of the Public Service Commission	PSC	45 days prior to the release of funds	Status ROF
210	Section 48	Budget submission detail	DBM Military Department	With the submission of the fiscal 2011 allowance and each year thereafter	Status ROF
210	Section 49	Report on homeland security spending	GOHS MEMA DHMH DSP MDOT	December 31, 2009, and annually thereafter	Status
211	Section 50	Evidence-based services for youthful offenders	DHMH	Within 30 days of a rejection of an application to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to amend the State Medical Assistance Program	Status

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212	Section 51	Certification of the status of positions created with non-State funding sources during fiscal 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010	DBM	June 30, 2010	Status
212	Section 51	Positions created within the Department of Human Resources with non-Local Management Board grants	DHR	December 1, 2009	Status
214	Section 52	Assessment of whether State Center is a capital lease and effect on State debt affordability limits	State Treasurer	May 15, 2009	Status
215	Section 54	List of public-private partnership projects in any phase of development	DGS MDOT MDTA USMO	August 1, 2009	Status
216	Section 55	Community Services Rates	DHMH	October 1, 2009	Study
216	Section 56	Needs assessment for additional pistol lanes	MDTA PCTC	45 days prior to the expenditure of design funds	Study
216	Section 56	Memorandum of understanding on the Maryland Transportation Authority's use of the Police and Correctional Training Commission's firing ranges	MDTA PCTC	45 days prior to the expenditure of design funds	Status
216	Section 56	Long-range needs assessment for firing ranges	PCTC	December 1, 2009	Study

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242	DE0201 BPW – Judiciary/ Multiservice Centers	Copy of any negotiated lease for a new District Court facility to replace the existing Catonsville District Court – submitted to DBM and the Comptroller's General Accounting Division	District Court	90 days prior to the submission of a lease to the Board of Public Works	Status

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242	DE0201 BPW – Judiciary/ Multiservice Centers	Letter from DBM and the Comptroller’s General Accounting Division to the budget committees that provides an assessment of the fiscal and budgetary implications of the proposed District Court lease	DBM and the Comptroller’s General Accounting Division	45 days prior to the District Court seeking BPW approval of any negotiated lease for a new District Court facility to replace the existing Catonsville District Court	Study
245	FB04 – Department of Information Technology	Use of federal stimulus funds for networkMaryland upgrade	DoIT	30 days prior to the expenditure of funds	Status
253	L00A – Maryland Department of Agriculture	Easement monitoring compliance report	MALPF	December 1, 2009	Study
254	MJ02 – DHMH Laboratories Administration	Report on projected costs and estimated timelines for the new public health laboratory	DHMH DBM DGS	45 days prior to the release of funds	Study ROF
257	QB06 – DPSCS Maryland Correctional Pre-Release System	Copy of federal award letter showing appropriation of federal funds	DPSCS	45 days prior to expenditure	Status
257	QB06 – DPSCS Maryland Correctional Pre-Release System	Letter showing approval of the Part I Program Plan	DPSCS	45 days prior to expenditure	Status
257	QB06 – DPSCS Maryland Correctional Pre-Release System	Certification letter of public meetings with surrounding communities	DPSCS	45 days prior to expenditure	Status
260	QG00 – DPSCS Police and Correctional Training Commissions	Memorandum of understanding between Police and Correctional Training Commissions and the Maryland Transportation Authority	MDTA and Police and Correctional Training Commissions	As required, prior to expenditure	Status
267	RB28 – USM University of Baltimore	Study examining the feasibility of establishing a satellite law center of the University of Baltimore in Prince George’s County	USM	September 1, 2009	Study

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278	VD01 – DJS Office of the Secretary	Land acquisition for a new juvenile treatment center in Baltimore City	DGS DJS	45 days prior to acquisition	Status ROF
289	ZA00 – Misc.	Memorandum of understanding or letter regarding the scope of the project	UMCP City of College Park	Prior to expenditure of funds	
319	ZB02 – Local Jails and Detention Centers	Local jails and detention centers population statistics report	DPSCS	September 1, 2009, and annually thereafter	Status
339	Section 13	Public-private partnership preliminary report plan	Any applicable State agency	30 days prior to issuance of solicitation	
339	Section 13	Public-private partnership pro-forma analysis	Any applicable State agency	45 days prior to entering into a master development agreement	

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**TREASURER'S REPORT TO  
LEGISLATIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**May 26, 2009**

**Nancy K. Kopp**

*State Treasurer*

**Section 5-104 of the State Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland provides that, “*The Treasurer shall address the Legislative Policy Committee of the General Assembly on a semi-annual basis and as necessary on issues of legislative importance, including the activities of the Board of Public Works, bond sales, and investment and procurement initiatives.*” This Report is in fulfillment of that law and covers the period since the report of December 16, 2008. I invite and welcome further discussion with the Committee at your convenience.**

The State Treasurer’s activities and responsibilities are of particular concern to the Legislature. One of five statewide Constitutional officers, and the only one elected by the General Assembly, the State Treasurer’s duties are multifaceted and extend throughout State government and higher education. The Treasurer’s duties include membership on the Board of Public Works and Board of Revenue Estimates and Chairmanship of the Capital Debt Affordability Committee. The Treasurer presently also serves as Chair of the Board of Trustees of the College Savings Plans of Maryland and the Board of Trustees of the State Retirement and Pension System. She is a member of the Teachers’ and Employees’ Supplemental Retirement Plans, the Maryland Health and Higher Education Facilities Authority, the Maryland Small Business Development Financial Authority and of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Board. Several of these Boards work under the general oversight of legislative oversight committees which are in periodic receipt of reports and communications from the Office, as are the two legislative budget committees.

As we continue to face challenging fiscal times, the Office is working diligently to efficiently and effectively assist State and local agencies and the citizens of Maryland with State Treasury-related issues. The Office continues to be both a partner and reliable resource for State agencies and local government. The Office continues its work with State agencies to develop action plans and safety practices to mitigate insurance losses and reduce insurance costs, to improve banking and cash management procedures, and to advise on procurement issues.

As fiscal steward for the State, the State Treasurer’s Office approaches its responsibilities in a prudent, deliberate way. At this time of world-wide financial stress, such caution and deliberation is more critical than ever, as has been reflected in each of the Divisions of the State Treasurer’s Office. As market conditions have worsened, we have taken great care to invest State funds carefully and conservatively to minimize risk to the Maryland taxpayers. We have, through negotiation, reduced insurance premium rates. We continue to plan and conduct our bond sales efficiently and effectively, while striving to maintain Maryland’s coveted AAA bond rating. We are pleased to announce that, for the first time in March, 2009, we offered State bonds in a negotiated sale limited to retail investors. The sale was highly successful and allowed our citizens, for the first time, the opportunity to directly purchase the State’s highly rated General Obligation Bonds, investing directly in their State. The State Treasurer’s Office, experiencing furloughs and resource reductions like the rest of State government, has achieved more with less.

While our agenda is full and challenging; the Office is working hard and achieving real results even during these difficult fiscal times. The items set forth below detail a number of these achievements and we are available to provide greater information or answer questions regarding these and other issues.

## **BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

The State Treasurer represents the General Assembly and citizens of Maryland on the Board of Public Works (BPW). Multi-year, high-dollar contracts representing the whole spectrum of Maryland State government require serious, thorough and open examination to ensure that the procurement process is fair, open and competitive. In these times, more than ever, priorities must be set and proposals scrutinized; projects or procurements that are highly desirable but not essential, not immediately revenue producing or subject to timing demands must be considered for deferral. At the same time, projects that will stimulate the economy and maintain employment, both with and without the assistance of federal funds, must be undertaken, overseen and held to high standards of accountability. Similarly, proposals for land acquisitions and wetlands licenses demand and receive extensive scrutiny by the Treasurer and other BPW members, the Governor and the Comptroller.

Between December 3, 2008 and May 6, 2009, the BPW acted on 826 transactions totaling \$7,278,527,506.14.

Some of the more visible issues that have come before the BPW during the past six months are:

- Conclusion of the State House renovation
- Lease modification between the Maryland Stadium Authority and the Babe Ruth Birthplace and Sports Legends Museum in Baltimore
- Ground lease restructuring at Rocky Gap Hotel in Allegany County
- Comprehensive inspection of both Bay Bridge span cables
- Fox Creek dredging/wetlands license in Anne Arundel County
- New integrated tax accounting system for the Comptroller's Office
- Purchase of the Foster property in Worcester County
- Purchase of the Jesuit properties in Southern Maryland and Cecil County
- Public School Construction Program appeals hearing
- Acquisition of a five-acre parking lot in Salisbury and subsequent design of bio-retention system to support parks and recreation
- General Fund budget cuts of \$81.6 million
- Architectural/engineering contract for construction of the new University of Baltimore Law School
- Construction of Oyster Cultivation Facilities at Horn Point Lab in Cambridge
- \$4 Billion-plus multi-year Health Benefit Contracts for State Employees

In her review of BPW agenda items, the Treasurer seeks and appreciates comments and advice of the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) outstanding staff and their scrutiny to ensure that BPW agenda items are consistent with legislative policy. The Treasurer uses these comments to pose additional questions to State agencies and to inform her decisions.

The Treasurer's Office continues to operate its constituent outreach system to inform legislators about the agenda and the Board's actions on items of specific interest to their districts. Feedback from legislators allows this Office to inform the Governor and Comptroller about legislative interest in specific issues. Sometimes the issues are contentious, in which case legislative input becomes even more important.

In preparation for Board of Public Works meetings, the staffs of the Governor, Treasurer and Comptroller, along with the Secretary of the Board of Public Works, conduct pre-board meetings, attend numerous briefings and participate in site visits. Briefings by State agencies are particularly helpful in providing in-depth analyses of often complicated, sometimes contentious contracts. These briefings are invaluable not only to BPW staffers, but also to the agencies, which receive insight into concerns that they may not have anticipated.

Transparency and accountability are critical components of the BPW process. While providing essential oversight to the State's procurement process, the Board of Public Works shines light on contracts, wetlands licenses, land acquisitions, legal settlements and other transactions that might otherwise avoid public visibility.

## **School Construction**

One of the major responsibilities of the Board of Public Works is to approve the allocations of the State's share of public school construction funds based on recommendations made by the Interagency Committee on School Construction (IAC).

School construction funding totals \$251.6 million in the Public School Construction Program for FY 2006; \$322.6 million for FY 2007; \$401.8 million for FY 2008; \$333.4 million for FY 2009 and \$260.0 million for FY 2010 in the capital budget. The combined total of over \$1.5 billion in five fiscal years is significant, exceeding the highest levels of school construction funding ever provided by the State and representing important steps towards achieving the goal established in the Public School Facilities Act of 2004 of bringing schools up to minimum standards.

The Public School Facilities Act of 2004 also required the Rules, Regulations, and Procedures of the Public School Construction Program (RR&P) be developed as regulations. The regulations were formally adopted by the BPW in 2007. Amendments to the regulations based on new legislative requirements as well as progressive policy initiatives are now under review and should be effective as of June 2009. The

amendments concern project eligibility requirements, project categories, high performance schools, the State-local cost share formula, and the revised Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) program. A new regulatory chapter concerning relocatable classrooms is now under review by affected agencies.

In response to concerns raised by the Board of Public Works, the IAC revised its MBE procedures, with the goal of substantially increasing MBE participation in State-funded school construction projects and reducing the number of waivers granted by the LEAs. The change from a reporting to a compliance role on the part of the PSCP has entailed not only revision of the MBE procedures that each LEA must adopt but also changes to internal procedures and an extensive outreach effort. The PSCP, in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Minority Affairs, provides extensive support to local school systems and the construction community in meeting these new requirements.

Consonant with the concerns and priorities of the Board, the IAC has also taken an increasingly active role in promoting school facilities as models of environmental stewardship through a number of practices and policies. Every January, a report is provided to the BPW detailing the current practices of the school districts in high performance school design and construction. Beginning with the FY 2010 CIP, the IAC has included additional State funding for new school projects that attain high performance certification in project allocations. In accordance with the High Performance Buildings Act of 2008, the IAC will enforce a requirement for new State-funded schools to achieve high performance certification in the FY 2011 and subsequent CIPs.

In response to BPW Advisory No. 2009-2 (March 18, 2009), the IAC reported on May 6, 2009 on the storm water management and sustainable environmental features of the projects that were recommended for approval in the FY 2010 Capital Improvement Plan. The IAC, which is represented on the Maryland Green Building Council, will be actively involved in assisting school systems to meet the new State storm water requirements that will be in effect in early 2010.

## **INVESTMENT DIVISION**

Turbulent financial times have punctuated the last six months. Once again, the Office's conservative investment policy and practices have served the State's portfolio well. Since June 20, 2008, the Federal Reserve Open Market Committee has lowered the Federal Funds Target Rate from 2.00% to a range of 0-.25%. The Federal Government has instituted 29 different programs to shore up the economy. With the Federal Government cash infusions and guarantees, the Agency Debt securities in the portfolio are even more secure than last year at this time and all debt securities held have improved in market value. The book value of the General Fund investment portfolio for April 30, 2009 was \$6,514,225,145. While this is well over a billion dollars less than the book

value of \$7,609,917,748 for April 30, 2008, it is approximately \$930 million more than the previous quarter end of \$5,584,322,577 at March 31, 2009.

On April 30, 2009, the portfolio was earning an average of 3.149%, compared to 4.629% for the same date in 2008. This return was realized at the same time that the Federal Open Market Committee, as noted above, had reduced the Fed Funds Target rate .25% or less, rather than the 2% target of June, 2008.

The General Fund interest earnings received year-to-date for FY 2009 were \$93,721,7378 as compared with \$112,703,388 received for the same time period in FY 2008. The almost \$19 million decline in interest received was directly attributable to the fact that FY 2009 had an average \$555 million less daily to invest – a reflection of reduced State revenue – as well as the much lower interest rates.

The securities lending program continues to be successful. The program has earned \$361,812 so far in FY 2009. This compares with \$1,860,095 for the same period in FY 2008. Much of this reduction is due to the Federal Reserve's expansion of acceptable collateral combined with the Treasury's TARP program, actions which drastically reduced borrowers' need for the securities in the portfolio. This is combined with shrinking broker/dealer balance sheets. Interestingly, for comparison purposes, the amount earned for the same period in FY 2007 was \$325,818. This abrupt and temporary spike was apparently another reflection of the volatility and instability of the 2008 market.

The Office continues to increase MBE participation in the investment of State funds. Fourteen MBE broker/dealers are on the Office's approved list for FY 2009 and they have handled investments of \$971,723,873 so far this year. This compares to FY 2008, when the Office had 8 approved broker/dealers who handled \$206,858,971 in investments. The Approved Broker Dealer List will be updated this month for FY 2010.

The Office continues to invest according to the officially adopted State Treasurer's Investment Policy, which sets out investment goals, priorities and constraints. The overriding goal is to assure sufficient liquidity to maintain uninterrupted funding of State government and legislated payments. As revenues shrink and become less predictable, the strategy has been adjusted to ensure liquidity. The STO continues to review and compare our cash management and investment policies and practices with those of peer AAA-rated states to ensure best practices.

## **BANKING SERVICES DIVISION**

The Banking Division's mission of providing efficient, accurate and timely banking services to all State agencies and external customers is vital in the current economic environment. Constant changes in banking products and services offered, direct us to continually explore new financial products and improved data delivery

methods that will provide efficient cost-saving banking services while anticipating the State's future banking needs. The Division must maintain the capacity to contain costs while accommodating for the growth, diversity, and complexity of banking transactions.

The Division's continual processing and reconciliation advancements allow the Treasurer's Office to be proactive in identifying and solving agency banking issues. These processes and controls ensure the timely, accurate, and completely documented reconciliation of the State's cash accounts. Current highlights of the results of the Division's efforts include:

- Total cash receipts and disbursements each are on pace to reach almost \$115 billion for FY 2009
- The State's bank accounts are reconciled daily to the State's general ledger within 4 days,
- There continue to be no un-reconciled differences.

Despite the recent turnover of two of the three employees in the deposit reconciliation group, the Division has been steadfast in ensuring that agencies' deposit posting processes remain timely and accurate. It is the responsibility of the Division to ensure bank deposits equal recorded general ledger deposits. Accurate outstanding deposits totals are vital to precise cash reconciliation.

We continue to be actively involved in enhancing the revenue collection process in many agencies, including working with DHMH Board of Optometry to collect license fees through the internet, and enabling the Maryland Port Administration to accept credit cards for parking at the cruise ship terminals. We also expect agency use of remote deposit products to begin during this summer. We are committed to actively working with agencies to develop and strengthen their internal processes. The Office is working jointly with DHR's Child Support Enforcement Unit on procurement for banking services that, over a period of time, will replace check issuance with stored value cards. In addition to the monetary savings, the cards will reduce the inefficiencies inherent with check issuance and, more importantly, provide child support recipients with a quick, secure and convenient method to access their funds.

We are continuing with the development of a more automated environment that will enhance the current tracking, processing and reconciling of all bank related transactions for the State's cash accounts. In the current tenuous financial environment, the Division priority must be to enhance the ability to recover in the event of a disaster and to change banks if required by market conditions or the procurement process.

## INSURANCE

The Insurance Division is responsible for administering the State's Insurance Program, which includes both commercial and self-insurance. Commercial insurance policies are procured to cover catastrophic property and liability losses, and other obligations derived from State contracts, statutes and regulations. Among the several exposures covered by commercial policies are: State maintained toll bridges and tunnels, rail operations, assorted professional liability exposures and student athlete accidents. The State also self-insures a significant portion of its exposures and maintains the State Insurance Trust Fund (SITF) to pay claims and the costs associated with handling those claims. Self-insurance coverage includes State owned real and personal property, vehicles and liability claims covered under the Maryland Tort Claims Act.

In December 2008, we advised the Legislative Policy Committee that because of our proactive underwriting management and loss prevention efforts there would be a surplus in the SITF. This continues to be the case even after factoring in the transfer of \$10 million scheduled to take place on before June 30, 2009, under the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2009.

The revised FY 2008 and 2009 projected balances are stated below:

### **Current Status of SITF**

- Balance of SITF as of June 30, 2008 - \$ 35.9 million
- Actuarial recommended fund balance - \$27.4 million
- *Estimated* balance on June 30, 2009 - \$30.3 million. This estimated balance has factored in the transfer of \$10 million, under the Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2009.

### **Underwriting**

The Insurance Division procures broker services for the purchase of commercial insurance to protect the State Insurance Trust Fund from catastrophic loss, to meet statutory or regulatory requirements and for compliance with agency contractual agreements. Underwriting highlights for the past six months include the following:

- The Underwriting Unit met with three State agencies in FY 09, including the MAA, UMB Dental School and DHCD. The MAA meeting is an annual meeting held to discuss the airport liability coverage, claims, and any anticipated operational changes. The meeting also allows the airport

staff to make loss control requests of the insurance carrier for the upcoming year. The meeting with the Dental School was held to introduce a new broker and insurance carrier representatives and allowed us to clarify operations for the insurance carrier. The meeting with DHCD was held at the request of the insurance carrier which sought clarification of DHCD's procedures related to Section 8 (Federal Low Income Housing) exposures. These meetings were very well received and helped build a solid relationship with the agencies and their carriers.

- The State Treasurer's Office awarded three insurance broker services contracts since the last Report. These awards are for broker services for the State's Inland/Ocean Marine, Auto, and Athletic/Travel Accident exposures which include coverage for risks such as the MPA cranes, State-owned watercraft, physical damage for MTA buses, and athletic participants coverage for many of our State universities. **The annual broker fees for these three contracts decreased by \$3,200 from the prior awards in 2003, and will apply for four years going forward.**
- The Underwriting Unit met with the new broker and insurance carrier for the MPA liability coverage. They addressed the MPA's needs for claims settlement under the deductible, stevedoring coverage, and the MPA's request to select a local marine attorney and surveyor for future claims. The new carrier will be touring the Port facilities and operations in the near future.
- The MPA's liability policy was successfully renewed in FY 2009. Although the MPA receipts were up 4%, **the rate decreased 39% for an annual premium savings of approximately \$431,900.**
- The UMB Dental School liability policy renewed in FY 2009. Although the number of patients had increased by 23%, **the rate decreased by 35% for an annual premium savings for UMB of \$44,117.**
- The Excess Property coverage for State-owned buildings, contents and data processing equipment renewed in FY 2009. In a market where pricing is hardening, rate increases are typically 0-12%, but the State renewed with a rate reduction of 7.5%. Our reported values were up over 4% as well. **Including the broker fee, the State saved \$111,036 on this renewal.**
- The Foster Parent liability coverage for DHR and DJS renewed in FY 2009. **The State renewed with a 21% rate reduction for savings of \$2,825.**

## Loss Prevention

The aim of loss prevention is to help State agencies develop specific action plans and safety practices to mitigate or eliminate State agencies' most frequent or severe sources of preventable losses.

In FY 2009, the loss prevention manager began tracking the potential loss exposures (the estimated maximum dollar value that could be lost in the event of an incident), the cost of preventive maintenance repairs, and the actual savings to the State. The aim is to document the cost effectiveness and savings resulting from the implementation of loss preventive measures recommended by the State's commercial insurance broker's property inspectors. In FY 2009, State agencies invested approximately \$185,000 to implement repair and improvement recommendations identified in the insurance broker's boiler and machinery survey reports. This investment reduced the potential loss exposures from \$1,632,900 to \$60,000; a cost savings of \$1,572,900.

As a member of the Mitigation Advisory Committee, the loss prevention manager participated in the ranking of mitigation project and planning applications submitted under the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) 2009 Unified Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Subsequently, the manager was invited by FEMA to participate in the Hazard Mitigation Assistance (HMA) National Review of Fiscal Year (FY) 2009 applications. Mitigation specialists representing 40 States, Tribal Governments, six Territories, 26 local jurisdictions, and FEMA personnel evaluated over 400 Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) grant subapplications. The grant program is designed to help States, Tribes, Territories and Communities implement a sustained pre-disaster natural hazard mitigation program to reduce overall risk to the population and structures, while also reducing reliance on federal funding from actual disaster declarations.

Further loss prevention initiatives include the following:

- A contingency plan to address the operations of the Insurance Division is currently under development. The objective is to provide a coordinated response for each critical business process within the Insurance Division in the event of a catastrophic loss or major event.
- In response to the Maryland State Police helicopter crash in September 2008, the loss prevention manager facilitated the provision of risk control services through the commercial insurance broker for an audit and gap analysis of the MSP's Safety Program.
- The loss prevention manager and the commercial insurance broker met with the MAA to discuss the rollout of the federally mandated Safety Management System (SMS) and the use of risk management services to implement the program.

- State agencies have been identified and selected to participate in the property inspection and infrared thermographic imaging of select buildings with high voltage electrical systems. The facilities were chosen based upon information obtained from the recent property survey reports, such as the value of the buildings, contents, fine arts, occupancy, and the date of construction/renovation. Preference was given to properties that present a potential fire/life safety issue or underwriting concern.
- The State Chief Fire Protection Engineer and the loss prevention manager met to discuss and obtain information about which jurisdictions have local fire marshals performing fire code enforcement duties. The loss prevention manager provided the Chief Engineer with an inventory of State-owned property obtained from the Insurance Division's annual property survey report. The report included the dates of purchase/acquisition, construction/renovation, in addition to the insurance inspection dates of the buildings, boilers and machinery, and high voltage electrical systems. Collaborative efforts combined with the sharing of information should serve as a valuable tool to assist the Office of the State Fire Marshal and the State Treasurer in the protection of life and State owned property from fire and explosion.

## **INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION**

The Information Technology (IT) Division provides an integrated platform of systems and programming to support the Office's daily cash receipts, disbursements, accounting, reconciliations and insurance claim management. IT ensures that appropriate hardware and up-to-date software is provided to the agency staff to ensure timely and accurate disbursements, record keeping and account reconciliation for over seven million payments totaling almost \$110 billion of State funds over a fiscal year.

IT also manages local area networking, internet access, email, application development, website management, software evaluation, alternative data communications, training, technical assistance, and other technology services to all divisions in the State Treasurer's Office. IT provides electronic funds transfer, check printing, positive pay and ARP services for the Comptroller's Office's General Accounting Division, Revenue Division, Central Payroll Bureau as well as DHR's Child Support & CARES, and the State Retirement Agency.

### **Deposit Processing & Posting**

IT receives daily ACH deposit transactions from the State's depository bank and posts those general ledger entries of electronic and printed check payments to the State's accounting system. IT offers the choice of an automated fax or data file to be

transmitted to each agency for use by their proprietary systems for reconciliation processing.

### **Payment Processing**

The IT Division services include the retrieval of warranted check disbursement files that feed a high speed customized check printing process for the General Accounting Division, Revenue Division, Central Payroll Bureau as well as DHR's Child Support & CARES and the State Retirement Agency. For each of these agencies IT provides for a unique check design, signature, MICR encoding and the delivery of an electronic positive pay file to the State disbursement bank.

The Office has developed a payment processing system that is flexible enough to allow the Treasurer to make payments for any agency in the State. The use of blank secure paper stock precludes the need to maintain preprinted checks for each account. The paper is also protected with several security features to eliminate or detect forgery or fraud. The checks are printed in a presorted zip code order to comply with the State's presort vendor requirements that lower postage expense.

### **Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)**

The State Treasurer is ultimately responsible for all disbursements made by the State. The IT Division supports the State's initiative to move away from paper checks over to electronic funds transfer. Electronic payments or direct deposits are run through a conversion program that transforms the agency's payment information into a CCD+, CTX or Electronic Data Interchange format (EDI). Payments are sent in these formats to the State disbursement bank which then forwards them to the Federal Reserve's Automated Clearing House (ACH). The payment can then be deposited to any payee's bank account in the country.

### **Receipt Processing**

The State Treasurer's Office's receipt processing system complements the payment processing system by allowing any State agency to receive electronic payments from taxpayers, credit card processors and federal programs. Currently, most of the taxes collected by the State, all credit card receipts, lockbox (used for high-volume, mail-in collections) and all federal funds come in through the "Depository Plus" process. Agencies without direct access to the State's depository bank use the FDGS phone transfer system to allow them to transfer their deposits made at local banks that are affiliated with the State's depository bank. Funds are electronically transferred from the local bank over to the State's main account at the depository bank.

## IT Accomplishments for 2<sup>nd</sup> Half of FY 2009

- The IT Division worked with the Insurance Division to clean-up the Claim Management database in preparation for forthcoming enhancements to the system.
- The IT Division made program enhancements to the Insurance Claim Management system's Claim Entry screen. The additional features include the ability to update obsolete agency accounting strings, add new automated notes to the claim file and add new status messaging for Recovery Reimbursement.
- The IT Division worked with the Banking Division to streamline the Wire Entry system. The new program reduces the Banking Division staff's data entry and research time.
- The IT Division has been working with the Administration Division and the GAD programmers to have R\*Stars screens include the original check numbers when displaying the detail of checks reissued from the Undeliverable and Unpresented funds.
- The IT Division has nearly completed migration away from a legacy SNA/SDLC connection to the Annapolis Data Center. This connection was used for file transfer, client emulation sessions, printing, and job control. All functionality is now accomplished via TCP/IP connections through firewalls and over SwGI. This migration has resulted in better security, faster performance, and elimination of legacy technology.
- The IT Division successfully supported the 2009 First Series bond sale which included a retail component for the first time. Working with a design firm, the IT Division implemented a new Bond Sale website. The IT Division also improved our capabilities to monitor and respond to heavy web traffic, ensuring that we would be able to keep the Bond Sale website operating even if the website suddenly received a large amount of traffic. Lessons learned from the web design and the web traffic preparations will be used in a planned redesign of the regular State Treasurer's website.

## DEBT MANAGEMENT DIVISION

### Financing Activities - Ratings

Since 1961, Maryland has had a continuous rating of AAA from Moody's Investors Service. Similarly, Standard and Poor's has continuously rated Maryland AAA since 1973 and Fitch since 1993. Only 6 other states currently have ratings that are equivalent to our State.

The State Treasurer's Office maintains frequent contact with the rating agencies and schedules conference calls with each of them prior to every bond sale as we did prior to the bond sale on March 4, 2009. Participating in the most recent conference call were the Treasurer, Comptroller, Secretary of Budget and Management, Director of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates, the Director of Policy Analysis for the General Assembly and their staffs.

The Rating Agencies are very consistent in their assessment of Maryland's credit. They cite Maryland's history of prudent, moderate debt and budget management, its protected Rainy Day Fund and other reserves, its Capital Debt Affordability and Spending Affordability processes, its 15-year G.O. bond terms, and other strong evidence of prudent stewardship. However, they also note the serious financial challenges posed or exacerbated by the on-going world-wide economic crisis, including State revenue shortfalls, outstanding liabilities such as the public pension and retiree benefit obligations, and increased demand for public services.

In its most recent report on Maryland General Obligation Bonds dated February 19, 2009, Moody's stated, *"While the state has taken significant action to address budget deficits, there remain serious challenges for the fiscal 2009 and 2010 budgets and out-year budgets. An ongoing trend of economic and financial weakening will continue to stress state finances. Revenue estimates for fiscal years 2009 and 2010 are likely to be further revised downward in March. Beyond fiscal 2009, budget balance is dependent on video lottery fee revenues, with \$90 million in receipts expected in fiscal 2010 and larger collections projected in fiscal years 2012 and 2013 (more than \$400 million). These revenue performance expectations may be overly optimistic in light of the economic downturn and early indications of lower than expected bid requests on video lottery licenses. Maryland has a good history of managing its finances through periods of fiscal stress. Moody's expects that, like other Aaa-rated states, and in keeping with Maryland's historically conservative financial management and aggressive approach to dealing with budget shortfalls, the state will soon stabilize its finance."*

Recently the rating agencies have contacted the State Treasurer's Office with inquiries regarding revenue estimates (particularly the April tax receipts), retirement funding levels and projected budget deficits in future years. The next conference call with the rating agencies is scheduled for July 13, 2009, prior to the sale of the 2009 Second Series General Obligation Bonds.

## **Financings - General Obligation Bonds**

The State's first bond sale for calendar year 2009 was quite noteworthy for three reasons – the method of sale, refunding higher rate debt to achieve lower debt service, and low interest rates.

This sale was the first time in modern history that the State gave first priority to Maryland citizens for the purchase of the State's general obligation bonds. On February 27 and March 2, the State sold \$291.6 million of general obligation bonds to retail customers using the negotiated method of sale. A competitive sale of \$199.2 million was held at the Board of Public Works meeting on March 4, 2009. Of the total par amount of \$490.8 million, \$65.8 million were refunding bonds and the State saved approximately \$2.9 million in future debt service as a result of this refunding. The remaining \$425 million of bonds financed new projects. These bonds generated a premium of approximately \$30.7 million which was deposited to the Annuity Bond Fund and the 3.52% TIC on these bonds was the lowest in at least 20 years.

The negotiated sale to retail investors accomplished two goals. In prior competitive sales, retail investors generally could only purchase the State's bonds in the secondary market because essentially all of the bonds were purchased by institutional investors in the competitive sale. The 2009 First Series sale satisfied the strong interest by the citizens of Maryland to purchase the State's highly rated General Obligation Bonds. Furthermore, with recent market disruptions, retail investors have been large purchasers of highly rated municipal debt and this sale took advantage of that momentum. To generate as much interest as possible in the retail sale, the State Treasurer's Office created a website, [www.buymarylandbonds.com](http://www.buymarylandbonds.com), and used print advertising in the Baltimore Sun and Washington Post.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009 created several new financing opportunities for the State and local authorities. The Treasurer is reviewing each of these separate instruments to assess their benefit to the State and their requirements and implications. Among these, the Qualified School Construction Bonds appear to have the most financial benefit to Maryland. These are federal tax credit bonds which should provide significant interest savings by subsidizing 100% of the interest cost. For instance, instead of issuing tax-exempt G.O. bonds for school construction, the State could issue Qualified School Construction Bonds, reducing potential annual State debt service payments. The State's allocation is approximately \$101 million over the next two years. In addition, allocations have been made directly by the Federal Government to Baltimore City, Prince George's County and Baltimore County Public Schools. The Office will continue to analyze and consult with its advisors on other bonds authorized by ARRA to determine the potential financial benefits to the State and how the State could assist the three local jurisdictions in the use of their allocations.

The next tax-exempt General Obligation bond sale is scheduled this summer. The Treasurer is planning to again offer first priority to Maryland citizens in a retail sale

that is expected to begin on July 31 and continue on August 3. The competitive sale would be on August 5 at the Board of Public Works meeting. The total amount of the 2009 Second Series tax-exempt bonds is \$435 million. The Qualified School Construction Bonds could total approximately \$50 million; however, the date has not been set for the sale of the Qualified School Construction Bonds.

### **Leasing**

The capital lease-financing program allows State agencies to acquire equipment and pay for those items over a three, five, or ten year time frame. Between December 17, 2008 and April 30, 2009, \$2.4 million in capital equipment was leased by State agencies through the State Treasurer's Office with approximately \$98.5 million remaining to draw down under the current contracts as of the end of April.

The Treasurer's Office also finances Energy Performance leases in cooperation with the Department of General Services (DGS), providing funding for energy conservation improvements at State facilities. The program finances significant up-front investments in conservation projects with lease payments coming from savings in budgeted operating cost allocations. Energy leases in the amount of \$48.3 million were financed between December 17, 2009 and April 30, 2009. The current energy contract has a remaining balance of \$9.6 million.

### **Status of the Annuity Bond Fund**

Debt service on General Obligation Bonds is paid out of the Annuity Bond Fund (ABF): the primary source of revenue for the Fund is real property tax receipts. It is projected that there will be sufficient property tax receipts to cover debt service for fiscal year 2010 without any general fund subsidy. However, assuming the real property tax rate continues at the current level of 11.2¢ per \$100 of assessed valuation, future debt is issued at the rates projected in the 2008 CDAC Report, and no further premiums are deposited to the Annuity Bond Fund after FY 2009, subsidies of general funds will be necessary to support the debt service on General Obligation (GO) Bonds in future years. As projected in the 2009 Commission on State Debt Report, for the 4 year period beginning in FY 2011 through FY 2014, \$421.0 million of general funds will need to be appropriated to the Annuity Bond Fund for the payment of debt service on GO Bonds.

### **CDAC Affordability Criteria**

The Capital Debt Affordability Committee (CDA) has adopted two complementary affordability criteria: 1) Debt outstanding should not exceed 4% of personal income; and 2) Annual debt service should not exceed 8% of appropriate revenues. Using preliminary financial data as of April 2009, the ratio of debt outstanding to personal income will peak at approximately 3.4% in 2012 and fall below 3% by 2019. However, the ratio of annual debt service to revenues is projected to increase from 6.14% in fiscal year 2009 to about 8% in 2017. It is critical to note that all projections rely on

assumptions concerning both revenue and personal income several years in the future. See the charts at the end of this section for detailed information on debt outstanding and debt service.

Updates to the status of these affordability criteria will be available as CDAC meets in the summer of 2009. Meetings are scheduled for May 26, July 14, August 5 and the final recommendation will be made on September 3. Relevant topics that will be discussed throughout the summer include capital and operating leases, Public Private Partnerships, and the types of bonds that were authorized in ARRA.

The Treasurer anticipates continued change in the affordability measurements as a result of current financial conditions and market volatility, both of which impact State revenue and spending in many ways. For instance, declining transportation revenues have limited the issuance of Consolidated Transportation Bonds thereby reducing the total tax supported debt outstanding and consequently, the debt outstanding to personal income ratio. Conversely, the decline in general fund revenues have increased the debt service to revenues ratios compared to the ratios reported in the September 2008 CDAC Report.

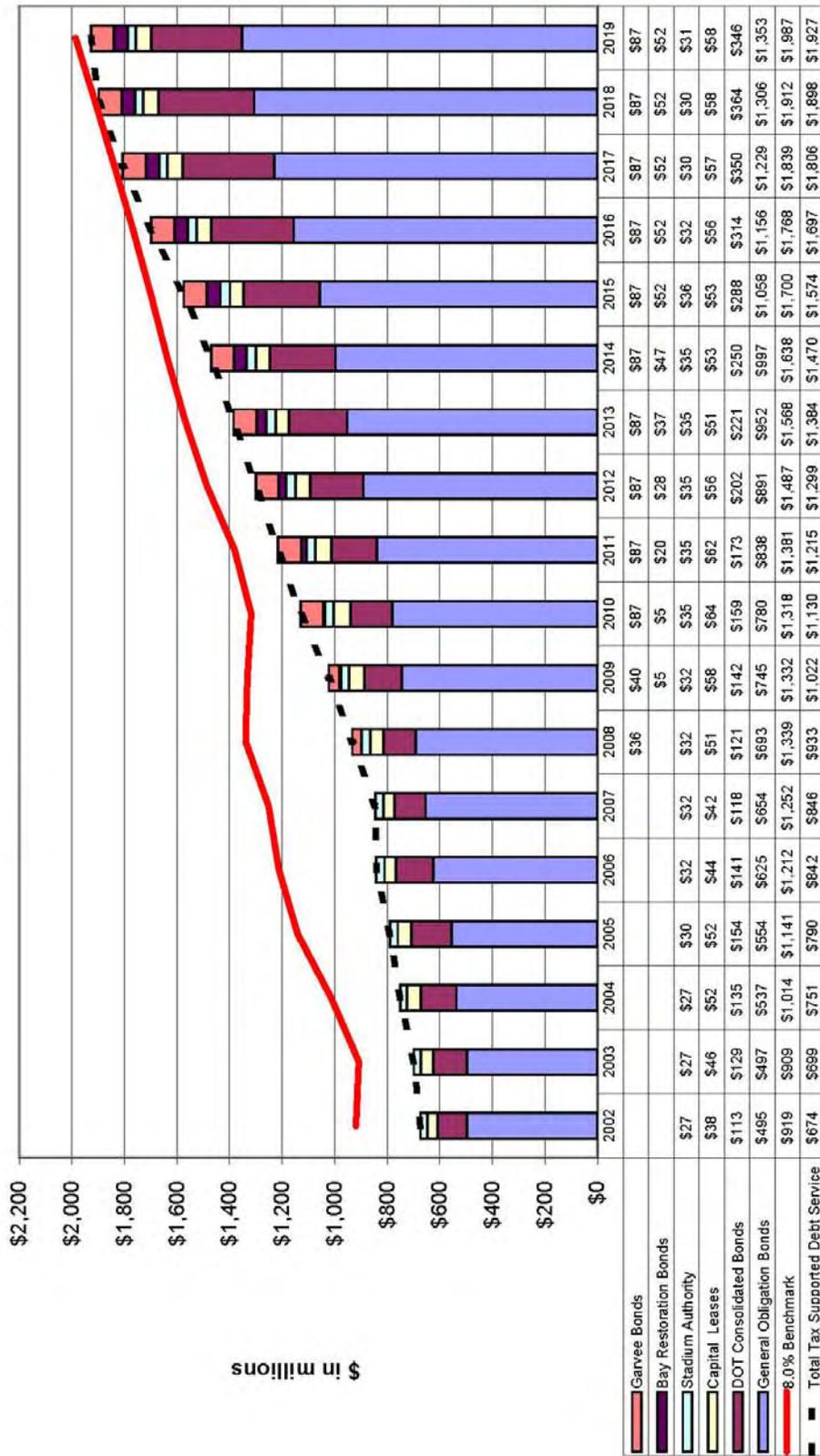
## Tax Supported Debt Outstanding to Personal Income May 2009

Preliminary, Subject to Change



Source: CDAC Table 1 as of May 2009

**Tax Supported Debt Service to Revenues**  
**May 2009**  
 Preliminary, Subject to Change



Source: CDAC Table 2A as of May 2009

*As noted in the opening section of this Report, present revenue and market conditions continue to impact the operations and achievements of the State Treasurer's Office in many ways. The Treasurer appreciates the opportunity to provide this report to the Legislative Policy Committee on a regular schedule. If the Committee or its members would care to pursue further these or other STO developments, or any other aspects of the Treasurer's activities, please call the Treasurer at (410) 260-7160 or Chief Deputy Treasurer Bernadette T. Benik at (410)260-7390.*