



# SYNOPSIS

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## SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 12, 2014

### **SB 995**     **Senator Ramirez**

#### CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – REDEVELOPMENT OF 4510 41ST AVENUE AND 4516 41ST AVENUE

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of North Brentwood for specified development or improvement purposes related to the redevelopment of the buildings at 4510 41st Avenue and 4516 41st Avenue, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 996**     **Senator Gladden**

#### CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GAUDENZIA’S PARK HEIGHTS FACILITY RENOVATION

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Gaudenzia, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Gaudenzia’s Park Heights Facility, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

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**SB 997**     **Senator Conway, et al****BALTIMORE CITY SHERIFF'S OFFICE – DEPUTY SHERIFF MAJORS  
– NUMBER OF APPOINTMENTS**

Increasing from three to four the number of deputy sheriff majors that the Sheriff of Baltimore City is required to appoint.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CJ, § 2-309(d)(1)(ii) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 998**     **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental –  
University System of Maryland)****ACADEMIC FACILITIES BONDING AUTHORITY**

Approving specified projects for the acquisition, development, and improvement of specified academic facilities for the University System of Maryland; authorizing the University System of Maryland to issue bonds in a total principal amount of \$17,000,000 to finance and refinance specified renewal projects; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 999**     **Senator Pugh****INSURANCE – REINSURANCE – CERTIFICATION OF REINSURERS**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to use information provided by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) committee process to take specified actions relating to an applicant for certification as a reinsurer in Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

IN, § 5-910 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1000 Senator Jones–Rodwell, et al****HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES –  
INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION**

Requiring historically black colleges and universities to develop and implement specified plans for a program to promote international education as a part of curricular and extracurricular life at the colleges and universities; requiring specified plans to include implementation strategies and timelines for meeting specified goals; providing for the contents of specified plans; requiring historically black colleges and universities to submit specified progress reports to the Maryland Higher Education Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 11-406.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1001 Senator Mathias****VEHICLE LAWS – DIVIDED HIGHWAYS – SPEED LIMITS AND  
CROSSWALKS**

Requiring that, on a divided highway that has traffic lights located in specified areas, each intersection that has a traffic light shall also have a crosswalk through the divided highway; and altering the maximum speed limits on specified divided highways in specified areas.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

TR, § 8-631 - added and § 21-801.1(b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1002 Senator Mathias****HEALTH INSURANCE – UNIFORM CLAIMS FORM – ELECTRONIC  
SUBMISSION BY INSURED**

Authorizing an insured, a member, or a subscriber to submit a specified claims form by electronic transfer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

IN, § 15-1004(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1003 Senator Muse****BUSINESS REGULATION – PET CEMETERIES – ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

Exempting pet cemeteries from the registration and permitting requirements of the Office of Cemetery Oversight; requiring the owner of specified land used or to be used as a pet cemetery to file a specified declaration in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the county in which the land is located; providing for the execution and recordation of the declaration; providing that the restriction may be removed in accordance with specified provisions of law; prohibiting the interment of a human body in a pet cemetery; etc.

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BR, § 5-102 -amended and §§ 5-8A-01 through 5-8A-08 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1004 Senator Muse****FAMILY LAW – CHILDREN’S CIVIL RIGHTS – EQUAL PARENTING TIME**

Creating a rebuttable presumption that joint legal custody and physical custody to each parent for approximately equal periods of time are in the best interest of the child in specified child custody proceedings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1005 Senator Forehand****COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – CRIME VICTIMS AND WITNESSES FUNDS – COURT COSTS**

Increasing specified costs imposed by a circuit court and the District Court for specified crimes and offenses; increasing the amount of money from specified fees collected by a circuit court and the District Court that the Comptroller must deposit into the State Victims of Crime Fund; and excluding specified fees collected under the Act from a specified calculation relating to the amount of money that the Comptroller must deposit into the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund and the State Victims of Crime Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

CJ, § 7-409 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1006 Senator Conway**

MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2012 –  
BALTIMORE CITY – THE MILES WASHINGTON FAMILY SUPPORT  
CENTER

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2012 to extend the deadline to June 1, 2015, for the Board of Trustees of The Miles Washington Family Support Center, Inc. to present evidence of a specified matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 444 of the Acts of 2012, § 1(3) Item ZA02(U), as amended -  
amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1007 Senator Klausmeier**

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – FINANCIAL LITERACY  
CURRICULUM – GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

Requiring the State Board of Education to require each public school to administer a specified test to each student before high school graduation during specified school years; requiring the State Board to develop curriculum content for a specified course in financial literacy to be taught beginning with a specified school year; requiring each county board of education to implement specified financial literacy curriculum content in specified high schools beginning with a specified school year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

ED, § 7-205.1 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1008 Senator Astle**

MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2011 –  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CHARLES CARROLL HOUSE

Amending the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 to provide that a grant for the Charles Carroll House may not terminate before June 1, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Chapter 396 of the Acts of 2011, § 1(3) Item ZA02(L) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1009 Senator Astle****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – CAPTAIN AVERY MUSEUM WINDOW REPAIR AND RESTORATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$38,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Captain Avery Museum, Inc. for specified development or improvement purposes related to the Captain Avery Museum, including repair and restoration of the windows, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2014

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1010 Senators Benson and Stone****DOMESTIC ANIMALS – STERILIZATION AND LIFE-SUSTAINING CARE OF CATS – DETERMINATION OF DANGEROUSNESS**

Providing that a law prohibiting a person who owns, possesses, or has custody of a domestic animal from dropping or leaving the animal on a road, in a public place, or on private property with the intent to abandon the animal does not apply to a person who is providing sterilization or life-sustaining care to a specified cat that is not owned or lacks visible owner identification; providing that a county or local government may not prohibit a person from providing sterilization or life-sustaining care to a specified cat; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

CR, § 10-612 - amended and § 10-624 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1011 Senator Kasemeyer****MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – EXCLUSION – DECEASED SPOUSAL UNUSED EXCLUSION AMOUNT**

Providing that, for purposes of calculating the Maryland estate tax in the case of a surviving spouse, the applicable exclusion amount includes the sum of a specified exclusion amount and a specified deceased spousal unused exclusion amount; prohibiting the surviving spouse from applying the deceased spousal unused exclusion amount except under specified circumstances; applying the Act to decedents dying after December 31, 2013; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

TG, § 7-309(b)(1) and (2) - amended and § 7-309(b)(9) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1012 Senator Conway****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – BALTIMORE ARTS REALTY CORPORATION (BARCO) NORTH AVENUE ARTS BUILDING**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Baltimore Arts Realty Corporation for specified development or improvement purposes related to the BARCO North Avenue Arts Building, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

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Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1013 Senator Klausmeier****PUBLIC UTILITIES – BILLING FOR NONCOMMODITY PRODUCTS AND SERVICES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a gas company or an electric company from billing its customers for noncommodity products and services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

PU, § 7-305 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1014 Senator Astle****DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS – REIMBURSEMENT FOR VISITATION ABSENCE DAYS**

Requiring the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to reimburse specified providers of services to individuals with developmental disabilities in specified residential programs for a visitation absence day; prohibiting the Department from imposing specified limitations on specified reimbursement to specified providers for visitation absence days; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HG, § 7-307.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1015 Senator Astle****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TASTING LICENSES**

Creating in Anne Arundel County a BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on-premises) tasting license; specifying that the BWLT license may be issued to specified persons; creating a license fee schedule for a BWLT license and altering the fee schedule for a BWT beer and wine (on-premises) tasting license; and specifying limitations on the amount of alcoholic beverages that may be offered for on-premises consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2014

Art. 2B, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1016 Senator Benson****MARYLAND KINESIOLOGY ACT**

Requiring the State Board of Physicians to adopt regulations for the licensure and practice of kinesiotherapy; providing that the Act does not limit the rights of specified individuals to practice specified occupations; requiring the Board to set specified fees; establishing the Kinesiotherapy Advisory Committee; providing for the membership, powers, duties, and chair of the Committee; requiring that an individual, on or before a specified date, be licensed by the Board before the individual may practice kinesiotherapy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014

HO, §§ 14-5F-01 through 14-5F-24 and SG, § 8-403(b)(30) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules