



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 28, 2016**  
**Schedule 11**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8.

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

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 28, 2016**

**SB 340**     **Senator Ready, et al**

**CARROLL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – THE BUCS CLUB**

Authorizing the governing body of Carroll County to grant a property tax credit for specified real property owned by The Bucs Club, Incorporated; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2016.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TP, § 9-308(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 341**     **Senator Ready, et al**

**INCOME TAX – LIMITATION BASED ON FEDERAL INCOME TAX LIABILITY**

Limiting the State income tax liability imposed on specified individuals by providing a limitation based on the individual's federal income tax liability; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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**SB 342**     **Senator Feldman, et al**STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER  
EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – POLICIES CONCERNING  
PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS

Requiring that specified policies of public senior higher education institutions promote specified purposes and be similar to specified provisions concerning required clauses for procurement contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SF, § 11-203(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 343**     **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**EMPLOYEES' AND TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEMS – REFORMED  
CONTRIBUTORY PENSION BENEFIT – ELIGIBILITY SERVICE  
CLARIFICATIONS

Clarifying that a member of the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System is eligible to receive specified prorated eligibility service credit if the member is subject to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit and works less than 500 hours in a fiscal year; clarifying that specified eligibility service rules relating to a member's break in service do not apply to a member who is subject to the Reformed Contributory Pension Benefit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, §§ 23-302(d), 23-303(b), and 23-304 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 344**     **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – LOCAL FIRE AND  
POLICE SYSTEM – COMMINGLING OF ASSETS

Repealing obsolete language authorizing the commingling of Local Fire and Police System assets with other State Retirement and Pension System assets; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 21-123(e) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 345**     **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

## STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – OPTIONAL RETIREMENT ALLOWANCES – DESIGNATED BENEFICIARIES

Repealing as redundant specified provisions relating to members of the Judges' Retirement System designating multiple beneficiaries under a specified optional retirement allowance in the State Retirement and Pension System; clarifying that specified members of the State Retirement and Pension System may designate multiple beneficiaries under specified optional retirement allowances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, § 21-403(a) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 346**     **Senator Ramirez, et al**

## PEACE ORDERS – GROUNDS FOR RELIEF

Adding misuse of telephone facilities and equipment, misuse of electronic communication or interactive computer service, revenge porn, and visual surveillance to the list of offenses alleged to have been committed by a respondent against a victim for which a peace order request or a peace order petition may be filed under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-8A-19.1 and 3-1503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 347**     **Senator Gladden**

## CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – GET INVOLVED COMMUNITY CENTER

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of New Miracle Christian Community Church, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Get Involved Community Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 348**     **Senator Gladden****ENVIRONMENT – LIQUID WASTE HAULER – VEHICLE LICENSE AND INSPECTION**

Prohibiting a person from engaging in business as a liquid waste hauler in the State unless the vehicle used by the person to haul liquid waste is licensed annually by the Department of the Environment; establishing specified requirements for the application for and the issuance of a specified vehicle license; requiring the Department to set reasonable fees for the licensing and inspection of specified vehicles in a specified manner; requiring the Department to adopt specified regulations; providing for criminal penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, §§ 9-11A-01 through 9-11A-07 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 349**     **Senator Edwards****MARYLAND INCOME TAX REFUNDS – ALLEGANY AND GARRETT COUNTIES – WARRANT INTERCEPT PROGRAM**

Altering the requirement for the Comptroller to withhold Maryland income tax refunds of specified individuals with outstanding warrants to include residents of Allegany and Garrett counties or individuals who have outstanding warrants from Allegany and Garrett counties; making nonsubstantive changes to specified termination provisions; making conforming changes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, § 13-936, Chapter 451 of the Acts of 2012, § 3, as amended, and Chapter 213 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 350**     **Senator Manno, et al**

## UNIVERSAL VOTER REGISTRATION ACT

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration and specified social service agencies to provide electronic records to the State Board of Elections regarding individuals who hold a driver's license or identification card, are at least 16 years of age, are citizens of the United States, and receive assistance from a social services agency; requiring the State Board to determine whether each individual whose electronic record it receives is eligible to be registered to vote and to provide specified information to local boards of elections; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, §§ 3-201, 3-202(a)(4), 3-204(a), 3-302, and 3-303 - amended, § 3-203 - repealed, and § 3-203 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 351**     **Senator Jennings, et al**

## SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – FIREARM SAFETY DEVICES

Providing an exemption under the sales and use tax for the sale of specified firearm safety devices including a firearm safe, firearm lock box, trigger and barrel lock, or any other item designed to enhance home firearm safety.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 11-232 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 352**     **Senators Hershey and Rosapepe**

## MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW – INTERESTED PARTY

Altering the definition of “interested party”, for the purpose of certificate of need review of replacement health care facility projects, to include a jurisdiction that does not contain the replacement health care facility project.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 19-126(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 353**     **Senator Lee, et al**

## GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – FRED KOREMATSU DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim January 30 as Fred Korematsu Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Fred Korematsu Day properly with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 354**     **Senator Feldman**

## PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION – MINORS – SEALING OF COURT RECORDS

Authorizing a specified individual to file a motion requesting that court records relating to a specified petition for emergency evaluation be sealed; requiring the court to have a copy of the motion served on a specified petitioner at a specified address; authorizing the court to order that specified court records be sealed under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

HG, § 10-630 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Judicial Proceedings

**SB 355**     **Senator Feldman, et al**

## MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to establish the Maryland ABLE Program to help promote financial savings to support individuals with disabilities in maintaining health, independence, and quality of life; renaming the College Savings Plans of Maryland Board to be the Maryland 529 Board; requiring the Board to work in consultation with the Department of Disabilities regarding the Maryland ABLE Program; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 18-19C-01 through 18-19C-10 and TG, Various Sections - added and ED, ET, SF, and SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 356**     **Senator Zirkin****LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT AND MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND REPEAL OF CERTAIN NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing a specified notice requirement for a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act; repealing a requirement that a claimant submit a claim within a specified time to the State Treasurer or a designee of the State Treasurer under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; providing that when a specified cause of action accrues in favor of a minor or mental incompetent, the claimant shall file an action within 3 years after the disability is removed; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 5-304 - repealed and SG, § 12-106 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 357**     **Senator Zirkin****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – JEMICY SCHOOL LOWER AND MIDDLE SCHOOL CAMPUS GYMNASIUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The Jemicy School, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the gymnasium at the Jemicy School's Lower and Middle School Campus, located in Baltimore 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, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 358**     **Senator Zirkin****FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE ON GROUNDS OF MUTUAL CONSENT – PARTIES WITH MINOR CHILDREN**

Authorizing a court to decree an absolute divorce on the grounds of mutual consent if the parties have minor children, under specified circumstances; requiring a specified settlement agreement to provide for the care, custody, access, and support of minor or dependent children; requiring specified parties to attach a completed child support guidelines worksheet to a specified settlement agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, § 7-103(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 359 Senator Zirkin****FAMILY LAW – DIVORCE – CORROBORATION OF TESTIMONY AND FILING PROCEDURES**

Repealing the prohibition on a court entering a decree of divorce on the uncorroborated testimony of the party seeking the divorce; requiring parties to jointly file a complaint for absolute divorce in order to initiate proceedings for an absolute divorce on the grounds of mutual consent; and requiring the Court of Appeals, by rule, to establish a specified joint complaint form and procedures for filing specified joint complaints.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

FL, §§ 7-101 and 7-103(f) - amended and § 7-103(f) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 360 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)****JUVENILE CAUSES – PERMANENCY PLANS – AGE RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF ANOTHER PLANNED PERMANENT LIVING ARRANGEMENT**

Providing that another planned permanent living arrangement may be a child's permanency plan only if the child is at least 16 years old.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 3-823(e) and FL, §§ 5-326(a) and 5-525(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 361 Senators Raskin and Zirkin****CIVIL ACTIONS – HYDRAULIC FRACTURING LIABILITY ACT**

Providing that a specified permittee is strictly liable for any injury, death, or loss to person or property caused by the hydraulic fracturing activities of the permittee; establishing that compliance with specified standards, laws, and permit conditions is not a defense to a specified action; voiding a provision of a specified contract or agreement that attempts or purports to waive specified rights or reduce specified liability as against public policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-2101 through 3-2106 - added and EN, § 14-111(a)(6) and (7) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 362**     **Senator Muse, et al****AWARD OF ATTORNEY'S FEES AND EXPENSES – VIOLATION OF MARYLAND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT**

Authorizing a court to award to a prevailing plaintiff reasonable attorney's fees and expenses in specified actions seeking to remedy a violation of a Maryland constitutional right; authorizing a court to award reasonable attorney's fees and expenses to a prevailing defendant under specified circumstances; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, §§ 3-2101 and 3-2102 - added and SG, § 12-109 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 363**     **Senator Pugh, et al****EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Establishing collective bargaining rights for specified community college employees; requiring specified community colleges to determine whether specified employees are public employees for purposes of collective bargaining; establishing procedures for the election or recognition of an exclusive bargaining representative; providing procedures by which the State Higher Education Labor Relations Board may designate a bargaining unit; establishing the maximum number of bargaining units within a community college; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ED, §§ 16-403, 16-412, and 16-414.1 - repealed and §§ 16-701 through 16-710 - added and SP, §§ 3-2A-05, 3-2A-07, and 3-2A-08(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 364**     **Senator Brochin****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – RADEBAUGH PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Radebaugh Park, located in Baltimore 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, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 365**     **Senator Brochin****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – TOWSON MANOR PARK**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$80,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of Towson Manor Park, located in Baltimore 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, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 366**     **Senator Brochin****LAND USE – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – PERMIT FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Requiring a person that undertakes a development project that involves the construction of a total of 50 or more surface parking spaces, will result in a total of 50 or more surface parking spaces when combined with existing surface parking spaces, and is located within one-half mile of a scenic byway to apply to the Department of Planning for a permit; requiring the Department to provide an opportunity for public comment on the permit application; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and § 1-601 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 367**     **Senator Ferguson, et al****MARYLAND REDEEMABLE BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING REFUND AND LITTER REDUCTION ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Redeemable Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program; requiring the Maryland Environmental Service to develop, implement, and administer the Program; requiring that every redeemable beverage container sold in the State indicate a 5-cent refund value in a specified manner on and after July 1, 2017; requiring that a specified refund value be added to the retail price of a specified container at the time of purchase on and after a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EN, §§ 9-1733 through 9-1742, NR, § 3-105(g), and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)86. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85.- amended

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

**SB 368**     **Senator Ferguson, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – POLICE COMMISSIONER – LENGTH OF TERM**

Repealing a provision requiring that the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City be appointed for a term of 6 years; and providing that the Police Commissioner shall serve at the pleasure of the Mayor of Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, § 16-5(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 369**     **Senator Ferguson, et al****EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS – NOTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY BY LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES**

Requiring specified local departments of social services, under specified circumstances, to provide to parents or guardians of a 4–year old child with a family income of no more than 185% of the federal poverty guidelines a specified notice that the child may be eligible for specified publicly funded prekindergarten programs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-101.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 370**     **Senator Madaleno, et al****BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2016**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to provide specified notice at least 10 consecutive days before the Board of Public Works may approve a reduction of appropriations; requiring the Secretary to provide written notice of the proposed reduction to include specified items to the Legislative Policy Committee, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SF, § 7-213 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 371**     **Senator Peters, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PERPETUAL CONSERVATION EASEMENTS**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first \$500,000 in proceeds from the sale of a perpetual conservation easement on real property in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-207(cc) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 372**     **Senator Peters, et al****HORSE RACING – TRACK WINNINGS – INTERCEPTS FOR RESTITUTION AND CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS**

Authorizing the Central Collection Unit and Child Support Enforcement Administration to certify to the State Racing Commission or a licensee of the Commission that a specified obligor is in arrears on specified payments; requiring the licensee to withhold and transfer specified prize amounts to specified collection agencies of the State; requiring the licensee to provide the obligor with a specified notice; authorizing the obligor to appeal the transfer; providing that the Act does not apply to prizes won on or before June 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

BR, § 11-215 - added and CP, § 11-616(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 373**     **Senator Peters (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****TEACHERS’ RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying the number of retirees of the Teachers’ Retirement System or the Teachers’ Pension System that are exempt from a specified offset of a retirement allowance if they are reemployed in specified positions in a local school system or the Maryland School for the Deaf.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

SP, §§ 22-406(c)(8) and 23-407(c)(8) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 374**     **Senator Serafini****INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – COLLEGE SAVINGS PLANS – CONTRIBUTIONS**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for contributions made by specified individuals to specified college savings accounts subject to specified limitations; defining specified terms; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-208(n) and (o) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 375**     **The President (By Request – Administration), et al****RELIEF FROM BUDGET MANDATES**

Providing that if a specified revenue estimate does not exceed a prior estimate the Governor is not required to include an appropriation in the budget for a program or item in an amount that exceeds the fiscal year 2018 appropriation for the program or item; requiring the Governor to fund specified mandated appropriations; prohibiting the General Assembly from enacting legislation that creates a new required level of funding in the annual budget bill for a specific program or item unless specified provisions are included; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 376**     **The President (By Request – Administration), et al****PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH (P-TECH) SCHOOLS ACT OF 2016**

Establishing a specified number of Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) schools in the State; requiring the State to provide a specified grant to P-TECH schools beginning in a specified fiscal year for specified costs; providing that the grant may not exceed a specified amount in specified fiscal years; requiring a county board to pay for dual enrollment costs for P-TECH students; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, §§ 8-801 and 18-14A-07 - added and § 18-14A-04 - amended

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

**SB 377 The President (By Request – Administration)****ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – REVENUE DISTRIBUTION – MARYLAND STATE ARTS COUNCIL**

Altering a distribution of revenue from the State admissions and amusement tax on electronic bingo and electronic tip jars; providing that the Maryland State Arts Council is entitled to a specified distribution; repealing the Special Fund for the Preservation of Cultural Arts in Maryland; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

EC, § 4-801 - repealed and § 4-512(a) - amended and TG, § 2-202(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 378 The President (By Request – Administration)****STATE EMPLOYEES – MERIT INCREASES IN SALARY**

Excluding State employees represented by the State Law Enforcement Officers Labor Alliance who are subject to a step increase effective April 1, 2016 in accordance with a specified agreement negotiated with the State from a specified prohibition against specified merit increases in salary.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Chapter 489 of the Acts of 2015, § 7(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 379 The President (By Request – Administration)****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BONDS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$4,680,000, the proceeds to be used as grants to the Interagency Committee on School Construction and the Maryland State Department of Education for the renovation, repair, and capital improvements of qualified zone academies; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds and the further grant of funds to eligible school systems for specified purposes, subject to a requirement that the grantees document the provision of a required matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 380 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATIVE  
REDISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION**

Creating the General Assembly and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission; requiring the Commission to divide the State to create General Assembly and congressional districts, as specified; providing for the membership, qualifications, and duties of the Commission; specifying requirements for the adoption of redistricting plans; requiring the Legislative Auditor to establish and administer an application process for individuals seeking appointment to the Commission; etc.

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

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 5 - repealed and added and EL, §§ 8-7A-01 through 8-7A-14 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 381 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – STUDENT AND RESIDENTIAL  
MORTGAGE LOANS**

Authorizing the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide financial assistance to homeowners under specified circumstances; authorizing the Administration to provide financial assistance to purchase a home and pay off student loan debts under specified circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to determine the terms and qualifications of specified financial assistance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

HS, §§ 4-235(b), 4-237(a), 4-238(a)(1), and 4-240 - amended

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

**SB 382     The President (By Request – Administration), et al****PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Requiring that specified authorized providers and prescribers be registered with the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program before obtaining a specified new or renewal registration or by July 1, 2017, whichever is sooner; requiring that specified pharmacists be registered with the Program by a certain date; requiring specified prescribers and pharmacists to request and assess specified drug monitoring data under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 5-304 - amended and HG, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 383     The President (By Request – Administration), et al****STATE TRANSFER TAX – DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE**

Reducing specified transfers from a specified special fund to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years 2017 and 2018; requiring in fiscal years 2017 and 2018 the distribution of specified amounts from a specified special fund for specified purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TP, § 13-209(h) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 384     The President (By Request – Administration), et al****INCOME TAX – EARNED INCOME CREDIT – REFUNDABILITY**

Increasing to 28% for tax years beginning after December 31, 2015, the percentage of the federal earned income credit used to determine the amount that an individual may claim as a refundable credit under the Maryland earned income credit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-704(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 385     The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – FILING FEES – REDUCTIONS**

Reducing on a specified timetable specified filing fees paid by corporations and other business entities to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

CA, § 1-203(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 386     The President (By Request – Administration), et al****TAX CREDITS – MANUFACTURING EMPOWERMENT ZONES**

Establishing the Manufacturing Empowerment Zone Program to encourage business entities engaged in manufacturing outside the State to invest in manufacturing facilities within the State; authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to designate specified areas of the State as manufacturing empowerment zones; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to grant specified property tax credits; authorizing specified business entities to claim a specified credit against the State income tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

EC, § 5-102(10) & (11) - amended & EC, §§ 5-102(11) & 5-1501 through 5-1506, TP, §§ 9-257 & 9-258, & TG, §§ 10-207(cc) & 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 387     The President (By Request – Administration), et al****INCOME TAX EXEMPTION AMOUNT – ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS**

Increasing, from \$1,000 to \$5,000, the exemption allowed under the State income tax for an individual that is at least 65 years old on the last day of a taxable year; phasing in the increase over 4 taxable years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-211(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 388 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CRIMES – CRIMINAL GANGS – PROHIBITIONS AND FUNDING**

Altering the penalties for specified offenses relating to criminal gangs; prohibiting a criminal gang or an individual belonging to a criminal gang from receiving or investing specified proceeds in a specified manner; prohibiting criminal gangs and persons involved with criminal gangs from obtaining specified property under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, §§ 9-801 through 9-805 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)84. and 85. - amended and CR, HG, and SF, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 389 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****FEE, SURCHARGE, AND TAX REDUCTION ACT OF 2016**

Altering, repealing, and reducing specified fees, surcharges, and taxes related to electricity distribution, Maryland Home Improvement Commission licenses, out-of-state attorneys, specified birth and death certificates, cylinder demurrage charges, special vehicle registrations, handgun licenses, licenses for specified weights and measures, wetlands and waterways authorizations, fishing licenses; altering the distribution, transfer, and use of specified revenue; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

PU, § 7-203 - repealed, TG, § 11-202 - added, and AG, BR, CJ, ED, EN, HG, NR, PS, SG, and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation