



# SYNOPSIS

## Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 3, 2017  
Schedule 18**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 3 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 6.

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 February 3, 2017**

**SB 614**     **Senators Muse and Miller**

**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY –  
SUSAN D. MONA CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Susan D. Mona Center, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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**SB 615 Senator Ramirez****COURTS – PHYSICAL INVASION OF PRIVACY – CIVIL CAUSE OF ACTION**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly entering onto the land or into the airspace above the land of another person without permission or otherwise committing a trespass in order to capture a visual image, sound recording, or other physical impression of the other person engaging in a specified activity in a specified manner; prohibiting a person from violating the Act through the use of any device, regardless of whether there is a physical trespass, in specified circumstances; providing for a civil cause of action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 3-2101 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 616 Senator Ramirez****VICTIMS AND WITNESSES – U NONIMMIGRANT STATUS – CERTIFICATION OF VICTIM HELPFULNESS**

Authorizing, for purposes of filing a petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, a victim or victim's family member to request a certifying official to certify victim helpfulness on a Form I-918, Supplement B certification; providing that, for the purpose of the Act, a victim shall be considered to be helpful, to have been helpful, or likely to be helpful to the detection, investigation, or prosecution of a qualifying criminal activity; requiring the certifying official to sign and complete the certification in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, §§ 11-929 and 11-930 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 617 Senator Middleton****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – OLD POMONKEY HIGH SCHOOL**

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 Pomonkey High School Alumni Association, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping related to the Old Pomonkey High School, located in Charles 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 618 Senator Serafini****EDUCATION – ACHIEVEMENT SCHOOL DISTRICT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Achievement School District in the State Department of Education; specifying the purpose of the Achievement School District is to transform into high quality public schools all public schools in the State determined by the Department to enroll students whose academic performance ranks in the lowest 5% in the State; specifying criteria for the absorption of specified public schools into the Achievement School District; requiring a local school system to cooperate, as specified; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, §§ 2-401 through 2-415 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 619 Senator Hough, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES – MIXTURE**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly distributing a specified mixture of controlled dangerous substances; establishing specified penalties for the violation of a specified law with a mixture of specified controlled dangerous substances; and requiring that a sentence for the distribution of a mixture of specified controlled dangerous substances be consecutive to any other sentence imposed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 5-608.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 620 Washington County Senators****WASHINGTON COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALES AT WINERY SPECIAL EVENTS**

Authorizing a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license in Washington County to sell beer, wine that is produced at the winery or at another winery, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a special event that is approved by the Board of License Commissioners.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, §§ 31-401 and 31-701 - amended and § 31-402.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 621     Senator Eckardt****DORCHESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A SUPERMARKET LICENSE**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue a Class A beer license or a Class A beer and wine license to a specified supermarket under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 19-1501 - amended and § 19-1504 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 622     Senator Eckardt, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIOD FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING – SALE OF BACKPACKS AND BOOKBAGS**

Altering a specified sales and use tax exemption to include any backpack or bookbag with a taxable price of \$100 or less during a designated sales tax-free period for back-to-school shopping, subject to specified limitations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-228 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 623     Senator Benson, et al****HOSPITALS – COMMUNITY BENEFIT REPORT – DISCLOSURE OF TAX EXEMPTIONS**

Requiring a hospital to include an itemization of the value of all tax exemptions the hospital receives in the hospital's community benefit report.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 19-303(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 624**     **Senator Benson, et al****CLEAN INDOOR AIR ACT – USE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTE DEVICES – PROHIBITION**

Altering the Clean Indoor Air Act to include a prohibition of the use of a specified electronic cigarette device; defining the term “electronic cigarette device” as an electronic device that can be used to deliver nicotine or any other substance intended for human consumption to an individual to simulate smoking through the inhalation of vapor or aerosol from the device; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, §§ 24-501 through 24-503, 24-505, 24-507, and 24-510 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 625**     **Senator Benson, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SHELTERS – HOMELESS GIRLS AND WOMEN – FEMININE HYGIENE PRODUCTS**

Requiring each county board of education to make available to homeless female students a specified supply of feminine hygiene products in a specified manner; authorizing funds provided by the Department of Human Resources to local administering agencies for specified service providers and to specified service providers for a specified purpose to be used to purchase a specified supply of feminine hygiene products for a specified purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-440 and HU, § 6-441 - added

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

**SB 626**     **Senator Benson****PREVAILING WAGE RATES – PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS – SUITS BY EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing specified employees to file an action if the employee is paid less than the prevailing wage rate; providing that a determination by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry does not preclude employees from filing actions; requiring a court to award treble damages and reasonable counsel fees and costs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SF, § 17-224.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 627 Senator Benson, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES AND PRACTICES**

Altering the employment categories of specified employees of the State Department of Education; requiring that all positions in the Department be appointed positions in the professional service and skilled service as well as the executive service and management service, subject to a specified exception; repealing the authority for special appointment positions in the Department; altering the procedures for appointment, the setting of qualifications, and the transfer of employees of the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, §§ 2-104 and 2-105 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 628 Senator Hershey****KENT COUNTY – TURKEY HUNTING ON PRIVATE PROPERTY – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing a person to hunt turkey on private property in Kent County on Sundays during the spring turkey hunting season.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 10-410(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 629 Senator Hershey****KENT COUNTY – DEER HUNTING – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on private property on Sundays in Kent County throughout all deer hunting seasons, subject to specified provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 630 Senator Hershey****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – COMPASS REGIONAL HOSPICE**

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 the Compass Regional Hospice, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Compass Regional Hospice facility, located in Queen Anne’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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 631 Senator Madaleno, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE EMERGENCY COMPENSATION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring specified fines to be remitted to the Animal Abuse Emergency Compensation Fund; establishing the Animal Abuse Emergency Compensation Fund; providing for the uses, purposes, sources of funding, investment of money, and auditing of the Fund; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) to administer the Fund; providing that the Fund is a continuing, nonlapsing fund not subject to specified provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 7-302(a) - amended, CJ, § 7-302(h) and CR, § 10-626 - added, and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 632 Senator Kagan, et al****ELECTION LAW – PERSONS DOING PUBLIC BUSINESS – REPORTING BY GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES**

Repealing the requirement that a governmental entity notify the State Board of Elections if a person doing public business with the governmental entity fails to file a statement under a specified provision of law; requiring a governmental entity that has awarded a person a contract that causes the person to be doing public business to provide the State Board with specified information; authorizing the governmental entity to comply with a specified provision of the Act by sending a specified quarterly report to the State Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, § 14-107 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 633 Senator Bates****MARYLAND MEDICAL PRACTICE ACT – INDIVIDUALS EXEMPT FROM LICENSURE – REPEAL OF CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that, in order to practice medicine without a license while performing specified duties, a medical student or an individual in a postgraduate medical training program approved by the State Board of Physicians must submit to a criminal history records check in accordance with a specified provision of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HO, § 14-302 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 634 Senator Klausmeier****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – PERRY HALL HIGH SCHOOL STADIUM TURF PROJECT**

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 Perry Hall High School Athletic Booster Club, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping to an artificial turf field at the Perry Hall High School Stadium, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation



**SB 635**     **Senators Klausmeier and Norman****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE ADOPTION OF ENFORCEMENT TOOLS TO RECORD VIDEO OF ILLEGAL CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Adoption of Enforcement Tools to Record Video of Illegal Cell Phone Use While Driving; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task force to report its findings and recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation and specified committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 636**     **Senators Klausmeier and King****COMMISSION ON THE COMMEMORATION OF THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASSAGE OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT TO THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION**

Altering the membership of the Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution to include a representative of the Maryland Heritage Women's History Center.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, § 9-3001 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 637**     **Senator Nathan–Pulliam****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – MORNING STAR FAMILY LIFE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the MSBC Five Star Program, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Morning Star Family Life Center, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 638 Senator Edwards****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – CUMBERLAND YMCA YOUTH CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Young Men's Christian Association of Cumberland Maryland for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Cumberland YMCA Youth Center, located in Allegany 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 639 Senator Edwards****ALLEGANY COUNTY – SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES – SALARY AND DUTIES**

Altering the salary of a Sheriff's deputy in Allegany County; and clarifying that at least one of the Sheriff's deputies is required to be assigned by the Sheriff to execute process, orders, and directions for the juvenile court and specified other duties as assigned by the Sheriff.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 2-309(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 640 Senator Edwards****MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES – LOCAL ROADS – REGULATION OF TRAVEL BY HEAVY-WEIGHT VEHICLES**

Authorizing a municipality and specified counties, with regard to short-term, high-intensity or high-usage travel by heavy-weight vehicles, to provide for the designation of local roads on which a heavy-weight vehicle is prohibited unless the hauler has satisfied specified local government requirements for the travel; and authorizing a municipality and specified counties to require a specified hauler to satisfy any specified local government requirements before conducting specified travel on local roads.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

LG, § 5-107 - added and § 12-527 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 641 Senator Manno****INCOME TAX CREDIT – ENDOW MARYLAND – CREDIT AMOUNTS**

Increasing from \$250,000 to \$1,000,000 the aggregate amount of State income tax credits the Department of Housing and Community Development is authorized to issue in a taxable year for donations to specified qualified permanent endowment funds at specified community foundations; and applying the Act to taxable years 2018 and beyond.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-736 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 642 Senator Bates****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – INVESTIGATIONS AND SUBPOENAS – REVISIONS**

Altering the circumstances under which a body of a decedent may be transported for preparation or storage to a facility that is not within the jurisdiction of the State, licensed by the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors, or permitted by the Office of Cemetery Oversight; requiring the Board to develop specified checklists and to post the templates for specified checklists on the Board's Web site; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 5-513(g) and HO, §§ 7-205(a)(8), 7-310(c)(1), 7-319(d), and 7-409 - amended and HO, § 7-205(d) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 643 Senator Bates****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Requiring the executive director of the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors to manage the staff of the Board and perform administrative functions to carry out the powers and duties of the Board; and prohibiting the executive director from directly conducting specified inspections.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HO, § 7-204(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 644     Senator Bates****DENTAL HYGIENIST – SCOPE OF PRACTICE – AUTHORITY TO PRACTICE UNDER GENERAL SUPERVISION OF LICENSED DENTIST**

Altering a specified provision of law to provide that a general license to practice dental hygiene authorizes the licensee to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in specified facilities with dentally underserved populations, rather than only in a long-term care facility; altering the requirements that a dental hygienist is required to meet before being authorized to practice dental hygiene under the general supervision of a licensed dentist in specified facilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HO, § 4-308(m) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 645     Senator Hough****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – FREDERICK COUNTY – REMSBERG PARK MULTIPURPOSE YOUTH SPORTS FIELD**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$125,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Middletown Valley Athletic Association, Inc. and the Burgess and Town Commissioners of the Town of Middletown for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a multipurpose youth sports field at Remsberg Park, located in Frederick County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 646     Senator Kagan****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – KING FARM FARMSTEAD DAIRY BARN**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Rockville for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the dairy barns at the King Farm Farmstead, located in Montgomery 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 647 Senator Kagan****CONSUMER PROTECTION – DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from requiring a consumer to disclose the consumer's Social Security number to the person as a condition for the purchase or lease of consumer goods or the purchase of consumer services; prohibiting a person from including a specified field or text box for a Social Security number on a specified contract or form; providing that the Act does not prohibit a person from requesting or requiring a consumer to disclose the consumer's Social Security number to apply for or obtain an extension of consumer credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CL, § 14-3401 - amended and §§ 14-3403 and 14-3404 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 648 Senator Kagan****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION SITE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Gaithersburg for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the former Consumer Product Safety Commission site, located in Montgomery 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 649 Senator Middleton****PUBLIC UTILITIES – TELEPHONE LIFELINE SERVICE – REVISIONS**

Providing that a specified local telephone company provide “lifeline” to qualifying low-income consumers under specified circumstances; repealing a requirement that a telephone company charge an eligible subscriber a percentage of a specified tariff under specified circumstances; requiring the Department of Human Resources to provide specified information to local telephone companies to the extent allowed by State law in addition to federal law and until specified eligibility is determined; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

PU, § 8-201 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 650 Senator Guzzone, et al****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include specified individuals serving in specified positions in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Department of Juvenile Services; providing that specified members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who meet specified criteria may receive a normal service retirement allowance that is based on specified creditable service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SP, §§ 25-201 and 25-401 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 651 Senator Smith, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SUSPENSIONS AND EXPULSIONS**

Prohibiting prekindergarten students from being suspended or expelled from public schools; authorizing the suspension or expulsion of students in kindergarten, first grade, or second grade if the student has knowingly brought a firearm to school or has possessed a firearm at school; requiring the school to provide specified supports to address the student's behavior; requiring the school system to remedy the impact of the student's behavior through specified intervention methods; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, §§ 4-319(d) and 7-305 - amended and § 7-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 652 Senator Guzzone, et al****EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Establishing collective bargaining rights for community college employees; establishing procedures for the selection of an exclusive bargaining representative; establishing that a maximum number of six bargaining units may be designated; requiring specified contracts and agreements entered into before October 1, 2017, to remain in effect until the agreement or contract expires; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, §§ 16-403, 16-412, and 16-414.1 - repealed and §§ 16-701 through 16-709 - added and SP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 653 Senator Madaleno****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – HALPINE HAMLET COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the MHP Halpine, LP for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Halpine Hamlet Community Center, located in Montgomery 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 654 Senator Hough, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY CRIME CLASSIFICATION AND PENALTIES**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Crime Classification and Penalties; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations on specified issues related to the classification of and penalties for criminal and civil violations in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 655 Senator Peters, et al****HORSE RACING – PRIZES – 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, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

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

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 656     Senator Jennings****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – FEE FOR PROCESSING ARTICLES OF DISSOLUTION – REPEAL**

Repealing the nonrefundable \$100 fee charged by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for processing articles of dissolution filed by specified business entities with the Department.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

CA, § 1-203(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 657     Senator Young, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – WELLNESS POLICY – SCHOOL MEALS**

Requiring county boards of education to add to a specified wellness plan on or August 1, 2018, a specified plan for reducing students' added sugar intake per school meal based on recommendations from the United States Department of Agriculture.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 7-440 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 658     Senator Benson, et al****TERMINATION OF ELECTRIC OR GAS SERVICE – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a public service company from terminating, under specified circumstances, electric or gas service to a residential customer during a severe weather period for a severe weather event and on specified days; prohibiting a public service company, on receipt of a specified request or subsequent request, from terminating, under specified circumstances, electric or gas service to a residential customer for 30 days beyond a scheduled termination of service date under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PU, §§ 7-307.3, 7-307.4, and 7-307.5 - added

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 659**     **Senators Benson and Smith****TASK FORCE ON PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES ON SOLITARY CONFINEMENT**

Establishing the Task Force on Practices and Procedures on Solitary Confinement; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study specified issues related to solitary confinement in the correctional system of the State and report its recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 660**     **Senator Benson, et al****HOSPITALS – PATIENT’S BILL OF RIGHTS**

Providing it is the intent of the General Assembly to promote the health, safety, and well-being of patients and to foster communication between patients and health care providers; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide patients with a specified patient’s bill of rights; requiring each administrator of a hospital to provide translators or an interpreter for specified patients; requiring each administrator of a hospital to conspicuously post copies of the patient’s bill of rights in specified areas; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 19-342 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 661**     **Senator Benson****STATE PERSONNEL – CONTRACTUAL EMPLOYEES – TRANSFER TO BUDGETED OR PERMANENT POSITIONS**

Requiring that contractual employees in the State Personnel Management System who have been employed in a contractual position for a continuous period of 60 months be allowed to transfer to a budgeted position; and requiring specified independent personnel systems in State government to transfer a contractual employee who has been employed in a contractual position for a continuous period of 60 months to a permanent position.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, §§ 12-111, 14-104(h)(1), 14-408(a)(1), and 16-510(a), SP, § 13-302, and TR, § 2-103.4(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 662 Senator Edwards****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ALLEGANY COUNTY – COAL MINER MEMORIAL STATUE**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Foundation for Frostburg, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Coal Miner Memorial Statue, located in Allegany 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 663 Senator Edwards****ALLEGANY COUNTY – GAMING – VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSEE**

Altering the distribution of proceeds of video lottery terminals in Allegany County if the video lottery operation licensee owns or leases the video lottery terminals; increasing the distribution of proceeds of video lottery terminals from a facility in Allegany County to the licensee to be used for specified purposes; increasing the distribution of proceeds of video lottery terminals in Allegany County that are required to be used for local impact grants; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SG, § 9-1A-27(a)(7), (8), and (9) and (c) - amended and § 9-1A-27(a)(9) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 664 Senators Edwards and Serafini****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include specified individuals serving in specified positions in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services; providing that specified members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who meet specified criteria may receive a normal service retirement allowance that is based on specified creditable service; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SP, §§ 25-201 and 25-401 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 665 Senator Kasemeyer, et al****ATTORNEY GENERAL – POWERS – MARYLAND DEFENSE ACT OF 2017**

Authorizing the Attorney General to take specified actions regarding civil and criminal suits and actions that are based on the federal government's action or inaction that threatens the public interest and welfare of the residents of the State; requiring the Attorney General, to provide the Governor with specified notice and an opportunity to review and comment on specified suits and actions; requiring the Governor to provide \$1,000,000 in fiscal year 2019 and thereafter to carry out the specified provisions and to employ five attorneys; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SG, § 6-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 666 Senator Hough, et al****DISCLOSURE OF MEDICAL RECORDS – GUARDIAN AD LITEM – VICTIMS OF CRIME OR DELINQUENT ACTS**

Requiring a health care provider to disclose a medical record without specified authorization to a guardian ad litem appointed by a court to protect specified interests of a minor or a disabled or elderly individual who is a specified victim, for a specified purpose and for use in specified court proceedings; authorizing a specified guardian ad litem to redisclose a specified record under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, §§ 4-302(d), 4-304(c)(5), and 4-306(b)(10) and (11) - amended and § 4-306(b)(12) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 667 Senator Jennings****EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN STUDENT ASSESSMENT – MORATORIUM**

Placing a moratorium on the assessment of prekindergarten students until a complete audit of the 2016–2017 pilot year of the early learning assessment is conducted and the audit results in a determination that the early learning assessment is valid and reliable and is consistent with specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-210 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 668 Senator Norman, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – OPERATION OF MOTORCYCLES – HANDLEBAR HEIGHT**

Increasing, from 15 inches to 20 inches, the maximum height that the handlebars of a motorcycle may be above a specified part of the motorcycle seat in order for a person to lawfully operate the motorcycle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 21-1305(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 669 Senator Kelley, et al****TOBACCO PRODUCTS – MINIMUM AGE AND CIVIL FINES**

Altering the age requirements for specified provisions of law relating to tobacco products; prohibiting a person from selling or dispensing tobacco products through a vending machine unless the machine is located in an establishment that an individual under the age of 21 years is prohibited by law from entering; prohibiting the distribution of a tobacco product or tobacco paraphernalia to an individual under the age of 21 years except under specified circumstances; establishing specified civil fines; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

BR, § 16-3A-02, CR, §§ 10-107 and 10-108, HG, §§ 13-1015 and 24-305(b) and (d), LG, § 1-1203, and SF, § 7-317 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 670 Senator Kelley, et al****CONDOMINIUMS – UNENFORCEABILITY OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF GOVERNING DOCUMENTS**

Making unenforceable specified provisions of specified condominium governing documents relating to asserting specified claims; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

RP, § 11-134.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 671**     **Senators Kelley and Lee****DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES – PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
ELIGIBILITY – FINANCIAL RECORDS**

Requiring the Department of Human Resources, on a showing by an applicant that the applicant has been unable to obtain from a specified fiduciary institution financial records necessary to establish the applicant's eligibility or ineligibility for public assistance, to request and obtain the records.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HU, § 5-604 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 672**     **Senator Kelley****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – ST. LUKE'S  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of St. Luke's United Methodist Church for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the St. Luke's United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 673**     **Senator Kelley****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – NATIONAL  
CENTER ON INSTITUTIONS AND ALTERNATIVES EXPANSION**

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 National Center on Institutions and Alternatives, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the National Center on Institutions and Alternatives facility, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 674**     **Senator Kelley, et al****JUVENILE SERVICES – SERVICES AND PROGRAMS FOR FEMALES**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services to serve children in the juvenile services system with programming that provides females with services and programs substantially equivalent to those offered to males.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

HU, § 9-238.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 675**     **Senator Kelley, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PETITION FOR WRIT OF ACTUAL INNOCENCE – NONTRIAL CONVICTIONS**

Defining the term “conviction” as it relates to the standard required to file a petition for writ of actual innocence by a person convicted at trial; and establishing a standard required to file a petition for writ of actual innocence by a person convicted as a result of a guilty plea, an Alford plea, or a plea of nolo contendere.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 8-301(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 676**     **Senator Kelley****REQUIREMENTS FOR FILIAL SUPPORT – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on the neglect or refusal, by an adult child who has or is able to earn sufficient means, to provide a destitute parent with food, shelter, care, and clothing; altering the definition of “responsible relative”, as it relates to responsibility for the cost of specified services provided in a facility or program operated or funded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to exclude from the definition the children of a recipient of specified services; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, §§ 13-101 through 13-103 and 13-106 through 13-109 and HG, §§ 16-101(f) and 16-203(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 677 Senator Kelley, et al****DNA TESTING – POSTCONVICTION REVIEW**

Clarifying the group of persons who may file a specified petition for postconviction DNA testing or a database or log search; requiring a court to order a new trial under specified circumstances for specified classes of persons filing for postconviction DNA testing and having received favorable results; altering the remedy for intentional and willful destruction of DNA evidence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 8-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 678 Senator Young, et al****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – VOCATIONAL CERTIFICATES, APPRENTICESHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS, AND ASSOCIATE’S DEGREES – TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Establishing the Community College Vocational Certificate, Apprenticeship Training Program, and Associate’s Degree Tuition Assistance Program; specifying that participation in the Program is voluntary and shall be determined by a county; requiring an individual, in order to participate in the Program, to enroll at a community college within 6 months of graduating, obtaining a GED, or completing a home instruction program; requiring participants to complete at least 15 hours of community service; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 16-106.1 - added

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

**SB 679 Senator Lee****CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – TRAINING**

Requiring that each health practitioner, police officer, educator, and human service worker in the State receive periodic training on the obligation to report child abuse and neglect and on the identification of abused and neglected children.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 5-704 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 680**     **Senator Lee, et al****ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES INVESTIGATIONS – COMPLETION TIME**

Increasing, from 30 days to 60 days, the period of time during which a local department of social services must complete an investigation of a report of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, or financial exploitation when the report does not indicate that an emergency exists.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

FL, § 14-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 681**     **Senator Ramirez****CONSUMER PROTECTION – RECOVERING OF BEDDING – LIMITATION**

Prohibiting a person from recovering specified bedding that is intended to be sold or offered for sale to a consumer in the State unless the person clearly marks the bedding as used; establishing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor and on conviction a person is subject to a maximum fine of \$500.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CL, § 14-1316 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 682**     **Senator Ramirez****CIVIL ACTIONS – NONECONOMIC DAMAGES**

Increasing the maximum amount of noneconomic damages that may be recovered in specified wrongful death actions or survival actions arising on or after October 1, 2017; providing that a jury may be informed of specified limitations on noneconomic damages in specified civil actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, §§ 3-2A-09(a) and 11-108 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 683     The President (By Request – Administration)****PUBLIC INTEGRITY ACT OF 2017**

Altering provisions of the ethics law governing the period of time during which former members of the General Assembly are prohibited from representing or assisting specified parties for compensation in specified matters; prohibiting, except under specified circumstances, former officials and employees of the Legislative Branch and Executive Branch from representing or assisting specified parties for compensation in specified matters for a specified period of time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

GP, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and SG, §§ 2-706 and 2-709 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 684     The President (By Request – Administration)****LIQUOR BOARD REFORM ACT OF 2017**

Requiring specified boards of license commissioners to notify specified Senate or House delegations to the Maryland General Assembly and the Governor that a board position requires appointment; requiring, within a specified period of time, a county Senate or House delegation to nominate candidates for a board position in a signed letter to the Governor; altering the definition of “State official” as it applies to the Maryland Public Ethics Law to include members of local liquor control boards and boards of license commissioners; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, Various Sections and GP, § 5-101(II) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 685     Senator Ferguson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – MEALS ON WHEELS KITCHEN IMPROVEMENTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$275,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels of Central Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the kitchen for the Meals on Wheels 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; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 686 Senator Ferguson****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HOUSE OF FREEDOM COMMERCIAL KITCHEN RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the House of Freedom, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the commercial kitchen for the House of Freedom, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 687 Senator Madaleno, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – A WIDER CIRCLE COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER**

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 A Wider Circle, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of A Wider Circle Community Service Center, located in Montgomery 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 688 Senator Madaleno****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – NOYES CHILDREN’S LIBRARY RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Noyes Children’s Library Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Noyes Children’s Library, located in Montgomery 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 689 Senator Madaleno****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – THE WRITER’S CENTER**

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 Writer’s Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of The Writer’s Center facility, located in Montgomery 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 690 Senator Madaleno, et al****STATE BUDGET**

Authorizing the General Assembly to increase or add Executive Department items in the budget bill, subject to a specified limitation; providing for the veto by the Governor of only those items relating to the Executive Department that have been increased or added by the General Assembly; providing for the reversion to original appropriations of specified vetoed items in the budget bill; authorizing the General Assembly to override budget bill item vetoes; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, § 17 and Art. III, §§ 14 and 52(6) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 691 Senators Ready and Hough****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCOMPETENCY AND CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY – COURT-ORDERED MEDICATION**

Authorizing a court to order administration of specified medication to a defendant for a period of no longer than 30 days after a finding of incompetency or not criminally responsible under specified circumstances; providing that specified medication may be administered to a specified individual before the decision of a specified panel for a period of no longer than 30 days under specified circumstances; requiring a specified panel to issue a specified decision within 30 days under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, §§ 3-106(b) and 3-112 and HG, § 10-708 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 692     Senator Ready****DRUG OR CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE TESTING – REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing the requirement that a police officer must be in training for, have completed training for, or be participating in a specified program of training to request, require, or direct specified individuals to undergo specified drug or controlled dangerous substance testing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 16-205.1(j) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 693     Senator Hough, et al****CO-PRESCRIBING NALOXONE SAVES LIVES ACT OF 2017**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to establish specified guidelines for the co-prescribing of opioid overdose reversal drugs that are applicable to all licensed health care providers in the State who are authorized to prescribe monitored prescription drugs; requiring the guidelines to address the co-prescribing of opioid overdose reversal drugs for specified patients; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

HG, §§ 13-3401 and 13-3402 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 694     Senator McFadden, et al****INMATES – LIFE IMPRISONMENT – PAROLE REFORM**

Repealing specified provisions that provide that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled only with the Governor's approval, subject to specified provisions; repealing specified provisions requiring specified parole decisions to be transmitted to the Governor under specified circumstances; repealing specified provisions authorizing the Governor to disapprove specified parole decisions in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CS, §§ 4-305(b) and 7-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 695 Senator McFadden****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – NATIONAL GREAT BLACKS IN WAX MUSEUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$800,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of The National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the National Great Blacks in Wax Museum, 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 696 Senator Feldman, et al****TASK FORCE ON LONG-TERM CARE EDUCATION AND PLANNING**

Establishing the Task Force on Long-Term Care Education and Planning; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 697 Senator Feldman****INSURANCE – PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE GUARANTY CORPORATION – COVERED CLAIMS**

Altering the definition of “covered claim” for purposes of the Property and Casualty Insurance Guaranty Corporation to include claims resulting from an injury or damage that took place before the earlier of specified dates; altering a specified exclusion from covered claims; and applying the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

IN, § 9-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 698**     **Senator Feldman****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – THE QUINCE ORCHARD COLORED SCHOOL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of Pleasant View United Methodist Church for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the historic Quince Orchard Colored School, located in Montgomery County; providing for the disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 699**     **Senator Rosapepe, et al****PROVIDING OUR WORKERS EDUCATION AND READINESS (POWER) – APPRENTICESHIP ACT**

Requiring a contractor or subcontractor awarded a specified contract for a specified construction project that receives specified funding from the State capital budget to be affiliated with, and to use apprentices from, an apprenticeship program that is registered with the Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation or the United States Department of Labor, or requiring the contractor or subcontractor to make specified payments to the State Apprenticeship Training Fund or to specified apprenticeship programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

SF, § 17-602 - amended and §§ 17-6A-01 through 17-6A-05 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 700**     **Senator Robinson, et al****STATE GOVERNMENT – OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS AND  
INTERDEPARTMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON MINORITY  
AFFAIRS – RENAMING**

Renaming the Governor’s Office of Minority Affairs to be the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; renaming the Special Secretary for the Office of Minority Affairs to be the Special Secretary for the Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; renaming the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Minority Affairs to be the Interdepartmental Advisory Committee on Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

EC, ED, EN, HG, HS, IN, PU, SF, SG, and SP, Various Sections - amended  
Assigned to: Finance

**SB 701**     **Senator Zucker, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION WAIVERS FOR FOSTER CARE  
RECIPIENTS AND UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH –  
ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “foster care recipient” for specified tuition waivers to include an individual who resided in an out-of-home placement at the time the individual graduated from high school or successfully completed a GED; and clarifying that the definition of “tuition” includes fees for credit-bearing and noncredit courses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 15-106.1(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 702 Senator Middleton****PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – TRAVEL INSURANCE – REGULATION**

Specifying that a specified insurer that offers or sells a travel insurance policy is required to pay a premium tax on specified premiums paid by specified persons; requiring travel insurance to be classified and filed as inland marine insurance; providing that eligibility and underwriting standards for travel insurance may be developed and provided based on specified travel protection plans; providing that travel insurance included as part of a travel protection plan may be offered in a specified manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 1-101(z) - amended and §§ 19-1001 through 19-1008 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 703 Senator Middleton****MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – PARTICIPATION IN THE READINESS AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION INTEGRATION PROGRAM**

Authorizing agricultural land preservation easements to be included as part of a partnership formed under the Readiness and Environmental Protection Integration Program; requiring the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to attempt to form a partnership under the Program when making specified agricultural land preservation easement purchases; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

AG, § 2-513(e) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 704 The President (By Request – Administration), et al****PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL ACT OF 2017**

Establishing the Maryland Public Charter School Authority as a public chartering authority under the Maryland Public Charter School Program; specifying that employees of a public charter school authorized by the Authority are not public school employees, are exempt from State teacher certification requirements, and may refuse to join employee organizations; requiring the Authority to adopt specified policies regarding teacher induction, preparation, and development; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, Various Sections - amended and added and § 9-103 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules



**SB 705 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, 2017

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 706 Senator Norman****LANDLORD AND TENANT – EXPEDITED EVICTION PROCEEDINGS – NOTICE AND APPEALS**

Reducing the notice period from 14 days to 5 days before a landlord may file an action to evict a tenant for a breach of the lease that involves specified dangerous behavior; reducing from 10 days to 4 days the amount of time after entry of a specified judgment during which a specified party may appeal to the circuit court in an eviction proceeding based on a breach of the lease that involves specified dangerous behavior; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

RP, § 8-402.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 707 Senators Norman and Cassilly****VEHICLE LAW – WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION VEHICLES – USE OF YELLOW AND AMBER LIGHTS**

Authorizing waste or recycling collection vehicles to be equipped with or display yellow or amber lights or signal devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 22-218(c)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 708 Cecil County Senators****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CECIL COUNTY – FAIR HILL RACE COURSE**

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 National Steeplechase Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Fair Hill Race Course, located in Cecil 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 709 Senator King, et al****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – MDBIOLAB STEM EDUCATION EQUIPMENT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the MdBio Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the MdBioLab STEM Education Equipment Project, located in Montgomery 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, 2017

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 710 Senator Conway****EDUCATION – CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAM PROCESS – PARENTAL CONSENT**

Requiring an individualized education program team to obtain written consent from the parent of a child with a disability if the team proposes specified actions regarding the individualized education program of the child; requiring an individualized education program team, under specified circumstances, to send a parent specified written notice within a specified time frame that informs the parent of specified rights to consent or refuse to consent to specified actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 8-405 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 711 Senator Conway****ELECTION LAW – ELECTIONS BY MAIL**

Requiring that elections be conducted by mail; requiring the State Board of Elections, in consultation with the local boards of elections, to select a specified voting system; requiring the State Board to adopt specified regulations; requiring local boards of elections to mail a ballot to specified voters by specified deadlines; authorizing specified voters to request that a local board provide a ballot to the voter; requiring a voter who receives a ballot to take specified action to vote the ballot; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, Various Sections - repealed and amended and §§ 9-101 through 9-107 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 712 Senator Conway, et al****HISTORICALLY BLACK INSTITUTIONS – STATE FUNDING – BLOUNT–RAWLINGS–BRITT HBI COMPARABILITY PROGRAM**

Establishing the Blount–Rawlings–Britt HBI Comparability Program to provide supplemental funding assistance to the State’s public 4–year historically black institutions (HBIs) to ensure that the HBIs are comparable and competitive with other State 4–year public institutions of higher education; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt specified standards and procedures; requiring the Governor to provide funds for the Commission to distribute to HBIs; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, §§ 17-401 through 17-404 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 713 Senator Young, et al****PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN MERCURY – PROHIBITION ON SALE OF ELECTRIC SWITCHES, ELECTRIC RELAYS, AND GAS VALVE SWITCHES**

Prohibiting a specified marketer from selling or providing electric switches, electric relays, and gas valve switches that contain mercury to a consumer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EN, §§ 6-905(b-1), (b-2), and (c-1) and 6-905.3 - added and § 6-905(e) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 714**     **Senator McFadden****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INDIGENT INDIVIDUAL – BAIL REVIEW  
AND INDIGENCY DETERMINATION**

Requiring a specified bail review hearing to be held before a judge within 24 hours to make specified determinations; requiring a District Court commissioner to determine whether a specified individual qualifies as indigent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 5-205.1 - added and § 16-210 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED February 3, 2017****SJ 5**     **Senator Kasemeyer, et al****ATTORNEY GENERAL – POWERS – MARYLAND DEFENSE ACT OF  
2017**

Directing the Attorney General to take specified actions regarding civil and criminal suits and actions that are based on the federal government's action or inaction that threatens the public interest and welfare of the residents of the State; requiring the Attorney General, except under specified circumstances, to provide the Governor with specified notice and an opportunity to review and comment on specified suits and actions before commencing specified suits and actions; etc.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SENATE BILL REASSIGNED February 2, 2017**

**SB 562**     **Senators Kelley and Lee**

**HEALTH CARE DECISIONS ACT – ADVANCE DIRECTIVES AND  
SURROGATE DECISION MAKING – DISQUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS**

Prohibiting specified individuals from serving as a health care agent under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified individuals from making decisions about health care for specified individuals who have been certified to be incapable of making an informed decision under the Health Care Decisions Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, §§ 5-602(b) and 5-605(a) - amended

Reassigned to: Finance