



# SYNOPSIS

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## SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 22, 2017

### **SB 1126 Senators Brochin and Pinsky**

**PUBLIC HEALTH – GENERIC DRUGS AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES  
PURCHASING COOPERATIVE WORKGROUP**

Requiring the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene to convene a workgroup to study the advisability of the State, along with hospitals, pharmacies, health care facilities, and private medical practices, forming a generic drugs and medical supplies purchasing cooperative; requiring the workgroup to include specified individuals; requiring the workgroup to make recommendations regarding specified matters and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 1127 Senator Conway, et al**

**BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – RESTRUCTURING**

Repealing the Board of Trustees of Baltimore City Community College; establishing the Restructuring Board of Baltimore City Community College; transferring the powers and duties of the Board of Trustees to the Restructuring Board; requiring the Restructuring Board to select a new president and develop a strategic plan on or before December 1, 2018, make workforce development and job placement top educational priorities, improve student pathways to success, and align the budget with realistic enrollment projections; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

ED, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**SB 1128 Senator Astle****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – MANDRIN INPATIENT CARE 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 Hospice of the Chesapeake, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Mandrin Inpatient Care Center facility, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1129 Senator Mathias****SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT – LICENSING OF OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS AND PROVISION OF NALOXONE KITS**

Prohibiting the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene from requiring, under specified circumstances, that an outpatient substance use disorder treatment program be granted specified accreditation as a condition of licensure; requiring each hospital emergency department to establish and implement a policy of providing a naloxone kit to patients admitted for an opioid overdose and training the patients in the proper method of administering the naloxone before the patient is released; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 7.5-402 - amended and § 8-1101 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1130 Senator Mathias****HEALTH INSURANCE – VOLUNTEER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS – BENEFITS UNDER BLANKET POLICIES AND CONTRACTS**

Excluding, from specified provisions of State insurance laws, specified blanket health insurance policies and contracts that provide health insurance benefits to specified volunteer emergency responders; providing that the blanket health insurance policies and contracts are subject to specified provisions of State insurance laws; requiring the blanket health insurance policies and contracts to disclose that the policies and contracts do not provide comprehensive health coverage; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

IN, § 15-1107 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1131 Senator Mathias****SOMERSET COUNTY – COMMUNITY COLLEGE – ELIGIBILITY OF STUDENTS TO PAY NO TUITION OR FEES**

Providing that specified students residing in Somerset County may enroll full time in specified community colleges and pay no tuition or fees for up to 3 years if specified conditions are met; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to pay 100% of in-county tuition and fees for specified eligible students; requiring a student to repay funds spent on the student's behalf to the Commission and county if the student is guilty of a felony; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 16-310(e) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1132 Senators Mathias and Simonaire****SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – SALES BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS RAISING FUNDS TO ASSIST VETERANS**

Providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to a specified sale by a nonprofit organization whose principal focus is to raise funds to assist specified veterans, if no less than 88% of the proceeds of the sale are used to assist those veterans.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-204(b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1133 Senator Oaks****ELECTION LAW – QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS – PROOF OF IDENTITY**

Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity and verify the voter's address if the voter seeks to vote a regular ballot; requiring an election judge to qualify a voter by requesting the voter to present a current government-issued photo identification; requiring an election judge to authorize an individual to vote a regular ballot; allowing a voter who is unable to present a specified form of identification to vote by provisional ballot under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, §§ 10-310 and 16-201 and TR, § 12-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1134 Senator Oaks****INCOME TAX – RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CREDIT – START-UP BUSINESSES**

Altering the calculation of a specified credit against the State income tax for Maryland qualified research and development expenses incurred by an individual or a corporation so as to allow the individual or corporation, subject to specified limitations, a credit in an amount equal to 5% of the Maryland qualified research and development expenses paid to a specified start-up business or paid or incurred by the individual or corporation during the taxable year, if the individual or corporation is a specified start-up business; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-721(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1135 Senator Oaks****EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – INCORRECT ENROLLMENTS**

Requiring that an individual determined by the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to be incorrectly enrolled as a member of the Employees' Pension System shall be disenrolled; requiring the Board of Trustees, at the request of an incorrectly enrolled individual, to pay the individual specified contributions; providing that the Board of Trustees, at the request of the participating employer of an incorrectly enrolled individual, may make a specified adjustment to the employer's contributions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1136 Senator Oaks****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – STATE'S ATTORNEY – ANNUAL SALARY**

Reducing the rate of increase in the annual salary of the State's Attorney for Anne Arundel County from 3% to 2%; and providing that the Act does not apply to the salary or compensation of the incumbent State's Attorney.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CP, § 15-403(b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1137 Senator Oaks****PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES – REQUIRED TRAINING ON RETIREMENT BENEFITS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a training program for specified public school employees regarding available retirement benefits; requiring the Department to offer the training to public school employees at least once per year; requiring the Department to work in consultation with staff from the State Retirement Agency and staff from the Maryland Supplemental Retirement Plans to provide the training program; requiring public school employees to attend the training each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, § 6-122 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1138 Senator Zucker****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – FAMILY BEER AND WINE FACILITY PERMIT**

Repealing a provision of law that prohibits a family beer and wine facility permit holder from holding another license simultaneously.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

AB, § 2-138 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1139 Senator McFadden****UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND EASTERN SHORE – STATE MATCHING FUNDS FOR LAND–GRANT INSTITUTIONS**

Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2019, to include in the annual State operating budget a general fund appropriation at least equal to a specified amount to the University System of Maryland; requiring the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to allocate specified funding to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore for a specified purpose; providing that the funding shall be in addition to specified base funding appropriated to the University of Maryland Eastern Shore; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 13-704 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 1140** Senator EdwardsCREATION OF A STATE DEBT – WASHINGTON COUNTY – HANCOCK  
COMMUNITY POOL

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Hancock for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a community pool for the Town of Hancock, located in Washington 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: Senate Rules