



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2017 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 16, 2017
Schedule 4

PLEASE NOTE: January 24 – Bill request deadline.
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.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 16, 2017

SB 124 Senator Waugh

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – VOCATIONAL TRAINING FACILITY –
REPEAL

Repealing a provision of law that relates to the authority of the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to establish a specified board of directors for the purposes of establishing and overseeing a vocational training facility for specified purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PLL of St. Mary's Co., Art. 19, § 144-1 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 125 Senator Feldman**WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE AND TUNNEL COMPACT – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions relating to the Woodrow Wilson Bridge and Tunnel Compact; repealing a requirement that the Governor execute the compact with the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia under specified circumstances; repealing the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge and Tunnel Authority; repealing a requirement that the compact may not be interpreted to affect the levy of specified taxes; repealing the specified powers of the Authority to operate a project to upgrade the Interstate 95 Potomac River crossing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, §§ 10-301 through 10-303, Chapter 494 of the Acts of 1995, §§ 2, 3, and 4, and Chapter 599 of the Acts of 1996, § 2 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 126 Senator Feldman**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – TLC’S KATHERINE THOMAS SCHOOL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$240,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of TLC – The Treatment and Learning Centers, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of TLC’s Katherine Thomas School, 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 127 Senator Conway, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL – QUALIFICATIONS – RESIDENCY PERIOD**

Altering, from one year to 18 months, the residency period in Baltimore City that the Mayor and the members of the City Council of Baltimore City must satisfy to qualify for election to office.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. III, § 1 and Art. IV, § 1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 128 **Senator Simonaire****PUBLIC HEALTH – REQUIRED TEMPERATURES FOR SALE OF CRAB MEAT – REPEAL**

Repealing a specified provision of law that prohibits a person from keeping for sale any unfrozen crab meat, any frozen crab meat, or any pasteurized crab meat at temperatures that exceed specified maximum temperatures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

HG, § 21-342 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 129 **Senator Simonaire****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

Expanding the membership of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to five members; requiring that each member of the Board represent a different legislative district in the county; requiring that the Governor appoint members who have lived in their district for at least 6 months immediately before appointment; requiring that no more than three members may belong to the same political party; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

AB, § 11-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 130 **Senator Simonaire****ELECTION LAW – BALLOT ISSUES – CONTRIBUTIONS OR DONATIONS BY FOREIGN PRINCIPALS**

Prohibiting a foreign principal from making a contribution to a ballot issue committee or making a donation to a person that makes independent expenditures or electioneering communications relating to a ballot issue; and defining a specified term.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, § 13-236.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 131 **Senators Simonaire and Astle****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – SELECTION OF MEMBERS**

Establishing a procedure for the election and appointment of specified members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education; requiring specified members of the county board to be elected from councilmanic districts; renaming the School Board Nominating Commission of Anne Arundel County to be the School Board Appointment Commission of Anne Arundel County; requiring each member of the County Board to be a resident of Anne Arundel County; providing a maximum of two consecutive 4–year terms for specified members of the board; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

ED, §§ 3-108(a), 3-110, 3-114, and 3-2B-01(b)(2) - amended and §§ 3-2A-02 and 3-2A-07 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 132 **Senator Salling****PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR DISABLED VETERANS – PERCENTAGE OF DISABILITY**

Expanding eligibility for a property tax exemption for the dwelling house of a disabled veteran to include veterans with a service connected disability of at least 80%; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2017.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

TP, § 7-208(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 133 **Senator Serafini, et al****INCOME TAX – FLAT TAX**

Altering the State individual income tax rate to 3.9% for individuals or spouses filing joint returns with federal adjusted gross income in excess of \$30,000; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-105 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 134 **Senator Serafini, et al**

INCOME TAX – RATES

Altering the State income tax rate on the Maryland taxable income of specified individuals and specified spouses filing a joint return, surviving spouses, or heads of household; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 135 **Senator Lee**

CRIMES – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – FAILURE TO REPORT

Establishing that specified persons who are required to provide specified notice or make reports of suspected child abuse or neglect may not knowingly fail to give the notice or make the reports; establishing a misdemeanor and penalties on conviction of a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or maximum imprisonment of 1 year or both for knowingly failing to report child abuse or neglect; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CR, § 3-602.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 136 **Senators Lee and Smith**

VEHICLE LAWS – PARKING VIOLATIONS – AUTHORITY OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

Prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing a regulation or an ordinance that imposes specified additional penalties for a parking violation within 30 days after the issuance of the citation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 26-301(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 137 **Senator Lee, et al**

STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND UNIFORM ELECTRONIC LEGAL MATERIALS ACT

Requiring an official publisher that publishes legal material in an electronic record to designate the electronic record as official, under specified circumstances, and authenticate the electronic record in a specified manner; providing that specified legal material in an electronic record is presumed to be an accurate copy; requiring an official publisher of specified legal material in an electronic record to provide for the preservation and security of the record, and to ensure that it is reasonably available to the public; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

SG, §§ 10-1601 through 10-1611 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 138 **Senators Manno and Miller**

INCOME TAX CREDIT – SECURITY CLEARANCES – EMPLOYER COSTS – EXTENSION

Extending from January 1, 2017, to January 1, 2022, the termination of an income tax credit that specified individuals or corporations may claim against the State income tax for costs incurred to obtain federal security clearances, to rent specified facilities, and to construct or renovate a sensitive compartmented information facility.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 10-732 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 139 **Senator Manno, et al**

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – VIDEO TOLLS – COLLECTION

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to orally notify the registered owner of a motor vehicle that has incurred a video toll of the toll due if the video toll exceeds 100% of the original toll or the registered owner has outstanding video tolls in excess of \$250; establishing the amount of a civil penalty imposed for failing to pay a video toll at 25% of the video toll; prohibiting the Authority from referring a video toll to the Central Collection Unit for collection; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 21-1414 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 140 **Senator Waugh**

ST. MARY'S COUNTY – LOCAL PLUMBING CODE – REPEAL

Repealing a provision of law related to the adoption of a plumbing code in St. Mary's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

PLL of St. Mary's Co, Art. 19, § 92-1 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 141 **Senator Zirkin**

ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Requiring a local board of elections to establish a polling place at each senior institution of higher education in the county that has residential student housing on its campus; and defining the term “senior institution of higher education” as an institution of postsecondary education that generally limits enrollment to graduates of secondary schools and awards degrees at the baccalaureate or graduate level.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, § 10-101 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 142 **Senator Zirkin**

TASK FORCE TO STUDY BICYCLE SAFETY ON MARYLAND HIGHWAYS

Establishing the Task Force to Study Bicycle Safety on Maryland Highways; 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 bicycle safety on highways 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, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2017

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 143 Senator Zirkin**INJURY TO OR DEATH OF PET – DAMAGES**

Providing that a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of a pet while acting through an animal under the person's ownership is liable to the owner of the pet for specified compensatory damages; repealing a specified cap on the compensatory damages for which a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of a pet is liable; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, § 11-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 144 Senator Zirkin**CIVIL ACTIONS – PRELITIGATION DISCOVERY OF INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Making specified provisions of law authorizing the prelitigation discovery of specified insurance coverage information relating to claims involving vehicle accidents applicable to claims involving any tort; making conforming changes; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

CJ, §§ 10-1101 through 10-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 145 Senators Pinsky and Jennings**EDUCATION – STATEWIDE KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT – COMPLETION**

Altering the date by which a statewide kindergarten assessment that has the purpose of measuring school readiness must be completed from October 1 to October 10.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-210 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 146 **Senators Pinsky and Smith**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTING PROCESS

Requiring the Department of Legislative Services to obtain specified census data, adjust the census data for specified purposes, and provide the census data to a temporary redistricting commission within 30 days after the Department has finished adjusting the census data; requiring the commission to use specified census data to prepare and adopt a districting plan for congressional districts within 90 days after the commission members are appointed or the census data is received by the Commission, whichever is later; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, §§ 8-6A-01 through 8-6A-04 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 147 **Senator McFadden**

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM

Establishing a Deferred Retirement Option Program for members in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System who have at least 20 years and less than 25 years of eligibility service; requiring the State Retirement Agency to request, on or before July 1, 2017, specified documentation from the Internal Revenue Service; and making the Act subject to a specified contingency.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

SP, § 25-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 148 **Senator Feldman**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BOYDS NEGRO SCHOOL

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$16,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Boyds Clarksburg Historical Society, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Boyds Negro School, 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 149 **Senators Feldman and King****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
BLACKROCK CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$115,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Germantown Cultural Arts Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the BlackRock Center for the Arts, 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 150 **Senators Feldman and Lee****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY –
POTOMAC COMMUNITY RESOURCES HOME**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Potomac Community Resources, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Potomac Community Resources Home, 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 151 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam, et al****STATE BOARD OF NURSING – DISCIPLINARY PROCESS AND
AUTHORITY – REVISIONS**

Authorizing a disciplinary committee of the State Board of Nursing to grant and deny licenses and certificates and take specified disciplinary action against licensees and certificate holders; authorizing the Board to establish one or more disciplinary committees to conduct specified hearings and issue final decisions or orders under specified provisions of law; authorizing the Board to delegate authority to conduct a hearing and issue a final decision or order to a disciplinary committee; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, Various Sections - amended and §§ 8-101(d-1) and 8-503.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 152 **Senator King, et al**

HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FUNDING

Altering the calculation of the required funding amount for community colleges including the Baltimore City Community College in specified fiscal years.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, §§ 16-305(c)(1)(i) and 16-512(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 153 **Senator King, et al**

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR ADJUSTMENT – STATE OF EMERGENCY

Authorizing a county board of education to adjust the length of the school year for up to 5 school days without applying for a specified waiver if normal school attendance is prevented because of conditions that require the Governor to declare a state of emergency; and prohibiting education funding from specified sources from being reduced under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

ED, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 154 **Senator King, et al**

VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL BUS MONITORING CAMERAS – CIVIL PENALTY

Altering the civil penalty to require \$250 for a violation recorded by a school bus monitoring camera for failure to stop for a school vehicle operating alternately flashing red lights; and repealing a requirement that the District Court prescribe a specified civil penalty.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

TR, § 21-706.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 155 **Senator Brochin, et al****SCHOOL VEHICLES – SEAT BELTS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring school vehicles registered in the State and purchased on or after July 1, 2018, regardless of the date the school vehicle was manufactured or assembled, to be equipped with specified seat belts for every seat on the school vehicle; and providing for the application of specified requirements relating to seat belts on school vehicles.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TR, §§ 22-412 and 22-412.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 156 **Senators Brochin and Klausmeier****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ELECTIONS FOR JUDGES OF THE ORPHANS’ COURT – PROCEDURES**

Providing that specified provisions of law govern the nomination and election of judges of the orphans’ court in Baltimore County; authorizing a candidate for judge of the orphans’ court in Baltimore County to file and appear on primary election ballots; requiring that the three candidates of each principal political party receiving the largest number of votes in the primary election appear on the general election ballot; prohibiting the political affiliation of candidates from being included on the general election ballot; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2017

EL, § 5-203 - amended and §§ 8-901 through 8-903 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 157 **Senator Brochin, et al****SALES AND USE TAX – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RATE REDUCTION**

Altering the rate of the sales and use tax applied to specified sales of alcoholic beverages.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

TG, § 11-104(g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 158 **Senator Conway**

MARYLAND OIL DISASTER CONTAINMENT, CLEAN-UP AND
CONTINGENCY FUND AND OIL CONTAMINATED SITE
ENVIRONMENTAL CLEANUP FUND

Altering the basis for calculating a specified license fee credited to the Maryland Oil Disaster Containment, Clean-Up and Contingency Fund; and extending the deadline from June 30, 2017 to June 30, 2019, by which the owner of a specified eligible heating oil tank may apply for reimbursement of specified costs from the Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

EN, §§ 4-411 and 4-705 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs