



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2018 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 26, 2018**  
**Schedule 12**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 9 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 8.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 26, 2018**

### **HB 500 Delegates Sanchez and Barron**

#### **CRIMES – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – FAILURE TO REPORT**

Establishing that certain persons who are required to provide certain notice or make certain reports of suspected child abuse or neglect may not knowingly fail to give the notice or make the report if the person has actual knowledge of the abuse or neglect or witnesses the act of the abuse or neglect; establishing the misdemeanor of knowing failure to report child abuse or neglect under certain circumstances; and providing certain penalties for a violation of the Act.  
**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018**

CR, § 3-602.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

#### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 501 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SEATING REQUIREMENT FOR CLASS B LICENSES**

Reducing the seating requirement, from 50 to 28 individuals, for facilities in Frederick County for which certain Class B alcoholic beverages licenses are issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, §§ 20-902, 20-903, and 20-904 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 502 Delegates Wilkins and Ali****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – SURVIVING SPOUSE OF VETERAN**

Altering the eligibility for a credit authorized against the county or municipal corporation property tax for certain veterans to include certain surviving spouses of certain veterans; and providing that the Act shall be applicable to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TP, § 9-258 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 503 Delegate Wilkins, et al****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – TRANSLATION GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Translation Grant Program in the State Department of Education to provide grants to public schools that are experiencing a significant number of requests to translate educational materials into a student's or parent's native language; requiring the Program to be a competitive grant program; requiring the Department to establish application procedures and supervise the use of certain funds; requiring the Governor to include at least \$250,000 annually for the program beginning in fiscal year 2020; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-106.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 504 Delegate Reznik, et al**

## STATE PERSONNEL – COMPENSATION – SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL PAY

Requiring that certain employees in the State Personnel Management System are entitled to certain rates of shift differential pay; and authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management to adopt certain regulations to increase certain rates of shift differential pay.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, § 8-201 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 505 Delegate A. Miller, et al**

## USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS – PLAYGROUND AND ATHLETIC FIELD SURFACES – PREFERENCES AND PROHIBITIONS

Establishing a preference for the use of state-of-the-art natural surface materials in any projects to construct playgrounds or athletic fields using public funds; prohibiting the use of State funds to finance any portion of a project to build a new, or replace an existing, playground or athletic field with a synthetic surface; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SF, § 14-417 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 506 Frederick County Delegation**

## FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ARENA LICENSE

Establishing in Frederick County a Class B–A (arena) beer and wine license; specifying that the license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine by the drink on the campus of an institution of higher education from one or more outlets that the Board of License Commissioners approves and for on–premises consumption at sporting and nonsporting events held at the institution; and requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 20-1001 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 507 Frederick County Delegation**

## FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BANQUET FACILITY LICENSE

Repealing a certain capital investment requirement of at least \$250,000, excluding the cost of the land, buildings, and leases, for the issuance of a Class B–BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County; and requiring that a banquet facility have a full commercial kitchen and adequate public bathroom facilities before a banquet facility license may be issued.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 20-1001.1 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 508 Delegate Reznik, et al**

## GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – ADVISORY PANEL

Repealing the State song; establishing the State Song Advisory Panel; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Advisory Panel; requiring the Advisory Panel to review certain submissions and suggestions for a new State song and hold at least three public hearings; requiring the Panel to report its recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2018; terminating a certain provision of the Act after June 30, 2019; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

GP, § 7-318 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 509 Delegate Carozza, et al**

## ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LIMITED DISTILLERY LICENSE – RETAIL SALES

Raising the annual amount of certain alcoholic beverages to 200,000 gallons that a holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license may distill, rectify, bottle or sell; and increasing to 35,000 gallons the annual amount of the products manufactured under a Class 9 limited distillery license that the holder of the license may sell at retail on a certain premises for on–sale or off–sale consumption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 2-203(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 510 Delegates Moon and Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROVIDING ELECTRONIC DEVICE LOCATION INFORMATION – HISTORICAL DATA**

Altering a definition of “location information” to include historical information concerning the geographic location of an electronic device that is or was generated by or derived from the operation of that device; and providing that certain evidence is not admissible in a criminal, civil, administrative, or any other proceeding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 1-203.1(a)(5) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 511 Delegate Angel, et al****PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – HATE-BIAS INCIDENT PREVENTION**

Requiring each public institution of higher education to develop, implement, and submit to the Maryland Higher Education Commission a certain plan for a program to prevent hate-bias incidents; requiring each public institution of higher education to develop and implement a hate-bias response protocol; requiring an electronic crime alert notification system to include notification of hate-bias incidents; requiring public institutions of higher education to report certain information to the Commission each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 11-406 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 512 Delegate K. Young, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PAY SCALES AND WAGE HISTORY INFORMATION**

Requiring an employer to provide the pay scale for a position to an applicant for employment on request; prohibiting employers from relying on wage history information, except under certain circumstances, for certain purposes and seeking the wage history information by certain methods and from certain persons; specifying that an employer is not subject to a certain criminal penalty for a violation of certain provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

LE, § 3-304.2 - added and §§ 3-307(a)(2) and 3-308 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 513 Delegate Hill, et al****CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – ELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERM OF OFFICE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; requiring an appointment of a circuit court judge to be subject to Senate confirmation; providing for a retention election following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; altering the term of office of circuit court judges from 15 years to 10 years; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 2, 3, 5A, 11, and 21(a) - amended and §§ 5, 18B, and 21A - repealed and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

**HB 514 Delegate Glenn****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HOEN LITHOGRAPH BUILDING RENOVATION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$750,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the 2101 East Biddle, LLC for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Hoen Lithograph Building, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 515 Delegate Ghrist, et al****AGRICULTURE – NOXIOUS WEEDS – PALMER AMARANTH**

Adding Palmer amaranth to the list of plants considered to be noxious weeds in the State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

AG, § 9-401 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 516 Delegate Jones, 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 certain fiscal years.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

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

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 517 Delegate Hill, et al****PHARMACY DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – DATA REQUEST EXEMPTION – REGIONAL ANESTHESIA PATIENTS**

Altering a certain provision of law to exempt a prescriber from being required to request certain data from the Pharmacy Drug Monitoring Program if the opioid or benzodiazepine is prescribed or dispensed to an individual to treat or prevent acute pain for not more than 14 days following a surgical procedure in which regional anesthesia, including spinal and epidural techniques, was used; and making the Act subject to a certain contingency.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, § 21-2A-04.2(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 518 Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Comptroller)****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REFORM ON TAP ACT OF 2018**

Repealing certain restrictions on serving or selling beer by a holder of a Class 5 brewery license or Class 7 micro-brewery license; requiring an on-site consumption permit to be granted under certain circumstances; providing that the hours of sale for on-site consumption at Class 5 breweries are those set by a certain license; repealing certain limits on micro-breweries, farm breweries, and limited beer wholesalers; making a certain licensed beer manufacturer exempt from the Beer Franchise Fair Dealing Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, §§ 2-207 through 2-209, 2-210(c)(3), 2-308, and 5-102 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 519 Delegate Kelly, et al****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR CHILD AND DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES – INCOME ELIGIBILITY**

Increasing to \$100,000 for individuals and \$150,000 for married couples filing jointly the maximum income limits on eligibility for a certain credit allowed against the State income tax for certain child and dependent care expenses; altering certain income levels above which a certain phase-out of the tax credit is required; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-716 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 520 Delegate Queen, et al****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – SEXUAL ASSAULT CASES – LOCAL AUDITS**

Authorizing a county or municipality to conduct a third-party audit of certain sexual assault cases; requiring a county or municipality to arrange a third-party audit of sexual assault cases when the percentage of unfounded sexual assault cases exceeds by 5% or more a certain national average; establishing the requirements for a third-party audit of sexual assault cases; requiring the Office of the Attorney General to establish and maintain guidelines for third-party audits of sexual assault cases; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LG, § 1-1312 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 521 Delegate Tarlau, et al****INCOME TAX – RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CREDIT – SMALL BUSINESS SET-ASIDE**

Requiring the Department of Commerce to make available 20% of the total amount of research and development tax credits that the Department may approve in a calendar year to small businesses; providing for the use of certain unused credits; providing for the calculation of the credit if more than a certain amount of credits are applied for in a calendar year; applying the Act to all research and development tax credits certified after December 15, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-721(c)(2) and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means



**HB 522 Delegate Queen, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – SEXUAL ASSAULT INVESTIGATION TRAINING**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop and maintain a uniform, statewide training and certification curriculum to ensure use of best practices in sexual assault investigations; requiring the Commission to determine the percentage of officers required to receive the in-service training and the frequency at which officers should receive refresher training; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 3-207(i) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 523 Delegate Hettleman, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – EMPLOYEES IN THE SAME CLASSIFICATION – PAY RATES**

Requiring that when an appointing authority of a unit in the State Personnel Management System appoints an employee to a certain position, the Secretary of Budget and Management shall require that the pay rate of each incumbent employee in the unit who is in the same classification as, and has a pay rate lower than, the newly appointed employee be adjusted to equal the pay rate of the newly appointed employee; providing the Secretary is not required to make certain pay rate adjustments under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, § 8-106(c) - added and TR, § 2-103.4(g) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 524 Delegate Moon, et al****FAMILY LAW – PROTECTING THE RESOURCES OF CHILDREN IN STATE CUSTODY**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to take certain actions when serving as a representative payee or fiduciary for certain federal benefits for a child in the Department's custody; requiring the Department to provide certain notice to the child, through the child's attorney, of certain actions taken with respect to certain benefits for the child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

FL, § 5-527.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 525 Delegate Sydnor****CRIMINAL LAW – FALSE STATEMENT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER – EXEMPTION**

Providing that a certain prohibition against making a false statement, report, or complaint does not apply to a situation in which a government entity or its agents were the subject of a statement, report, or complaint and the government entity initiated or conducted the investigation and determined that the statement, report, or complaint was false.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, § 9-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 526 Delegate Lierman, et al****INCOME TAX – ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for 50% of an investment made in a qualified innovation business, not to exceed \$50,000, or \$100,000 for a qualified investor that is a married couple filing jointly or a pass-through entity; requiring a qualified investor to meet certain requirements in order to be eligible for the credit; requiring the Department of Commerce to administer the credit; applying the Act to certain taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4) - amended and TG, § 10-746 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 527 Delegates Rosenberg and Jones****HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the Maryland Technology Internship Program to include certain technology-based internships with units of State and local governments and to require that at least 50% of the internships supported by the Program each year be with businesses that have not more than 150 employees; repealing a requirement that a business have not more than 150 employees to qualify for participation in the Program; establishing certain requirements for a unit of State or local government to qualify for participation in the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, §§ 18-3004, 18-3006, 18-3007(a), and 18-3008 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 528 Delegates Jameson and Mautz****PUBLIC UTILITIES – WATER OR SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – RATES**

Allowing the Public Service Commission to authorize a certain rate consolidation of two or more water or sewage disposal systems under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, § 4-307 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 529 Delegate Jameson, et al****RENEWABLE ENERGY – TIER 2 ELIGIBILITY – EXTENSION**

Extending the eligibility of certain Tier 2 renewable sources for purposes of the renewable energy portfolio standard through 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PU, §§ 7-703(b) and 7-704(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 530 Charles County Delegation****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – INDIAN HEAD CENTER FOR THE ARTS**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$60,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Indian Head Center for the Arts, Inc. and the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Indian Head Center for the Arts Black Box Theatre, located in Charles County; providing for the disbursement of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 531 Delegate Healey, et al****MOTOR VEHICLES – OPERATION WHEN APPROACHING VEHICLE WITH VISUAL SIGNALS**

Requiring drivers approaching from the rear certain vehicles that are stopped, standing, or parked on a highway and using certain visual signals to make a lane change to an available lane not immediately adjacent to the stopped, standing, or parked vehicle under certain circumstances, or to slow to a reasonable and prudent speed that is safe for certain existing conditions under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, 21-405(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 532 Delegate Reznik, et al****ELECTIVE FRANCHISE – REGISTRATION AND VOTING AT PRECINCT POLLING PLACE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to authorize the General Assembly to allow a qualified individual to register and vote at a precinct polling place on Election Day; submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. I, §§ 1 and 2 - amended and § 2A - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 533 Delegate Carr (Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations)****WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY COMPACT – DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – NAME CORRECTION**

Correcting an outdated reference to the name of the Department of Planning in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact by repealing a certain contingency.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2000, § 4 - repealed and § 7 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 534 Delegate Grammer, et al****FIREARMS – RIGHT TO PURCHASE, OWN, POSSESS, AND CARRY –  
MEDICAL CANNABIS (PATIENTS’ RIGHTS ACT)**

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is a certain qualifying patient; defining the term “qualifying patient” to mean a person who is authorized under certain provisions of law to use medical cannabis; prohibiting a State agency from accessing a certain database to obtain certain information; prohibiting a State agency from inquiring about a person’s status as a certain qualifying patient for a certain purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 5-601 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

**HB 535 Delegate Lierman, et al****TRANSPORTATION – COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM –  
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Complete Streets Program; specifying the purpose and goals of the Program; requiring the Governor to annually appropriate at least \$1,000,000 in funding for the Program; specifying the requirements for a local government to be designated as a certified jurisdiction; authorizing a certified jurisdiction to apply for grants from the Program; specifying the use of grant funds; specifying certain requirements for a certified jurisdiction that receives a grant under the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TR, §§ 8-901 through 8-908 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 536 Charles County Delegation****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – CHARLES COUNTY – INDIAN HEAD RECREATION CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and Town Council of the Town of Indian Head for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a community recreation center, 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, 2018

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 537 Delegate Reznik, et al****POTOMAC COMPACT FOR FAIR REPRESENTATION**

Establishing the Potomac Compact for Fair Representation; providing that a compacting state is not required to comply with the Compact under certain circumstances; establishing the Congressional Districting Commission; requiring the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services to determine the size and composition of the Commission and, on or before June 1 of the year following the decennial census, select the members of the Commission; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

EL, §§ 8-6A-01 through 8-6A-05 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 538 Delegate Lierman, et al****ENVIRONMENT – EXPANDED POLYSTYRENE FOOD SERVICE PRODUCTS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from selling in the State a certain expanded polystyrene food service product on or after January 1, 2019; prohibiting certain food service businesses and certain schools from selling or providing food in certain expanded polystyrene food service products on or after January 1, 2019; requiring a county health department to impose certain penalties for violations of the Act; requiring a county health department to notify the Department of the Environment of certain violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

EN, §§ 9-2201 through 9-2207 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

**HB 539 Delegate Glenn, et al**

## GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MISSING CHILDREN DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim May 25 as Missing Children Day.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

GP, § 7-409 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 540 Delegate Korman, et al**

## LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PRE-TAX TRANSPORTATION FRINGE BENEFIT – REQUIREMENT (MARYLAND PRE-TAX COMMUTER BENEFIT ACT)

Requiring certain employers to provide certain employees an opportunity to use a certain pre-tax transportation fringe benefit; authorizing an employee to file a written complaint with the Commissioner of Labor and Industry under certain circumstances; authorizing the Commissioner to attempt to resolve a certain matter informally or request the Attorney General to bring a certain action on behalf of the employee; providing that an employer that violates the Act is subject to a certain civil penalty; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

LE, §§ 3-103(e)(7) and 3-715 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 541 Delegate Mosby, et al**

## LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – CRIMINAL RECORD SCREENING PRACTICES (BAN THE BOX)

Prohibiting certain employers from requiring an applicant for employment to disclose certain information regarding the criminal record of the applicant, conducting a certain criminal history records check, or taking other certain action before a conditional offer of employment has been extended; authorizing the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to resolve certain complaints informally or to use mediation; authorizing the Commissioner to ask the Attorney General to bring a certain action on behalf of the applicant or employee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

LE, § 3-103 - amended and §§ 3-1301 through 3-1306 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 542 Delegate Ali, et al****ELECTION LAW – ELIGIBLE DETAINEES – INFORMATION ON VOTING RIGHTS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations establishing a program to inform certain eligible detainees in correctional facilities of upcoming elections and how the eligible detainees may exercise the right to vote; requiring that the regulations provide for the dissemination of certain information and applications and certain transmission of certain applications and ballots between correctional facilities and the local boards of election; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

EL, § 1-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 543 Delegate Ali, et al****LAW ENFORCEMENT – FIRST RESPONDERS KILLED OR DISABLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY FUND**

Establishing the First Responders Killed or Disabled in the Line of Duty Fund to provide financial assistance to first responders and the families of first responders who are killed or disabled in the line of duty; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; authorizing the Executive Director to make one-time grants to a first responder or the family of a first responder; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, §§ 4-801 through 4-803 - added and § 5-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary



**HB 544 Delegate Robinson****PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – CLASSWORK AND ASSESSMENT INVOLVING LIVE AND DEAD ANIMALS – STUDENT CHOICE POLICY**

Authorizing a student in a public school or nonpublic school to choose not to participate in or observe, in whole or in part, classwork or an assessment that includes certain actions conducted on a certain animal; authorizing a student to choose not to participate in or observe the classwork or assessment at a certain time; requiring a certain student to complete the required classwork or assessment by a certain alternative educational method that meets certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-125 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 545 Delegate Ali, et al****LANDLORD–TENANT ACTION – BODY ATTACHMENT – PROHIBITION (JARED KUSHNER ACT)**

Prohibiting a court from issuing a body attachment for a tenant who is a defendant in a landlord–tenant action in which the amount of rent claimed does not exceed \$5,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 6-411 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Judiciary

**HB 546 Delegate Davis, et al****PREVAILING WAGE – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DEVELOPMENTS – APPLICATION**

Altering the prevailing wage law to apply to structures or works, including bridges, buildings, ditches, roads, alleys, waterworks, or sewage disposal plants, funded with certain bond proceeds in tax increment financing development districts; providing that the prevailing wage law applies to certain structures or works only if authorized by a political subdivision, Baltimore City, or the Revenue Authority of Prince George’s County; and applying the Act only to contracts executed on or after July 1, 2018

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SF, § 17-202 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 547 Delegate Barron****EDUCATION – HEAD START PROGRAM – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION**

Requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of at least \$3,000,000 for the Head Start Program in each annual budget submission.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

ED, § 5-219 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 548 Delegate Healey, et al****RAILROAD COMPANIES – CONDEMNATION AUTHORITY – APPLICATION**

Establishing that certain authority of railroad companies to acquire property by condemnation does not apply to an entity that owns or operates a railroad powered by a magnetic levitation propulsion system, or passenger or freight transportation for which pressurized capsules or pods travel at high speed in reduced-pressure tubes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, § 5-409 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 549 Delegates Hornberger and Rey****ADMISSIONS AND AMUSEMENT TAX – LIMITATIONS ON MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

Prohibiting a municipal corporation from charging the admissions and amusement tax on gross receipts derived from certain charges relating to golf, drive-in movies, agricultural tourism, and roller skating.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 4-103(c) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 550 Charles County Delegation****CHARLES COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT JUDGES – SALARY**

Altering the salary for judges of the Orphans’ Court for Charles County; establishing that the Chief Judge shall receive \$500 additional annual compensation; and applying the Act.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ET, § 2-108(j) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 551 Delegate Kipke****RECOVERY RESIDENCES – CONDITION OF ACCEPTANCE OF STATE FUNDS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the State from requiring as a condition of acceptance of State funds that a recovery residence admit applicants for residence in the recovery residence who are receiving medication–assisted treatment for opioid dependence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 19-2505 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 552 Delegate Hill, et al****YOUTH SPORTS PROGRAMS – CONCUSSION RISK AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to educate, instead of provide awareness to, coaches, school personnel, students, and the parents or guardians of students on certain matters relating to concussions and head injuries; requiring an individual who has completed concussion risk and management training or is a licensed health care provider to be responsible for on–site management of all concussion and head injuries during each practice and game, including certain decisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-433 and HG, § 14-501 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 553 Delegate Chang****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – LENGTH OF SCHOOL YEAR – ADJUSTMENTS**

Authorizing a county board of education to extend the length of the school year for up to 5 days without approval from the State Board of Education; and requiring a county board to submit a written application to the State Board for permission to increase the length of the school year for more than a certain number of school days in accordance with a certain provision of law or to decrease the length of the school year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-103(b) - amended

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**HB 554 Caroline County Delegation****CAROLINE COUNTY – SHERIFF – SALARY**

Altering the annual salary of the Sheriff of Caroline County to be equal to 80% of the annual salary of the State's Attorney for Caroline County; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 2-309(g)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation