



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2018 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 23, 2018**  
**Schedule 9**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 23 – Bill request deadline.  
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 23, 2018**

**HB 346**    **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**  
CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
Classifying the offense of human trafficking as a crime of violence under a certain provision of law.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018  
CR, § 14-101(a) - amended  
Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 347 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2018**

Limiting to two the number of consecutive terms as either a Senator or a Delegate to which a person may be elected; specifying how service for a certain partial term shall be considered for purposes of the term limit; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 6 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 348 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****COMMONSENSE SPENDING ACT OF 2018**

Providing that, beginning in fiscal year 2020, any appropriation that increases by operation of law is required to have its mandated level of spending increased by the lesser of the amount of the existing formula calculation or 1% less than the amount of General Fund revenue growth in a certain report submitted by the Board of Revenue Estimates; providing that the General Assembly may not enact certain legislation that creates a certain mandated level of funding except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 349 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****VEHICLE LAWS – DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – SUBSEQUENT OFFENDERS – FELONIES (REPEAT DRUNK DRIVING OFFENDERS ACT OF 2018)**

Increasing certain penalties for drunk and drugged driving offenses for individuals who have been convicted previously of certain other crimes under certain circumstances; making certain drunk and drugged driving offenses felonies; establishing that the District Court and circuit courts have concurrent jurisdiction over certain drunk and drugged driving offenses; and requiring certain procedures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, §§ 4-301(b)(24) and (25) and 4-302(a) and (d)(1) and TR, § 21-902 - amended and CJ, § 4-301(b)(26) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 350 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****ACHIEVING COMPUTER SCIENCE COLLABORATIONS FOR EMPLOYING STUDENTS STATEWIDE (ACCESS) ACT OF 2018**

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop and adopt content standards for computer science education in kindergarten through grade 12 by November 30, 2018; requiring the State Board to consult with certain persons in developing certain standards; requiring the State Department of Education to develop a certain implementation plan; requiring high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools to offer certain computer science courses, education, or curricula beginning in certain school years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, §§ 7-125 and 12-118 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 351 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****PROTECT OUR STUDENTS ACT OF 2018**

Requiring a certain educational accountability program to include certain school quality indicators; altering the maximum percentage of certain academic indicators in a certain composite score to be 80%; repealing a prohibition that certain indicators be weighted in a certain manner; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 7-203(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 352 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2018**

Requiring the General Assembly to make available to the public live and archived video streaming of each meeting of the Senate of Maryland, the House of Delegates of Maryland, and a standing committee of the General Assembly, including any hearings or voting sessions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SG, § 2-1805 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 353 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****COURTS – EVIDENCE OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR – ADMISSIBILITY (REPEAT SEXUAL PREDATOR PREVENTION ACT)**

Providing that, in a prosecution for certain sexual offenses, evidence that the defendant committed sexually assaultive behavior at a certain time may be admissible for certain reasons; requiring that the State file a certain motion to introduce evidence of certain sexually assaultive behavior at a certain time; requiring a certain motion to include certain information; requiring the State to provide a copy of a certain motion to the defendant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

CJ, § 10-923 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 354 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS (HOMETOWN HEROES ACT OF 2018)**

Including certain individuals employed by the Department of Juvenile Services in the membership of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System; providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under certain circumstances for a certain amount of retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a correctional officer; applying certain provisions of the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, §§ 25-201 and 25-401 and TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 355 The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al****ACCOUNTABILITY IN EDUCATION ACT OF 2018**

Establishing the Education Monitoring Unit in the State; providing that the Unit is an independent unit; establishing the Investigator General Selection and Review Commission in the Unit; requiring the Commission to appoint the Investigator General in accordance with certain procedures; requiring the Unit to investigate certain complaints; requiring the Unit to establish an anonymous electronic tip program; requiring the Unit to submit an annual report by December 15 to the State Board, the Governor, and the General Assembly; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

ED, §§ 2-401 through 2-410 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations