



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2018 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 31, 2018
Schedule 15

PLEASE NOTE: February 2 – Bill introduction deadline.

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

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 31, 2018

SB 534 **Howard County Senators**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – HARRIET TUBMAN COMMUNITY CENTER AND MUSEUM HO. CO. 4-18

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Harriet Tubman Community Center and Museum, located in Howard 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: Budget and Taxation

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SB 535 Howard County Senators

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – LISBON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT HO. CO. 5–18

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 Lisbon Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a new building for the Lisbon Volunteer Fire Department, located in Howard 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 536 Howard County Senators

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – BARNARD FORT HOUSE HO. CO. 23–18

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Barnard Fort House, located in Howard 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 537 Howard County Senators

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – ELLICOTT CITY BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD STATION MUSEUM HO. CO. 22–18

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Ellicott City Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station Museum, located in Howard 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 538 **Senator Pinsky**

CORPORATE INCOME TAX – THROWBACK RULE

Requiring that certain sales of tangible personal property be attributed to the State for apportionment purposes under the corporate income tax if the corporation is not taxable in the state of the purchaser; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-402(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 539 **Senator Lee, et al**

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – LIMITATIONS

Authorizing a certain sanction for a certain inmate who has been found guilty of a certain administrative infraction; authorizing a certain sanction for a certain inmate who has been found guilty of a certain substantive infraction; restricting to 15 consecutive days or a total of 90 days that an inmate may be placed in restrictive housing in a 1–year period; prohibiting a certain vulnerable inmate from placement in restrictive housing under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CS, § 9-616 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 540 **Senator Edwards**

GARRETT COUNTY – BIDS AND CONTRACTS

Increasing from \$15,000 to \$25,000 the threshold amount of a certain contract of sale or purchase entered into by the County Commissioners of Garrett County or a county employee above which the county is required to advertise for bids.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PLL of Garrett Co, Art. 12, § 30.21(A)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 541 **Senator Jennings****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – THE GLENN L. MARTIN MARYLAND AVIATION MUSEUM**

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 Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of The Glenn L. Martin Maryland Aviation Museum, 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, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 542 **Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Authorizing the County Commissioners of Carroll County to distribute certain funds to rescue and emergency medical services companies in addition to fire companies, subject to a certain plan; authorizing the County Commissioners to award certain service award payments to members of rescue and emergency medical services companies in addition to fire companies; requiring the County Commissioners under certain circumstances to establish an Emergency Services Advisory Council for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PLL of Carroll Co, Art. 7, § 3-206 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 543 **Senator Madaleno, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – PAYMENT OF THE MINIMUM WAGE
REQUIRED (FIGHT FOR FIFTEEN)**

Specifying the State minimum wage rate that is in effect for certain time periods; increasing, except under certain circumstances, the State minimum wage rate based on the annual growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers for the Washington–Baltimore metropolitan area; specifying the tip credit amount that is in effect for certain time periods; prohibiting an employer, beginning July 1, 2026, from including the tip credit amount as part of the wage of certain employees; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 7-307 and LE, §§ 3-413 and 3-419 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 544 **Senator Conway****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – ADVANCED PRACTICE DENTAL
HYGIENE**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to adopt regulations for the licensure of advanced practice dental hygienists and the practice of advanced practice dental hygiene; requiring the Board to adopt regulations establishing criteria for taking certain actions relating to a delegation agreement; requiring the Board to adopt a code of ethics for the practice of advanced practice dental hygiene; requiring the Board to set certain fees and to pay all fees collected to the Comptroller; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HO, §§ 4-6A-01 through 4-6A-24 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 545 **Senator Conway****PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION PROGRAM FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Program Fund to provide funds to local governments to implement evidence-based or evidence-informed health programs and to evaluate the efficacy of evidence-based and evidence-informed health programs; requiring the Governor to annually appropriate at least \$5,000,000 to the Fund; establishing the Maryland Violence Intervention and Prevention Advisory Council; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PS, §§ 4-801 through 4-806 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)103. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102. - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 546 **Senator Conway****HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION RATES – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are exempt from paying the out-of-state tuition rate at public institutions of higher education; altering the circumstances under which certain individuals are eligible to pay the resident tuition rate at a public senior higher education institution or the in-county rate at a community college; requiring certain individuals to remain exempt from paying certain tuition rates until the individual is awarded a certain degree under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 15-106.8 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 547 **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 certain voting system; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations; requiring local boards of elections to mail a ballot to certain voters by certain deadlines; authorizing certain voters to request that a local board provide a ballot to the voter; requiring a voter who receives a ballot to return the marked ballot by mail or to certain drop sites; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 548 **Senator Conway****EDUCATION – STUDENTS WITH READING DIFFICULTIES – SCREENINGS AND INTERVENTIONS**

Requiring certain county boards of education to ensure that a certain student is screened to identify if the student is at risk for reading difficulties beginning with the 2019–2020 school year; requiring a county board to use certain screening instruments for certain students; requiring a county board to monitor a certain student for progress for up to 8 weeks; requiring certain county boards to report annually certain information to the State Department of Education; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 4-134 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 549 **Senators Zucker and Conway****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – DISPENSING OF DRUGS UNDER A DELEGATION AGREEMENT**

Altering the required contents of a certain delegation agreement in order for a primary supervising physician to delegate to a certain physician assistant the dispensing of certain substances, drugs, and devices; prohibiting a primary supervising physician from delegating the dispensing of certain controlled dangerous substances identified as Schedule I; authorizing a physician assistant, under certain circumstances, to personally prepare and dispense a drug that the assistant is authorized to prescribe; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HO, §§ 15-101(j) and 15-302.2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 550 **Senator Zucker, et al****MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – DEATH OF A DESIGNATED BENEFICIARY**

Authorizing money and assets in an ABLE account to be transferred, on the death of a designated beneficiary, to a certain estate or a certain ABLE account for an eligible individual, unless prohibited by federal law; and prohibiting the State, unless required by federal law, from seeking payment from an ABLE account or its proceeds for certain medical benefits paid for the designated beneficiary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 18-19C-10 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 551 **Senator Conway****VEHICLE LAWS – BUS LANE MONITORING CAMERAS – AUTHORIZATION**

Prohibiting a person from driving a motor vehicle in a dedicated bus lane unless authorized by a certain local jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions; prohibiting the use of a bus lane monitoring camera in a local jurisdiction unless authorized by the governing body by local law enacted after reasonable notice and a public hearing; requiring a local jurisdiction, before using a bus lane monitoring camera, to publish notice of the use of the bus lane monitoring camera in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, §§ 4-401(13), 7-302(e), and 10-311 - amended and TR, §§ 21-101(i-1), 21-1132, and 21-1133 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 552 **Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee****STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION AND PROGRAM EVALUATION**

Continuing the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (Sunset Law) by extending to July 1, 2021, the termination provisions relating to statutory and regulatory authority of the Board; altering the composition of the Board; repealing certain provisions of law establishing and governing the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee; establishing the Alcohol and Drug Counselor Subcommittee; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, Various Sections - amended, §§ 17-6A-05 through 17-6A-09 and 17-6A-26 - repealed, and §§ 17-6B-01 through 17-6B-07 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 553 **Senator Simonaire**

STATE GOVERNMENT – SECURITY TRAINING – PROTECTION OF SECURITY-SENSITIVE DATA

Altering the aspects of State information technology that are to be included in the statewide information technology master plan developed and maintained by the Secretary of Information Technology; requiring the Secretary to develop, maintain, and revise certain security training material; requiring each unit of State government to develop a plan to identify certain employees and establish certain security training for each employee who handles security-sensitive data as part of the employee's duties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

SF, § 3A-303 - amended and § 3A-314 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 554 **Senators Cassilly and Bates**

MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – IMMUNITY – PERSONS ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE STATE

Altering the definition of “State personnel” to include a person acting on behalf of the State in accordance with State law for the purposes of establishing certain immunity against tort claims; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SG, § 12-101(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 555 **Senator Hough**

SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS ACT

Reducing the notice period from 14 days to 7 days before a landlord may file an action to evict a tenant for a breach of the lease that involves certain dangerous behavior; reducing from 10 days to 4 days the amount of time after entry of a certain judgment during which a certain party may appeal to the circuit court in an eviction proceeding based on a breach of the lease that involves certain dangerous behavior; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

RP, § 8-402.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 556 **Senator Manno, 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: Finance

SB 557 **Senator Feldman**

PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEMS – NET METERING AND COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY

Increasing the generating capacity limit for an electric generating system used by an eligible customer-generator for net metering and a community solar energy generating system under certain circumstances; requiring an electric generating system used by an eligible customer-generator for net metering and a community solar energy generating system to comply with local land use and planning laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PU, §§ 7-306(a) and (g) and 7-306.2(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 558 **Senators Simonaire and Hershey**

OYSTER POACHING – ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Natural Resources hold a certain hearing within a certain number of days after a person who holds a certain license to catch oysters receives a citation for a certain offense; requiring the Department to hold a certain hearing before the revocation of an authorization to catch oysters under certain provisions of law; requiring the Department to report annually on administrative penalties imposed for certain oyster poaching to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 31; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

NR, § 4-1210 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 559 **Senator Jennings****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – PENN–MAR HUMAN SERVICES DAY LEARNING CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$380,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Penn–Mar Organization, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Penn–Mar Human Services Day Learning 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, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 560 **Senator Manno, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – GRADUATE ASSISTANTS (GRADUATE ASSISTANT COLLECTIVE BARGAINING FAIRNESS ACT)**

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain graduate assistants at certain public institutions of higher education; establishing a separate collective bargaining unit for certain graduate assistants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SP, §§ 3-101, 3-102, and 3-403(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 561 **Senator Manno, et al****MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT**

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after June 1, 2018; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after June 1, 2018; and making a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TG, § 7-309(b)(1), (2), and (3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 562 Senator Zucker**EDUCATION – ASSESSMENTS – ADMINISTRATION BY PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing the principal of a public school to select any employee to administer certain assessments.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-203.3 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 563 Senator Serafini**INCOME TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT EXPENSES – APPLICATION FOR AND PROCEDURE TO CLAIM CREDIT**

Altering the date from September 15 to November 15 by which an individual or a corporation is required to submit a certain application for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain research and development expenses incurred by the individual or corporation; altering the date from December 15 to February 15 by which the Department of Commerce shall certify the credits approved for the individual or corporation; altering the method by which the individual or corporation may claim the credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-721 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 564 Senator Serafini**INCOME TAX CREDIT – SECURITY CLEARANCE COSTS – PROCEDURE TO CLAIM CREDIT**

Altering the method by which an individual or a corporation may claim a credit against the State income tax for certain costs incurred to obtain federal security clearances, to rent certain spaces, and to construct or renovate certain sensitive compartmented information facilities in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-732 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 565 **Senator Serafini****INTEREST RATE ON TAX DEFICIENCIES AND REFUNDS**

Altering the calculation of the annual interest rate that the Comptroller sets for tax deficiencies and refunds to be the average prime rate of interest quoted by commercial banks to large businesses during the State's previous fiscal year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 13-604 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 566 **Senator Serafini****CREDIT REGULATION – MORTGAGE BROKERS – FINDER'S FEE**

Repealing a certain provision of law limiting the amount of a finder's fee that may be charged by a mortgage broker obtaining a mortgage loan with respect to the same property more than once within a 24-month period.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CL, § 12-804 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 567 **Senator Serafini****INCOME TAX RATES – REDUCTIONS**

Altering the State income tax rate for certain income of individuals; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 568 **Senator McFadden, et al**STATE EMPLOYEE AND RETIREE HEALTH AND WELFARE
BENEFITS PROGRAM – RETIREE DEPENDENT PARTICIPATION IN
THE MARYLAND RX PROGRAM

Altering a certain date to January 1, 2020, by which the State is required to discontinue a certain prescription drug benefit for certain retirees; authorizing certain retirees who participate in a certain prescription drug benefit plan with a certain dependent to elect to have the dependent covered under a certain State prescription drug benefit plan; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to provide a certain notice to certain retirees of certain changes not later July 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SP, § 2-509.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 569 **Senator Jennings**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – BOWLEYS
QUARTERS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$140,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Volunteer Fire Department of Bowleys Quarters and Vicinity, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a new marine fire/rescue boat for the Bowleys Quarters Volunteer Fire Department, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds subject to a certain requirement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 570 **Senator Bates, et al**VISION DISORDERS – REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENT SCREENING –
REVISIONS

Requiring a vision screening provided to certain students in public schools to include the administration of a screening for possible symptoms of certain vision disorders; requiring screenings to be given in certain years to certain students unless evidence is presented that the student has been tested by certain doctors or screened for the symptoms of certain vision disorders; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-404 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 571 **Senator Bates****MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION
– USE OF LAND – SIGNS AND OUTDOOR ADVERTISING DISPLAYS**

Authorizing a landowner, without the approval of the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation, to erect and display on land subject to a certain easement a certain sign or outdoor advertising display for a certain purpose; authorizing the Foundation to authorize a landowner to erect and display on land subject to a certain easement a certain sign or outdoor advertising display for the purpose of providing certain information; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

AG, § 2-513(b)(11) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 572 **Senator Benson, et al****PREVAILING WAGE RATES – PUBLIC WORK CONTRACTS – SUITS
BY EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing employees on a public work contract to sue to recover the difference between certain prevailing wage rates and the amounts received by the employees; providing that a certain determination by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry does not preclude certain employees from filing a certain action; requiring a court to order the payment of certain damages under certain circumstances; and providing for the liability of certain contractors and subcontractors under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SF, § 17-224 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 573 **Senator Klausmeier, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – RENTAL VEHICLES – SECURITY**

Establishing that the owner of a rental vehicle may satisfy a certain insurance requirement by maintaining a certain security that is primary under certain circumstances and secondary to any other valid and collectible coverage under certain circumstances; requiring the owner of a rental vehicle to provide a certain notice to the renter of the rental vehicle; authorizing certain persons to request certain information from a motor vehicle rental company in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, §§ 17-104 and 18-102 - amended and § 17-104.3 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 574 **Senator Klausmeier****PUBLIC HEALTH – SEPSIS PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN WORKGROUP**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to establish a Sepsis Public Awareness Campaign Workgroup; providing for the membership of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to develop a certain public awareness campaign, identify, review, and evaluate certain resources, and identify cost-effective methods for dissemination of certain information; and requiring the Workgroup to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Finance

SB 575 **Senator Klausmeier****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – SELF-INSURED EMPLOYERS – SUSPECTED FRAUD REPORTING**

Requiring certain governmental self-insurance groups and employers who self-insure or participate in a self-insurance group in accordance with certain provisions of law governing workers' compensation to report suspected insurance fraud in writing to the Fraud Division of the Maryland Insurance Administration; and providing that certain information, documentation, or other evidence provided by certain self-insureds to certain persons is not subject to public inspection under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, § 27-802 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 576 **Senator Klausmeier****PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – PHARMACIES AND PHARMACISTS – INFORMATION ON AND SALES OF PRESCRIPTION DRUGS**

Prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from prohibiting a pharmacy or pharmacist from providing a beneficiary with information regarding the retail price of a prescription drug or the amount of the cost share share for a prescription for which the beneficiary is responsible; prohibiting a pharmacy benefits manager from prohibiting a pharmacy or pharmacist from discussing with a beneficiary a certain retail price or certain cost share for a prescription drug; providing for the construction of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, § 15-1611 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 577 **Senator Brochin, et al****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – PROHIBITED ACTS – DEFENSE TO PROSECUTION FOR SALE TO UNDERAGE INDIVIDUALS**

Modifying certain elements required to establish a defense to serving an alcoholic beverage to an underage individual; and providing that reliance by an establishment or a seller on a certain type of identification scan fulfills an element of a certain defense.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 6-306 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 578 **Senator Lee, et al****SECRETARY OF STATE – ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAMS – SHIELDING OF REAL PROPERTY RECORDS**

Enabling certain private entities to accept the use of a certain substitute address by a victim of domestic abuse who is a participant in an address confidentiality program; authorizing an individual who acquires an ownership interest in real property while participating in a certain address confidentiality program to request the shielding of real property records concerning the property in accordance with certain provisions of law; requiring the Secretary of State to adopt regulations to carry out certain provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

FL and SG, Various Sections - amended and added and RP, §§ 3-114 through 3-120 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 579 **Senators Lee and Feldman****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCOMPETENCY AND CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY – DISMISSAL OF CHARGES**

Authorizing the State to petition to delay the dismissal of criminal charges against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial in order to protect a victim or potential victim who is a minor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 3-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 580 **Senator Ramirez****MOTOR VEHICLES – DUPLICATE DRIVER’S LICENSES – VICTIMS OF ROBBERY OR BURGLARY**

Authorizing a victim of a robbery or burglary whose driver’s license is taken during the robbery or burglary and who files a police report of the robbery or burglary in a timely manner to drive without a license for not more than 2 weeks; extending the period of time to not more than 2 weeks, under certain circumstances, during which a victim of a robbery or burglary whose license is taken during the robbery or burglary must apply for a duplicate license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, §§ 16-112 and 16-114 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 581 **Senator Ramirez, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – IMMIGRATION – U NONIMMIGRANT STATUS AND ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing, for purposes of filing a petition for U Nonimmigrant Status, a victim of qualifying criminal activity or the victim’s family member to request a certifying official to certify victim helpfulness on a Form I-918, Supplement B certification if the victim has been helpful in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of the qualifying criminal activity; providing the circumstances under which a victim shall be considered to be helpful for purposes of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, §§ 11-930 and 11-931 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 582 **Senator Ramirez, 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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 583 **Senator Ramirez****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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 584 **Senator Ramirez****CHILD PROTECTION – REPORTING – THREAT OF HARM**

Authorizing an individual to notify the local department of social services or the appropriate law enforcement agency if the individual has reason to believe that a verbal threat of imminent severe bodily harm or death to a child has been made by a certain individual and that the child is at substantial risk of child abuse; specifying certain procedures and requirements for a report concerning a certain verbal threat of harm to a child; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

FL, §§ 5-704.1, 5-706.2, and 5-708 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 585 Senator Robinson

DEVICES CAPABLE OF ACCESSING CONTENT ON THE INTERNET –
BLOCKING CAPABILITY (HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ACT
FOR MARYLAND)

Prohibiting certain businesses from doing business in the State unless they provide a digital blocking capability for Internet-accessible devices that makes inaccessible certain unlawful electronic or visual depictions or certain websites that facilitate certain unlawful acts; requiring certain businesses to make reasonable and ongoing efforts to ensure that the digital blocking capability functions properly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BR, §§ 19-901 through 19-906 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 586 Senator Robinson, et al

HIGHER EDUCATION – SENATORIAL AND DELEGATE
SCHOLARSHIPS – REIMBURSEMENT OF CERTIFICATE AND
LICENSE PROGRAMS

Authorizing recipients of a senatorial or delegate scholarship to use the scholarship to reimburse certain educational expenses for a certificate or license program at a community college if the recipient is currently enrolled or was enrolled in the last 2 years; and exempting certain applicants from the requirement that certain senatorial scholarship recipients take a certain examination and be enrolled in certain institutions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, §§ 18-402(a), 18-405(a), 18-406, and 18-506 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 587 Senator Robinson

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – BALTIMORE CITY
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES – AUDIT

Requiring the Inspector General in the Department of Human Services to conduct a certain audit of the Baltimore City Department of Social Services in fiscal year 2019; requiring the audit to include a review of certain items; and requiring a certain report of a certain audit's findings to be distributed to the Joint Audit Committee and the Office of Legislative Audits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 588 **Senator Robinson, et al**

STATE GOVERNMENT – STATE SONG – REVISION

Revising the State song by merging select verses from the poems “Maryland! My Maryland!”, written by James Ryder Randall in 1861, and “Maryland, My Maryland”, written by John T. White in 1894.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

GP, § 7-318 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 589 **Senators Robinson and Oaks**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS –
EDUCATION TRUST FUND – ALLOCATION TO ESTABLISH
COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Adding a required use of money in the Education Trust Fund; requiring the Governor to make a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners beginning in fiscal year 2020; prohibiting the appropriation from supplanting certain other State funds; requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to use certain funds to establish community school programs in certain areas; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SG, § 9-1A-30 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 590 **Senators Robinson and Oaks**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS –
EDUCATION TRUST FUND – ALLOCATION TO ESTABLISH JUDY
CENTERS

Altering a required use of money in the Education Trust Fund; requiring the Governor to make a \$1,000,000 appropriation to the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners beginning in fiscal year 2020; prohibiting the appropriation from supplanting certain other State funds; requiring the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to use certain funds to establish Judy Centers; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SG, § 9-1A-30 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 591 **Senator Bates, et al****ELECTIONS – ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION – REQUIRED INFORMATION**

Requiring the State Board of Elections approved absentee ballot application to require the applicant to provide any one of three forms of identification, the last four digits of the applicant's Social Security number, Maryland driver's license number, or Maryland identification card number.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

EL, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 592 **Senator Bates, et al****JOINT COMMITTEE ON ELECTION OVERSIGHT – ESTABLISHMENT**

Creating a Joint Committee on Election Oversight to study, examine and identify ways in which the State Board of Elections and local boards can improve election administration and campaign finance regulation; providing for the membership and staffing of the Committee; providing for the appointment of cochairs; establishing the powers and duties of the Committee; and requiring the Committee to submit a certain report to the General Assembly on or before December 1 each year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SG, § 2-10A-16 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 593 **Senator Kelley****JUSTICE REINVESTMENT ACT – MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring a certain designee who may conduct a certain assessment to be certified or licensed, rather than certified and licensed; authorizing a person serving a certain term of confinement for an offense relating to volume dealing in cocaine base imposed on or before September 30, 2017, to file a motion to modify or reduce the sentence under certain circumstances; altering the membership of the Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, CP, SG, TR, Various Sections and Ch. 515 of the Acts of 2016, § 10 - amended and CR, § 5-612.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 594 **Senator Pinsky, 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 595 **Senator King, et al****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – FACILITIES RENEWAL GRANT
PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program to provide State funds to community colleges for improvements, repairs, and deferred maintenance projects; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program; requiring the Governor to annually appropriate a certain amount in a certain budget to the Commission; requiring a certain appropriation to be in addition to the appropriation for a certain other program; establishing requirements and limitations in awarding grants; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 16-320 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 596 **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 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 597 **Senator King, et al****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – SUPPLEMENTAL SERVICES AND SUPPORTS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES GRANT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to consult with the Maryland Association of Community Colleges when establishing a certain review process and adopting certain guidelines or regulations for a grant program for supplemental services and supports for students with disabilities in community colleges; and requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2020, that the Governor include in the annual budget bill a General Fund appropriation of at least \$2,500,000 to the Commission to be used to award grants under the program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 16-319 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 598 **Senator Lee, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATES – MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS**

Requiring each local correctional facility and each correctional facility in the Division of Correction to have a written policy and procedure in place requiring that menstrual hygiene products be provided at no cost to a certain inmate at certain times; requiring the managing official of a correctional facility to ensure that the correctional facility has a sufficient supply of menstrual hygiene products to meet the needs of the inmate population at all times; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CS, § 9-616 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 599 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam****BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS AT LEAST 70 YEARS OLD**

Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to grant a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on a dwelling owned by a homeowner who is at least 70 years old under certain circumstances; providing for the calculation of, eligibility for, and application of the credit; providing that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is responsible for certain administrative duties with respect to the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2018; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TP, § 9-245(a) - amended and § 9-305(f) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 600 **Senator Nathan–Pulliam****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – BON SECOURS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$1,000,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Bon Secours of Maryland Foundation, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Bon Secours Youth Development Center, 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 601 **Senator Hough, et al****CARROLL COUNTY – SCENIC RIVER ADVISORY BOARD – COMPOSITION**

Altering the composition of a scenic river advisory board in Carroll County if the scenic or wild river for which the board was created flows through Carroll County and one or more other counties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

NR, § 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 602 **Senators Hough and Zirkin****FIREARMS – RIGHT TO PURCHASE, POSSESS, AND CARRY – USE OF MEDICAL CANNABIS**

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 5-601 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 603 **Senator Edwards****ELECTRICITY – RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARDS – SOURCES**

Requiring that at least 51% of the renewable energy credits used to satisfy that portion of the renewable energy portfolio standard that exceeds 25% in certain years must be created by a source that is located in the State; providing that an electricity supplier may use certain credits to meet the standard under certain circumstances; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

PU, §§ 7-704(a) and 7-709 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 604 **Senator Edwards, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORFEITURE OF FIREARMS – SALE TO DEALER**

Authorizing, in Allegany County, Carroll County, Frederick County, Garrett County, and Washington County, a certain law enforcement unit to sell, exchange, or transfer certain forfeited firearms to a federally licensed firearms dealer under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 13-206 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 605 **Senator Edwards, et al**

TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – PHASED RESTORATION

Increasing the portion of highway user revenues that is distributed to local governments; altering the allocation of the local share of highway user revenues among Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TR, §§ 8-402 and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 606 **Senators Edwards and Serafini**

OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLES – EXCISE TITLING TAX – OFF-HIGHWAY RECREATIONAL VEHICLE TRAIL FUND

Establishing the Off-Highway Recreational Vehicle Trail Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying that the purpose of the Fund is to maintain and construct trails for off-highway recreational vehicles on land that is owned or leased by the Department; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to administer the Fund; requiring the Comptroller to transfer 0.5% of the revenue from the excise tax imposed on certain certificates of title issued for certain off-highway recreational vehicles to the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

NR, § 5-1011 - added and TR, § 13-814 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 607 **Senator Conway, et al**

HIGHER EDUCATION – SEXUAL ASSAULT POLICY – DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS POLICY

Requiring the governing body of each institution of higher education, on or before August 1, 2019, to adopt and submit to the Maryland Higher Education Commission a revised written policy on sexual assault that includes a disciplinary proceedings policy for alleged violation of the sexual assault policy; requiring the disciplinary proceedings policy to include a description of the rights for certain students and to include certain provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 11-601 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 608 The President**STATE HOUSE TRUST – DUTIES – MAINTENANCE OF LAWYER’S MALL**

Requiring the State House Trust to be responsible for the maintenance, including any related construction, of Lawyer’s Mall; requiring the Trust to disapprove or approve and supervise any proposed repair, improvement, or other change to Lawyer’s Mall; and providing that the Trust is not required under certain provisions of the Act to be responsible for, or disapprove or approve and supervise, the coordination, security, and scheduling of rallies and other events held on Lawyer’s Mall.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SG, § 9-505 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 609 Senator Young**CLASS 5 BREWERIES – HOURS OF SALE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Altering the hours of sale for certain Class 5 breweries by specifying that a holder of any Class 5 brewery license with an on-site consumption permit and a Class D or equivalent license issued by a local licensing board may serve or sell beer for on-premises consumption during the hours specified on the Class D or equivalent license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 2-207(h) - repealed and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 610 **Senator Young, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST CONSERVATION ACT – STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the reforestation ratio required for the certain clearing of trees in a priority retention area; requiring for a development project that priority retention areas be retained, protected, and left in an undisturbed condition unless the permit applicant has provided certain written justification that is affirmatively approved with written findings by the State or local approval authority; requiring a written justification for failing to retain or protect a priority retention area to include certain statements; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

NR, §§ 5-1601(ff-1), 5-1601.1, and 5-1614 - added and §§ 5-1606, 5-1607(c), 5-1608(a), and 5-1610(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 611 **Senator Ferguson, et al****EDUCATION – HEALTHY SCHOOL FACILITY FUND – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Healthy School Facility Fund to provide grants to public primary and secondary schools in the State to improve the health of school facilities; requiring the Interagency Committee on School Construction to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; providing for the investment of money in and expenditures from the Fund; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; etc.

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

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 5-314 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)103. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)101. and 102. - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 612 **Senator Ferguson, et al****STATE EDUCATION AID – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS – REPEAL OF SUNSET PROVISION**

Repealing the termination provision of a certain provision of law relating to the annual certification of the amount of assessable base for certain real property for the purposes of calculating certain State education aid.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2016, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 613 **Senator Robinson****BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – VOLUNTARY
NONSECTARIAN PRAYER AT SCHOOL–SPONSORED STUDENT
EVENTS – REFERENDUM**

Requiring the Baltimore County Board of Education to allow nonsectarian student–initiated voluntary prayer during mandatory and voluntary school–sponsored student events; providing that the Act does not diminish certain rights of certain individuals relating to free speech and the free exercise of religion; providing that the exercise of certain rights may not be construed as a certain support, approval, or sanction of the contents of a certain prayer; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 7-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 614 **Senator Robinson****STATE CENTER – REDEVELOPMENT – REQUIREMENTS,
PARTICIPATION, AND PROCESS**

Prohibiting the State or its reporting agency from entering into certain contracts or plans related to the redevelopment of a certain project at State Center unless certain criteria are met; requiring certain criteria to be included in any new or modified plans for the redevelopment of a certain project; requiring the participation of community associations in the process for a certain redevelopment project; providing for the application of the Act; and making the provisions of the Act severable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SF, § 10A-403 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 615 **Senator Robinson****COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY AND MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY –
CYBER WARRIOR DIVERSITY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Cyber Warrior Diversity Program at Coppin State University and Morgan State University to train students in computer networking and cybersecurity; exempting the Program from a certain process for proposing a new program or a substantial modification of an existing program; requiring that certain governing entities are responsible for administering the Program; prohibiting certain institutions of postsecondary education from establishing programs broadly similar to the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 11-206(a) - amended and §§ 11-1401 through 11-1406 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 616 **Senator Robinson****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TRANSFER OF
LICENSE**

Specifying that a certain Class B–D–7 license is considered to be unexpired until the end of July 1, 2019, for a certain purpose in Baltimore City.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 617 **Senator Robinson****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SENTENCING – PRIMARY CARETAKER**

Authorizing a certain defendant convicted of a nonviolent crime to make a motion for the court to consider the defendant's status as a certain primary caretaker; and requiring the court to make a certain determination and consider placing a certain defendant on probation with certain conditions under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 6-234 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 31, 2018**SJ 9****Senator Serafini**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMPENSATION COMMISSION –
LEGISLATIVE PENSION PLAN – CLOSURE TO CURRENT AND
FUTURE MEMBERS

Providing that the Resolution of the General Assembly Compensation Commission dated January 16, 2018, and transmitted to the General Assembly on January 23, 2018, be amended to close the Legislative Pension Plan to new membership on or after January 9, 2019, and be amended to provide that no new service credit may be earned in the Legislative Pension Plan on or after January 9, 2019; etc.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation