



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2018 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 1, 2018
Schedule 16

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 February 1, 2018

SB 618 Senator Klausmeier, et al

CAREER YOUTH AND PUBLIC SECTOR APPRENTICESHIP ACT

Requiring the State Board of Education to require a county board of education to award graduation credit to a high school student who completes work-based training or classroom instruction under a registered apprenticeship program; requiring the State Board to require a county board to count toward high school attendance the time certain apprentices spend during certain work-based training; requiring the Division of Workforce Development to make a certain annual report to the General Assembly by June 30; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, §§ 7-205.4, 7-301.2, and 15-123 - added and § 21-204 - amended and LE, § 11-103 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 619 **Senators Klausmeier and Feldman****HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS – CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS – MODIFICATION**

Repealing a certain requirement that a health maintenance organization or a certain health care facility have a certificate of need before taking certain actions to establish a certain ambulatory surgical facility or center; altering the conditions under which a health maintenance organization or a certain health care facility is required to have a certificate of need before taking certain action to establish a health care project; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

HG, § 19-121 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 620 **Senator Klausmeier****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – FORMER BALTIMORE CITY JAIL EMPLOYEES**

Providing that certain former Baltimore City Jail employees who are members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System and who meet certain criteria may receive a normal service retirement allowance that is based on certain service; and requiring the State Retirement Agency, on or before October 1, 2018, to notify certain individuals affected by the Act of their rights to apply certain service credit to the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

SP, § 25-401 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 621 **Senator Conway, et al****REAL PROPERTY – DELETION OF OWNERSHIP RESTRICTIONS BASED ON RACE, RELIGIOUS BELIEF, OR NATIONAL ORIGIN**

Authorizing a person who holds an ownership interest in property that the person believes is subject to a certain unlawfully restrictive covenant to execute and record a restrictive covenant modification in a certain manner; requiring the governing body of a homeowners association to delete any recorded covenant or restriction that restricts ownership based on race, religious belief, or national origin from the deeds or other declarations of property in the development, on or before September 30, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, RP, and SG, Various Sections - amended and RP, § 3-112 and SG, § 20-705.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 622 **Senator Conway**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – EPIPHANY HOUSE PROJECT

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$130,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Epiphany House, 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 623 **Senator Conway**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – VILLAGE LEARNING PLACE

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Village Learning Place, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Village Learning Place 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 624 **Senator Smith, et al**

STATE INCOME AND PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – PURPLE LINE CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Allowing certain businesses impacted by the construction of the Purple Line light rail project in Montgomery County and Prince George's County a credit against the State income tax and State property tax; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Comptroller, to determine the amount of the income tax credit; requiring the Department to certify a business entity as a qualified business if the business entity can establish loss of business income at a property in the area impacted by the construction; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

TG, § 10-746 and TP, § 9-111 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 625 **Senator Smith**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MEDICAL EMERGENCY – IMMUNITY

Altering a provision of law to specify that a person who is experiencing a medical emergency, rather than a person who reasonably believes that the person is experiencing a medical emergency, after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs is immune from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a certain violation if the evidence for the arrest, charge, or prosecution was obtained solely as a result of the person seeking or receiving medical assistance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 1-210 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 626 **Senator Smith, et al**

VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXEMPTION FROM REGISTRATION FEES – SURVIVING SPOUSES OF VETERANS

Repealing the requirement that the surviving spouse of a deceased disabled veteran be at least 65 years old to qualify for a certain exemption to vehicle registration fees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, § 13-903(a)(9) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 627 **Senator Smith**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – GANDHI BRIGADE YOUTH MEDIA

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$150,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of Gandhi Brigade Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a digital media lab for the Gandhi Brigade Youth Media program, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 628 **Senators Smith and Benson**

CRIMINAL LAW – ALCOHOL OFFENSES AND GAMING – CIVIL OFFENSES

Making it a civil rather than a criminal offense to consume an alcoholic beverage in public under certain circumstances or to possess an alcoholic beverage in an open container under certain circumstances; requiring certain offenders to be issued a citation under certain circumstances; providing a certain maximum fine of \$100; altering the penalty for certain conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling; making certain conduct relating to betting, wagering, or gambling a civil offense; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

AB, §§ 6-321 and 6-322 and CR, §§ 10-119, 12-102, and 12-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 629 **Senator Kelley, et al**

CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – PREGNANT INMATES – MEDICAL CARE

Requiring each local correctional facility and each correctional facility in the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to have a written policy in place regarding the medical care of pregnant inmates that addresses certain matters; requiring the managing official of each correctional facility to provide the written policy to an inmate at a certain time; requiring the Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards to review each correctional facility's policy during regular inspections; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CS, § 9-601 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 630 **Senator Madaleno, et al**

NURSING HOMES – PARTIAL PAYMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to make a certain advance payment to a nursing home at the request of the nursing home for uncompensated Maryland Medical Assistance Program services provided to a certain resident; providing that the advance payment may not exceed 50% of the estimated amount due for the uncompensated services; requiring the Department to pay the balance due to a nursing home under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, § 15-149 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 631 Senator Rosapepe**HIGHER EDUCATION OUTREACH AND COLLEGE ACCESS PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS AND REPEAL OF SUNSET**

Repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law relating to the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program; altering the name of the Program; and altering the provisions related to a certain report on the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, §§ 11-1101 through 11-1103 and 11-1106 and Chapters 200 and 201 of the Acts of 2015, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 632 Senator Rosapepe**MARYLAND SMART GROWTH INVESTMENT FUND**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2020 and 2021 an appropriation of \$3,750,000 for the Maryland Smart Growth Investment Fund; providing that the Governor is not required to include the appropriation in the fiscal year 2020 annual budget bill if on March 1, 2018, the Fund balance is less than \$25,000,000 and in the fiscal year 2021 annual budget bill if on July 1, 2019, the Fund balance is less than \$25,000,000; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

EC, § 5-1701 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 633 Senator McFadden**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – HARFORD HOUSE PROJECT**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Govans Ecumenical Development Corporation for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Harford House, 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 634 Senator Hershey**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – COMPASS REGIONAL HOSPICE**

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 Compass Regional Hospice, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Compass Regional Hospice facility, located in Queen Anne’s 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 635 Senator Hershey**DRIVER’S LICENSES AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS – NOTATION FOR LIFE–THREATENING ALLERGY**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to ensure that the driver’s license or identification card of an applicant who indicates on a certain application that the applicant has a life–threatening allergy includes a notation specifying that allergy; requiring an application for a driver’s license or an identification card to allow an applicant to indicate that the applicant has a life–threatening allergy and specify the life–threatening allergy; and authorizing the Administration to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, § 12-305 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 636 Cecil County Senators**CECIL COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – EMPLOYEES AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Altering the period of time for which certain employees of the Office of the Sheriff of Cecil County are required to serve a probationary period; altering which deputy sheriffs in the Office have the right to organize and collectively bargain with the Sheriff and the Cecil County Executive with regard to certain wages, benefits, and working conditions; correcting certain references to the government of Cecil County and to a certain position in the Office; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

CJ, § 2-309(i) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 637 **Cecil County Senators****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – CECIL COUNTY – RELEASE AND HOME DETENTION PROGRAMS**

Repealing certain provisions of law relating to the establishment and administration of a home detention program by the Sheriff of Cecil County; authorizing the Sheriff to establish and administer programs for home detention, prerelease, pretrial release, and work release; requiring the Sheriff to adopt regulations to implement each program; authorizing a court to allow an individual to participate in a certain program under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CS, § 11-709 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 638 **Senator Conway, et al****TEACHERS AND TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS – RESEARCH–BASED READING INSTRUCTION**

Requiring the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board, on or before January 1, 2022, to require a candidate for a certificate to teach certain students to pass a test of research–based reading instruction; requiring the Board and the State Board of Education jointly to select the test and set the passing score for the test, subject to a certain condition; requiring the Board and the State Board jointly to set standards for the delivery of research–based reading instruction by teacher preparation programs in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, §§ 6-704.2 and 6-709 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 639 **Senator Guzzone, et al****EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL PERSONNEL – DISCIPLINARY HEARING PROCEDURES**

Altering certain procedures for suspending or dismissing certain public school personnel; authorizing certain public school personnel to request a hearing before the county board or arbitration under certain circumstances; specifying the procedures for arbitration; assigning responsibility to the individual for 50% of the cost and expenses of the arbitration and 50% to the county board; providing that an arbitrator's decision and award is final and binding on the parties, subject to review by a circuit court; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 6-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 640 **Howard County Senators****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – PHILLIPS SCHOOL COMMERCIAL KITCHEN HO. CO. 1–18**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of PHILLIPS Programs Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a commercial kitchen at PHILLIPS School, 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 641 **Howard County Senators****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – ELLICOTT CITY PUBLIC ARTS PROJECT HO. CO. 2–18**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$175,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Ellicott City Historic District Partnership, Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a mural for the Ellicott City Public Arts Project, 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 642 Howard County Senators**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – HOWARD COUNTY – GATEWAY INNOVATION CENTER HO. CO. 3–18**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$350,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Economic Development Authority for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Gateway Innovation Center, 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 643 Senator Feldman**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY – BLACK HILL SEED CLASSROOM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Black Hill SEED Classroom building, located in Montgomery County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 644 Senator Edwards**ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALL–TERRAIN VEHICLES AND SNOWMOBILES**

Prohibiting a person in Allegany County from operating an all–terrain vehicle or snowmobile on controlled access highways; authorizing a local authority in Allegany County to authorize a person to cross a highway at a right angle on an all–terrain vehicle or snowmobile when operated at not more than 25 miles per hour; authorizing a local authority in Allegany County to authorize the operation of a snowmobile or an all–terrain vehicle on a certain portion of highway when operated at not more than 25 miles per hour; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

TR, § 21-104.1 and 25-102(a)(14) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 645 **Senator Edwards****ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–TM (THEATER/MUSEUM) LICENSE**

Establishing a Class B–TM (theater/museum) beer, wine, and liquor license in Allegany County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use by a theater/museum that has a ballroom with a maximum seating capacity of 300 per event; establishing that the license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption and in conjunction with certain events; establishing the hours and days for sale for the license; setting a \$350 fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

AB, § 9-1001.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 646 **Senator Madaleno, et al****MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT**

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for certain decedents; and altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 647 **Senator Madaleno, et al****EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILDREN – EXPANSION**

Altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; expanding eligibility of the credit to allow certain individuals without certain qualifying children to claim the credit; allowing certain individuals to claim the credit without regard to a certain age limitation; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 648 Senator Kelley**REAL PROPERTY – NEW HOME SALES – INFORMATION ON ENERGY-EFFICIENT OPTIONS**

Requiring, for a development with 11 or more homes to be built by the same builder, a home builder to provide a purchaser with written information on energy-efficient options, including a statement that tax credits may be available related to the energy-efficient options, available for installation in a new home; and requiring a contract for the initial sale of a new home to contain a certain acknowledgment that the purchaser was provided with certain information about energy-efficient options for the home.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BR, § 4.5-603 - amended and RP, § 14-117(m) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 649 Senator Kelley**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – ELECTIVE SHARE OF SURVIVING SPOUSE**

Repealing certain provisions of law relating to a surviving spouse making an election to take a certain share of the net estate of the decedent instead of the property left to the surviving spouse under the will; providing that a surviving spouse may take a certain elective share amount of a certain estate subject to election; establishing the priority to be used in determining the sources from which a certain elective share amount is payable; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ET, Various Sections - amended, §§ 3-203 through 3-208 - repealed, and §§ 3-401 through 3-413 and 14.5-605 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 650 Senator King, et al**INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – COLLEGE SAVINGS PLAN ACCOUNTS – CONTRIBUTIONS (COLLEGE SAVINGS TAX ENHANCEMENT ACT)**

Increasing, from \$2,500 to \$5,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for contributions made by certain individuals whose federal adjusted gross income does not exceed \$225,000 or, in the case of a single individual or a married individual filing a separate return, \$150,000 to certain college savings plan accounts; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 10-208(o) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 651 **Senator Kagan, 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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 652 **Senator Middleton****PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – TRAVEL INSURANCE – REGULATION**

Specifying that a certain insurer that offers or sells a travel insurance policy is required to pay a certain premium tax on certain premiums paid by certain persons; requiring travel insurance to be classified and filed as inland marine insurance; providing that eligibility and underwriting standards for travel insurance may be developed and provided based on certain travel protection plans; providing that a travel protection plan may be offered for one price under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, §§ 1-101(z), 6-102, and 10-101(j) and (o) - amended and §§ 11-801 and 19-1001 through 19-1007 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 653 **Senator Pinsky****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – GREENBELT STATION HIKER AND BIKER TRAIL**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$75,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Mayor and City Council of the City of Greenbelt for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of the Greenbelt Station Hiker and Biker Trail, located in Prince George’s 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 654 **Senator Mathias, et al****COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING – CONTINUATION**

Prohibiting a memorandum of understanding agreed to and ratified under certain provisions of law from expiring until it is succeeded by a memorandum of understanding agreed to and ratified under a certain provision of the law; requiring that the terms of a certain memorandum of understanding continue in force and effect until a certain memorandum of understanding is agreed to and ratified; authorizing an exclusive representative to file a certain action in a circuit court under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SP, § 3-603 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 655 **Senator Mathias****STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION**

Clarifying that a member of the State Labor Relations Board or State Higher Education Labor Relations Board may petition the circuit court to order the State, a president, a system institution, or a person to comply with an order from the Board; establishing that the failure to meet an established negotiation deadline is an unfair labor practice under certain conditions; requiring a system institution in the University System of Maryland to designate a representative of the Board of Regents to participate in collective bargaining; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SP, §§ 3-2A-09, 3-306, 3-501, and 3-601 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 656 **Senator Benson, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR ELEVATED OR IMPAIRED BLOOD GLUCOSE LEVELS AND PREDIABETES TREATMENT**

Authorizing certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide reimbursement for certain services for the treatment of prediabetes; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain equipment, supplies, training, and services for the treatment of elevated or impaired blood glucose levels induced by pregnancy or prediabetes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2019

IN, §§ 15-706 and 15-822 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 657 **Senator Kelley, et al****WORKGROUP ON ESTABLISHING AN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL BOARD FOR THE JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION SYSTEM**

Establishing a Workgroup on Establishing an Independent School Board for the Juvenile Services Education System to determine whether to create an independent school board for the Juvenile Services Education System, and identify ways to reform and improve juvenile education services; requiring the Workgroup to convene on or before September 1, 2018; requiring the Workgroup to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly in a certain format by December 20, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 658 **Senator Simonaire****CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – FREETOWN PARK PAVILION**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$50,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Anne Arundel County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a lighted pavilion at Freetown Park, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 659 **Senator Feldman****CORPORATIONS – TRANSFER OF ASSETS AND EXCHANGE OF SHARES OF STOCK**

Repealing a certain provision of law specifying a certain processing fee for articles of transfer; repealing each provision of law regarding executing and filing articles of transfer; altering the types of actions not required by a corporation for certain transfers of assets, creations of security interests, or exchanges of shares of stocks; altering the circumstances under which a corporation is not required to take certain actions for certain transfers of assets, creations of security interests, or exchanges of shares of stock; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CA, § 3-109(f) and TP, § 12-101(d) - repealed and CA and TP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 660 **Senators Lee and Madaleno****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – RARE AND EXPENSIVE CASE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM – WAIVER AMENDMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for an amendment to the Rare and Expensive Case Management Program under a certain waiver; and requiring the application to authorize enrollment in the Program for individuals who are between the ages of 21 and 64 who have a qualifying Rare and Expensive Case Management diagnosis.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

HG, § 15-140 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 661 **Senator Lee****LAW ENFORCEMENT – FEDERAL SURPLUS PROGRAM – EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION**

Prohibiting certain law enforcement agencies from receiving certain equipment from a federal military surplus program; requiring certain law enforcement agencies to post notice of a request for certain equipment from a federal military surplus program within 14 days of the request for surplus equipment; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

PS, § 3-520 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 662 **Senators Middleton and Benson****BUSINESS REGULATION – WIRELESS SECURITY SYSTEMS – LOCAL GOVERNMENT LICENSES AND PERMITS**

Prohibiting a local government from requiring a license or permit to install, maintain, inspect, replace, or service certain wireless security systems if the wireless security system does not require the submission of a fire protection plan review to a local government for compliance with the State or local building code; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

BR, § 19-901 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 663 **Senator Bates****SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIODS – UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS**

Designating, beginning in calendar year 2018, the last 7 days of August each year to be a tax-free period during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for the sale of certain textbooks purchased by certain individuals; and designating, beginning in calendar year 2019, an additional sales and use tax-free period during the last 7 days of January each year for return-to-school textbook shopping.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

TG, § 11-234 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 664 **Senator Bates****EDUCATION – FOREIGN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT – COMPUTER PROGRAMMING LANGUAGE COURSES**

Allowing county boards of education to authorize certain students to satisfy a State or county middle or high school foreign language requirement by completing a course in computer programming language; and requiring the State Board of Education to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, § 7-205.4 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 665 **Senator Bates, et al**EDUCATION – ROBOTICS GRANT PROGRAM – NONPROFIT
ROBOTICS CLUBS

Altering the eligibility requirements for existing nonprofit robotics clubs to receive a grant under the Robotics Grant Program regardless of whether the nonprofit robotics club is associated with a public school.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

ED, § 7-123 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 666 **Senator Robinson**TASK FORCE TO STUDY GRADING POLICIES IN MARYLAND
SCHOOLS

Establishing the Task Force to Study Grading Policies in Maryland Schools; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2018; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 667 **Senator Robinson, et al**

EDUCATION – NO-ZERO GRADING POLICY – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a county board of education from establishing a no-zero grading policy.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

ED, § 4-111 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 668 **Senator Zirkin**

CIRCUIT COURT CLERKS – SALARY INCREASE

Increasing from \$114,500 to \$124,500 the limit on the maximum salary that the Board of Public Works may set for a clerk of a circuit court; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CJ, § 2-504(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 669 **Senators Brochin and Smith**

JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE DIVERSION PROGRAM

Authorizing a court exercising criminal jurisdiction in a certain case involving a child to suspend the sentence and place the child under the supervision of the Department of Juvenile Services for enrollment in the Juvenile Diversion Program established by the Act; requiring the Department to establish a Juvenile Diversion Program to provide an alternative to imprisonment for a child placed under the supervision of the Department; requiring the Program to provide certain services to each child enrolled; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CP, § 4-202.3 and HU, § 9-247 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 670 **Senator Zirkin**

FAMILY LAW – MARRIAGE – AGE REQUIREMENTS

Repealing provisions allowing individuals under the age of majority to marry under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

FL, §§ 2-301, 2-402(e), and 2-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 671 **Senator Zirkin**

HATE CRIMES – THREATS AND PENALTIES

Prohibiting a person from threatening to commit certain hate crimes; applying and altering certain penalties; and authorizing a court to require a certain person to attend certain educational classes and perform certain community service as a condition of supervised release.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

CR, §§ 10-302 through 10-306 - amended and §§ 10-302.1, 10-303.1, 10-304.1, and 10-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 672 **Senator Zirkin**

REGISTER OF WILLS – SALARY

Increasing from \$114,500 to \$124,500 the maximum salary of a register of wills; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ET, § 2-205 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 673 **Senators Middleton and Astle**

INSURANCE – CONTRACTS AND POLICIES – EDUCATIONAL AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS AND ARTICLES OF MERCHANDISE

Increasing to \$100 the maximum cost of educational and promotional materials and articles of merchandise that a person may offer, promise, or give as valuable consideration not specified in a contract of life insurance or health insurance or in an annuity contract; and increasing the maximum cost of educational and promotional materials and articles of merchandise that a person may offer, promise, or give as valuable consideration not specified in an insurance policy that is not life insurance, health insurance, or an annuity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

IN, §§ 27-209 and 27-212 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 674 **Senator Kasemeyer**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – LANSDOWNE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$200,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Association No. 1 Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, site improvement, and capital equipping of a new facility for the Lansdowne Volunteer Fire Department, 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 675 **Senator Hough, et al**

HUMANE ADOPTION OF COMPANION ANIMALS USED IN RESEARCH ACT OF 2018

Requiring certain research facilities using dogs or cats for scientific research purposes to take certain steps to provide for the adoption of a certain dog or cat that is no longer needed for research purposes; authorizing certain research facilities to enter into certain agreements with animal rescue organizations for certain purposes; requiring certain research facilities to submit certain information to the Secretary of Agriculture beginning on December 1, 2019, and each year thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

AG, § 15-101 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 676 Senator Conway (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY – COMMUNITY BENEFITS DISTRICTS**

Repealing the limitation on the number of community benefits district management authorities that the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore may establish.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (63)(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 677 Senator Madaleno, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE ACCESS TO NEW EMPLOYEE ORIENTATION**

Requiring the Department of Budget and Management, University System of Maryland system institutions, Morgan State University, St. Mary's College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College to provide certain information on certain employees to certain exclusive representatives within 30 days of a new employees date of hire; requiring certain employers to permit an exclusive representative to attend and participate in a certain new employee orientation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

SP, §§ 3-208, 3-2A-08, and 3-502(a) - amended and § 3-307 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 678 Senator Benson, et al**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EMPLOYMENT CATEGORIES AND PRACTICES**

Altering the employment categories of certain employees of the State Department of Education; requiring that all positions in the Department be appointed positions in the professional service and skilled service as well as the executive service and management service, subject to a certain exception; repealing the authority for certain special appointment positions in the Department; altering the procedures for the appointment, setting of qualifications, and transfer of employees of the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2018

ED, §§ 2-104 and 2-105 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 31, 2018

SB 412 **Senator Robinson**

TASK FORCE ON BALTIMORE CITY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES OVERSIGHT

Establishing the Task Force on Baltimore City Department of Social Services Oversight; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study certain matters, collect certain data, and make certain recommendations; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2018

Reassigned to: Finance