

Chapter 152

**(House Bill 554)**

AN ACT concerning

**General Assembly – Legislative Committees – Renaming and Legislative Policy  
Committee Membership**

FOR the purpose of altering the membership of the Legislative Policy Committee; updating the names of certain committees of the General Assembly that receive certain required reports and notices; and generally relating to legislative committees and the membership of the Legislative Policy Committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 13–1002(e)(3)(iii) and (g), 13–1102(f)(3)(iii) and (h), 15–146(b), 19–1409(b)(3), 19–14C–02(a), and 20–1701(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General

Section 19–1409(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Insurance

Section 31–106(c)(2) and 31–110(g)(1)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2017 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Labor and Employment

Section 5–308.1(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – State Government

Section 2–403(a)(2) and (b)(2) and 9–1007(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Health – General**

13–1002.

(e) (3) (iii) If the Department transfers any money among the components of the Program as authorized under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the Department shall report the transfer to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Health [and Government Operations] Committee within 60 days of the transfer.

(g) No later than January 31 of each year, the Department shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Health [and Government Operations] Committee:

(1) The amount of money that was allocated to each component of the Program during:

(i) The prior fiscal year that remained unspent and unobligated at the end of that year; and

(ii) The current fiscal year that remained unspent and unobligated as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year; and

(2) The amount of money that was distributed to a county as a Local Public Health Tobacco Grant during:

(i) The prior fiscal year that remained unspent and unobligated at the end of that year; and

(ii) The current fiscal year that remained unspent and unobligated as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year.

13–1102.

(f) (3) (iii) If the Department transfers any money among the components of the Program as authorized under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph, the Department shall report the transfer to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Health [and Government Operations] Committee within 60 days after the transfer.

(h) No later than January 31 of each year, the Department shall report to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Health [and Government Operations] Committee:

(1) The amount of money that was allocated to each component of the Program during:

(i) The prior fiscal year that remained unspent and unobligated at the end of that year; and

(ii) The current fiscal year that remained unspent and unobligated as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year; and

(2) The amount of money that was distributed to a county as a Local Public Health Cancer Grant during:

(i) The prior fiscal year that remained unspent and unobligated at the end of that year; and

(ii) The current fiscal year that remained unspent and unobligated as of December 31 of the preceding calendar year.

15–146.

(b) At least 90 days prior to making any change to medical eligibility for Program long-term care services, including nursing facility services, home- and community-based waiver services, and other services that require a nursing facility level of care, the Department shall provide a report to:

(1) The Senate Finance Committee and the House Health [and Government Operations] Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article; and

(2) The Medicaid Advisory Committee.

19–1409.

(a) There is an Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities.

(b) The Oversight Committee shall consist of the following members:

(3) Two members of the House Health [and Government Operations] Committee, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

19–14C–02.

(a) (1) If a State-owned nursing home that is operated by a contractor receives a deficiency from or is subject to an enforcement action by a monitoring agency, within 15

days after the final survey finding, the department charged with oversight of the nursing home shall provide notice of the deficiency or enforcement action to:

(i) The Governor;

(ii) In accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Health [and Government Operations] Committee, and the members of the General Assembly who represent the district in which the nursing home is located; and

(iii) The local governing body of the county in which the nursing home is located.

(2) Within 30 days after the contractor’s final acceptance of a plan of correction or completion of an informal dispute resolution, the department charged with oversight of the nursing home shall provide to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Health [and Government Operations] Committee, and the members of the General Assembly who represent the district in which the nursing home is located:

(i) A statement of the deficiencies found by the monitoring agency;

(ii) The plan of correction or results of the informal dispute resolution; and

(iii) All communications from the monitoring agency regarding survey activities conducted at the nursing home.

20–1701.

(c) The Department shall provide written notice to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health [and Government Operations] Committee before submitting any proposed regulation under subsection (b) of this section to the Maryland Register for publication.

### **Article – Insurance**

31–106.

(c) (2) Unless waived by the chairs of the committees, at least 30 days before submitting any proposed regulation to the Maryland Register for publication, the Board shall submit the proposed regulation to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health [and Government Operations] Committee.

31–110.

(g) Before employing an alternative contracting option or active purchasing strategy, the Exchange:

(1) on or after December 1, but not later than the first day of the next regular session of the General Assembly, shall submit to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health [and Government Operations] Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, a plan for the use of the alternative contracting option or active purchasing strategy, including an analysis of:

(i) the objectives to be achieved through use of the alternative contracting option or active purchasing strategy; and

(ii) the impact on the insurance markets inside and outside the Exchange and on consumers; and

### **Article – Labor and Employment**

5–308.1.

(b) The Commissioner shall submit notice regarding any modifications made to, or directives issued interpreting, the federal Bloodborne Pathogen Standard after November 5, 1999 and, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, make recommendations for any legislative changes to the House Health [and Government Operations] Committee, the Senate [Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs] **FINANCE** Committee, and the General Assembly within 30 days of the issuance of modifications to the Bloodborne Pathogen Standard.

### **Article – State Government**

2–403.

(a) The Legislative Policy Committee consists of the following 28 members:

(2) from the House:

(i) the Speaker;

(ii) the Speaker Pro Tem;

(iii) the Majority Leader;

(iv) the Chair of the Appropriations Committee;

(v) the Chair of the Health [and Government Operations] Committee;

- (vi) the Chair of the Economic Matters Committee;
- (vii) the Chair of the Environment and Transportation Committee;

**(VIII) THE CHAIR OF THE GOVERNMENT, LABOR, AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE;**

[(viii)] **(IX)** the Chair of the Judiciary Committee;

[(ix)] **(X)** the Chair of the Ways and Means Committee;

[(x)] **(XI)** the Minority Leader; and

[(xi)] **(XII)** 1. [4] **3** other Delegates, appointed by the Speaker and approved by majority vote of the House; or

2. if a Delegate simultaneously serves in 2 of the positions set forth in items (ii) through [(ix)] **(X)**, inclusive, of this item, [5] **4** other Delegates, appointed by the Speaker and approved by majority vote of the House.

(b) (2) As far as possible, the Delegates appointed by the Speaker, under subsection [(a)(2)(xi)] **(A)(2)(XII)** of this section, shall be representative of the various sections and interests of the State.

9–1007.

(b) At the request of the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Chair of the Senate [Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs] Committee **ON EDUCATION, ENERGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT**, or the Chair of the House [Health and] Government [Operations], **LABOR, AND ELECTIONS** Committee, the State Archivist shall review, evaluate, and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding State designations under Title 7 of the General Provisions Article.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, April 14, 2026.**