

## Chapter 171

**(House Bill 640)**

AN ACT concerning

**Mandated Reports, Boards, and Commissions – Revisions**

FOR the purpose of modifying certain reporting requirements, boards, and commissions for practicability and efficiency; repealing certain reporting requirements that are unnecessary, obsolete, or duplicative; repealing as obsolete the Renewable Fuels Incentive Board, Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board, Two-Generation Family Economic Security Commission, and Commission on Trauma-Informed Care; ~~repealing as obsolete the Just Transition and Retraining Working Group, Energy Industry Revitalization Working Group, Energy Resilience and Efficiency Working Group, and Solar Photovoltaic Systems Recovery, Reuse, and Recycling Working Group in the Commission on Climate Change~~; repealing as unnecessary the Partnership for Workforce Quality Advisory Board; repealing as unnecessary the requirement that the Maryland Department of Health report on certain activities of the Department relating to the hepatitis B virus and the hepatitis C virus; and generally relating to mandated reports, boards, and commissions.

BY repealing

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 10-201(b); and 10-207 through 10-210 and the part “Part II. Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing

Article – Economic Development

Section 3-408 through 3-410

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

~~BY repealing~~~~Article – Environment~~~~Section 2-1303.1 through 2-1303.4~~~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~~~(2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)~~

BY repealing

Article – Health – General

Section 7.5-802(c)(5), 18-204(b)(6), 18-1002, 20-1004(22), and 20-1007(c), ~~and~~  
~~21-330.1(h)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing

Article – Human Services

Section 2–501 through 2–506 and the subtitle “Subtitle 5. Two–Generation Family Economic Security Commission”; and 8–1301 through 8–1310 and the subtitle “Subtitle 13. Trauma–Informed Care”

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Agriculture

Section 10–1501 and 10–1504 through 10–1507

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing

Article – Agriculture

Section 10–1503

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2016 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Correctional Services

Section 3–525

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume)

## BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 10–201(a) and 10–213(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume)

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 10–213(b)(2)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume)

## BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Economic Development

Section 3–201(a) and (b), 3–203(a) and (b), and 5–2601(a) and (b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Economic Development  
Section 3–203(c), 3–401, 5–2603(a), 5–2605, 5–2606, and 5–2608  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Education  
Section 5–111.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Education  
Section 5–111.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Education  
Section 7–1A–02(a) and 7–506  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2025 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing

Article – Election Law  
Section 3–204(j)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Environment  
Section ~~2–1303(a)~~, 4–708, and 5–1104(b)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Environment  
Section 5–1104(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2013 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Family Law  
Section 5–706(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing

Article – Family Law  
Section 5–706(l)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Health – General  
Section 7.5–802(a)(1) and (c)(1), 13–4502(a), 19–101, 19–1409(a), ~~and 21–330.1(f)~~  
and 24–1708(a)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Health – General  
Section 13–706, 13–4502(b), 19–134(f)(2)(ii), 19–1409(b), 20–1004(23) and (24),  
20–1006, ~~and 21–330.1(f)~~ and 24–1708(g)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development  
Section 4–2101(a) and (c)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Housing and Community Development  
Section 4–2104 and 4–2105  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

## BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Human Services  
Section 2–301  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)  
(As enacted by Chapter 460 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2020)

## BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Human Services  
Section 7–302  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Human Services  
 Section 7–303(a)(1)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Natural Resources  
 Section 5–210.1(c)(1) and 10–202.1  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
 Section 14–410(b)(1)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – State Finance and Procurement  
 Section 14–410(b)(2)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – State Government  
 Section 2–10A–15(j) and 9–3203(a)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
 Article – State Government  
 Section 9–3202  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 10–738(b)(1), 10–739(b)(1), and 10–752(b)(1)  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article – Tax – General  
Section 10–738(d), 10–739(e), and 10–752(e)  
Annotated Code of Maryland

*(2022 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)*

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 2–606(a)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Transportation

Section 2–606(b)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing

Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2007 Special Session

Section 13

BY renumbering

Article – Criminal Procedure

Section 10–201(c) through (h)

to be Section 10–201(b) through (g), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2025 Replacement Volume)

BY renumbering

Article – Family Law

Section 5–706(m) through (u)

to be Section 5–706(l) through (t), respectively

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2019 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 10–207 through 10–210 and the part “Part II. Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board” of Article – Criminal Procedure of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 3–408 through 3–410 of Article – Economic Development of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 2–1303.1 through 2–1303.4 of Article – Environment of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.~~

SECTION ~~4.~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 18–1002 of Article – Health – General of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION ~~5~~ 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 2–501 through 2–506 and the subtitle “Subtitle 5. Two–Generation Family Economic Security Commission” of Article – Human Services of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION ~~6~~ 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 8–1301 through 8–1310 and the subtitle “Subtitle 13. Trauma–Informed Care” of Article – Human Services of the Annotated Code of Maryland be repealed.

SECTION ~~7~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

### Article – Agriculture

10–1501.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

(b) “Biodiesel” means an alternative motor fuel produced from a renewable resource such as vegetable oil or animal fat.

[(c) “Board” means the Renewable Fuels Incentive Board.]

[(d) (C) “Ethanol” means fermented ethyl alcohol derived from agricultural or forest products.

[(e) (D) (1) “Small grains” means a winter grain crop.

(2) “Small grains” includes wheat, rye, triticale, oats, and hulled or hull–less barley.

[10–1503.

(a) There is a Renewable Fuels Incentive Board.

(b) The Board consists of four members as follows:

(1) The Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary’s designee;

(2) The Secretary of Commerce or the Secretary’s designee;

(3) The Secretary of the Environment or the Secretary’s designee; and

(4) The Director of the Maryland Energy Administration or the Director’s designee.

(c) (1) The Secretary of Agriculture or the Secretary's designee shall serve as the Chair of the Board.

(2) The Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce, and the Maryland Department of the Environment jointly shall provide staff support for the Board.

(d) The Board shall review credit certification applications and pay credits under this subtitle.]

10-1504.

(a) To be eligible for credits under this subtitle, an ethanol or biodiesel producer shall apply to the [Board] **DEPARTMENT** for certification on an application provided by the [Board] **DEPARTMENT**.

(b) An applicant shall show in the application to the satisfaction of the [Board] **DEPARTMENT**:

(1) That the applicant will construct or operate a facility capable of producing ethanol or biodiesel;

(2) That the applicant will invest or has invested substantial resources in the State in connection with the facility;

(3) That the facility will constitute a permanent fixture in the State;

(4) For an ethanol production facility, information demonstrating:

(i) The production capacity of the facility; and

(ii) The quantity and availability of small grains and other suitable agricultural products in the vicinity of the production facility that may be used by the facility;

(5) For a biodiesel production facility, information demonstrating:

(i) The production capacity of the facility; and

(ii) The quantity and availability of soybean oil and other suitable bio-based oils in the vicinity of the production facility that may be used by the facility;

(6) Information demonstrating:

(i) The availability and cost of energy sufficient to operate the facility;

- (ii) The availability of sufficient water and waste disposal systems for the facility;
- (iii) The availability of sufficient labor and a qualified site manager for the facility; and
- (iv) That the facility will meet all State and federal environmental standards;
- (7) Any proposed marketing agreements for the ethanol or biodiesel products;
- (8) A plan to give farmers in the State the opportunity to invest in the facility; and
- (9) That the applicant will meet any other requirement established by the [Board] DEPARTMENT.

(c) The [Board] DEPARTMENT shall:

- (1) Review each application submitted under this subtitle;
- (2) Approve or deny the application within 60 days of receipt of the application; and
- (3) For an approved application, certify the producer as eligible for a credit in an amount that is:
  - (i) Based on the production capacity of the facility, as determined by the Board; and
  - (ii) Consistent with subsection (d) of this section.

(d) (1) The [Board] DEPARTMENT may not certify ethanol production credits for more than a total of 15,000,000 gallons per calendar year, of which at least 10,000,000 gallons shall be produced from small grains.

(2) The [Board] DEPARTMENT may not certify biodiesel production credits for more than a total of 5,000,000 gallons per calendar year, of which at least 2,000,000 gallons shall be from soybean oil produced:

- (i) In a facility that began operating after December 31, 2004; or
- (ii) Under the expanded capacity of a facility, the expansion of which occurred after December 31, 2004.

(e) (1) If eligible, a producer may apply to the [Board] **DEPARTMENT** for certification for additional credits if the producer increases the production capacity of the facility.

(2) If a facility does not achieve its certified production capacity for 2 consecutive years, the [Board] **DEPARTMENT** may revise the stated production capacity of the facility and the corresponding credit certification of the producer to reflect actual production.

(f) An application submitted to the [Board] **DEPARTMENT** under this section is not subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act.

10-1505.

(a) (1) The [Board] **DEPARTMENT** may pay credits as calculated under this section to certified producers of ethanol or biodiesel in the State for ethanol or biodiesel produced on or after December 31, 2007.

(2) (i) For the purposes of this subtitle, a person that holds a controlling interest in more than one ethanol production facility is considered to be a single ethanol producer.

(ii) For the purposes of this subtitle, a person that holds a controlling interest in more than one biodiesel production facility is considered to be a single biodiesel producer.

(b) (1) For an ethanol producer, a credit may not exceed the maximum amount certified by the [Board] **DEPARTMENT** and shall be:

(i) 20 cents per gallon of ethanol produced from small grains; and

(ii) 5 cents per gallon of ethanol produced from other agricultural products.

(2) For a biodiesel producer, a credit may not exceed the maximum amount certified by the [Board] **DEPARTMENT** and shall be:

(i) 20 cents per gallon of biodiesel produced from soybean oil produced:

1. In a facility that began operating after December 31, 2004;  
or

2. Under the expanded capacity of a facility, the expansion of which occurred after December 31, 2004; and

(ii) 5 cents per gallon of biodiesel produced from other feedstock, including soybean oil produced in a facility that began operating on or before December 31, 2004.

(c) The [Board] **DEPARTMENT** may not pay a credit for ethanol or biodiesel produced after December 31, 2017.

10–1506.

(a) After February 1, 2008, to receive a credit payment a certified ethanol or biodiesel producer shall file a claim with the [Board] **DEPARTMENT** by the end of January, April, July, and October of each year.

(b) A claim filed under this section shall state:

(1) (i) The producer's total ethanol production in the State during the previous quarter, categorized by ethanol produced from small grains and ethanol produced from other agricultural products; or

(ii) The producer's total biodiesel production in Maryland during the previous quarter, categorized by biodiesel produced from:

1. Soybean oil produced in a facility that began operating after December 31, 2004, or under the expanded capacity of a facility, the expansion of which occurred after December 31, 2004; and

2. Other feedstock, including soybean oil produced in a facility that began operating on or before December 31, 2004;

(2) The location of the producer;

(3) The average number of Maryland citizens employed by the producer in the previous quarter;

(4) (i) For an ethanol producer, the number of bushels of Maryland–grown small grains and other agricultural commodities used by the producer in the previous quarter; or

(ii) For a biodiesel producer, the number of gallons of Maryland–produced soybean oil and other bio–based oils used by the producer in the previous quarter; and

(5) Any other information that the [Board] **DEPARTMENT** requires.

(c) A claim filed under this section shall be reviewed by an independent certified public accountant with respect to, as appropriate:

- (1) The total ethanol production;
- (2) The breakdown between ethanol produced from small grains and ethanol produced from other agricultural products;
- (3) The total biodiesel production; and
- (4) The breakdown between biodiesel produced from:
  - (i) Soybean oil produced in a facility that began operating after December 31, 2004, or under the expanded capacity of a facility, the expansion of which occurred after December 31, 2004; and
  - (ii) Other feedstock, including soybean oil produced in a facility that began operating on or before December 31, 2004.
- (d) A claim submitted to the [Board] **DEPARTMENT** under this section is not subject to disclosure under the Maryland Public Information Act.

10–1507.

- (a) For fiscal year 2008 and each succeeding fiscal year, the Governor shall include sufficient funds in the State budget to implement this subtitle.
- (b) To implement this subtitle, the [Board] **DEPARTMENT**:
  - (1) Shall maximize the use of federal funds or matching programs to the extent possible; and
  - (2) May solicit and accept grants or donations from State, local, or private entities.

### **Article – Correctional Services**

3–525.

The Customer Council shall consist of the following [11] **10** members:

- (1) the Chief Executive Officer;
- (2) one representative from each of the following State agencies, appointed by the Secretary of the respective agency:
  - (i) the Department of Budget and Management;

- (ii) [the Department of Commerce;
- (iii)] the Department of General Services;
- [(iv)] (III) the Maryland Department of Health;
- [(v)] (IV) the Department of Human Services;
- [(vi)] (V) the Department of Transportation; and
- [(vii)] (VI) the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and

(3) three customers recommended by the Chief Executive Officer and appointed by the Governor.

### **Article – Criminal Procedure**

10–201.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- [(b)] “Advisory Board” means the Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board.]

10–213.

- (a) There is a Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository in the Department.
- (b) The Secretary:
  - (2) shall operate the Central Repository [with the advice of the Advisory Board].

### **Article – Economic Development**

3–201.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Advisory Board” means the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board.

3–203.

- (a) The Advisory Board consists of the following 18 members:
  - (1) the Secretary or the Secretary’s designee;

(2) the Executive Director of the Corporation, or the Executive Director's designee; and

(3) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) three representing federal agencies located in the State with life sciences missions;

(ii) seven with executive experience in life sciences businesses located in the State, at least four of whom represent small businesses;

(iii) four representing institutions of higher education located in the State, one of whom shall represent a community college;

(iv) one with general business marketing experience in a life sciences business located in the State; and

(v) one member of the general public.

(b) The composition of the Advisory Board shall reflect the racial and gender diversity of the population of the State.

(c) (1) Except for the Secretary or the Secretary's designee and the Executive Director of the Corporation or the Executive Director's designee, the term of an Advisory Board member is **[2] 3** years.

(2) At the end of a term, a member continues to serve until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

(3) A member who is appointed after a term has begun serves only for the rest of the term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies.

**(4) THE TERMS OF THE APPOINTED MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE ADVISORY BOARD ON JULY 1, 2026.**

3-401.

(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

**[(b) "Board" means the Partnership for Workforce Quality Advisory Board.]**

**[(c) (B) "Fund" means the Partnership for Workforce Quality Fund.]**

**[(d)] (C)** “Program” means the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program.

5–2601.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (b) “Commission” means the Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission.

5–2603.

(a) The Commission consists of the following members:

- (1) the Secretary, or the Secretary’s designee;
- (2) a member of the Senate, appointed by the President of the Senate, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member;
- (3) a member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member;

(4) the Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration’s Goddard Space Flight Center, or the Director’s designee, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member;

**[(5)] (5)** the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Administrator’s designee, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member;

(6) the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or the Director’s designee, who shall serve as an ex officio nonvoting member;]

**[(7)] (5)** the president of the Goddard Contractors’ Association, or the president’s designee;

**[(8)] (6)** the President of the University of Maryland Baltimore County, or the President’s designee;

**[(9)] (7)** the President of the Southern Maryland Navy Alliance, or the President’s designee;

**[(10)] (8)** the president of the Maryland Space Business Roundtable, or the president’s designee;

**[(11)] (9)** the President of the University of Maryland, College Park, or the President’s designee;

[(12)] **(10)** the director of the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, or the director's designee;

[(13)] **(11)** the director of the Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy, or the director's designee;

[(14)] **(12)** the director of the Space Telescope Science Institute, or the director's designee; and

[(15)] **(13)** the following members, appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate:

(i) a representative of institutions of higher education;

(ii) a representative of the National Society of Black Engineers;

(iii) [a representative] **TWO REPRESENTATIVES** of the Maryland aerospace manufacturing community; and

(iv) [a representative] **TWO REPRESENTATIVES** of the aerospace technology industry.

5–2605.

The Commission shall:

(1) identify research and funding opportunities for entities in this State that:

(i) strengthen and enhance the State's leadership position in civil, commercial, and military aerospace research and development;

(ii) integrate the aerospace industry into the economy of the State;

(iii) capitalize, promote, and assist in the development of workforce training to further the development of emerging technologies required for all aspects of space exploration; and

(iv) develop public–private partnerships that advance both the State's aerospace industry and the surrounding community;

(2) establish advisory committees as needed;

(3) develop aerospace–related educational opportunities within the State in coordination with local educational institutions; and

(4) develop and annually [update] **REPORT ON PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING** a strategic plan developed in accordance with § 5–2606 of this subtitle to implement the goals of the Commission.

5–2606.

(a) The Commission shall:

(1) develop [and annually update] a strategic plan for the promotion of space, aeronautics, and aviation economic development in the State;

(2) **UPDATE THE STRATEGIC PLAN AT LEAST EVERY 5 YEARS; AND**

(3) **ANNUALLY REPORT ON PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN.**

(b) The strategic plan [described] **DEVELOPED** under subsection (a) of this section shall include a list of potential projects that further the purposes of the Commission and, for each project, describe:

(1) the estimated total cost for completion; and

(2) an assessment of the availability of external funding sources.

(c) The strategic plan [described] **DEVELOPED** under subsection (a) of this section may include any other information that the Commission determines to be relevant to furthering the purposes of the Commission.

5–2608.

(a) On or before October 1 each year, the Commission shall submit a report to the Governor, the Maryland Economic Development Commission, and, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(b) The report shall include:

(1) a summary of the activities of the Commission during the preceding fiscal year; [and]

(2) a current copy of the strategic plan developed under § 5–2606 of this subtitle; **AND**

(3) **AN UPDATE ON PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.**

**Article – Education****[5–111.1.**

(a) In this section, “specialized intervention services” means services provided to students in kindergarten through grade 3 who:

(1) Are not currently identified as needing special education or related services under Title 8, Subtitle 4 of this article;

(2) Need additional academic and behavioral supports to succeed in a core curriculum and differentiated instruction general education environment; and

(3) Receive additional academic and behavioral support in small groups or individual settings at least 3 times each week for at least 90 minutes each week for a period of at least 10 weeks during a school year.

(b) Beginning with the 2018–2019 school year, on or before December 1 each year, each county board shall submit to the Department and, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly a report for the prior school year on:

(1) The number of students who received specialized intervention services;

(2) The grades in which specialized intervention services were provided;  
and

(3) The annual budget, including all federal, State, and local funds, for specialized intervention services, including screenings, evaluations, materials, professional development, and staffing.

(c) The Department shall establish guidelines for the report that each county board is required to submit under subsection (b) of this section.

(d) A county board shall publish annually on the county board’s website the information submitted under subsection (b) of this section.

(e) The Department shall publish annually on the Department’s website the information received under subsection (b) of this section.]

**5–111.1.**

**(A) (1) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2027, EACH COUNTY BOARD SHALL SUBMIT TO THE DEPARTMENT A WRITTEN REPORT CONTAINING THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS THAT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT TO MEET GRADE 3 LITERACY PROFICIENCY.**

**(2) THE STATE BOARD MAY REQUIRE EACH COUNTY BOARD TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IN THE WRITTEN REPORT REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION, INCLUDING THE MANDATED ANNUAL REPORTING INFORMATION LISTED UNDER THE COMPREHENSIVE PREK-3 LITERACY POLICY ADOPTED BY THE STATE BOARD.**

**(B) (1) ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, BEGINNING IN 2027, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPILE AND REPORT THE INFORMATION SUBMITTED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION TO THE GOVERNOR, THE STATE BOARD, AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

**(2) THE REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE PUBLICLY AVAILABLE ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE.**

**(C) THE STATE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

7-1A-02.

(a) (1) A local department of social services or a local health department shall provide a parent or guardian with oral and written notice that their child may be eligible for publicly funded prekindergarten programs if the parent or guardian:

(i) Applied for economic services with the local department of social services or the local health department; and

(ii) Has a child who will be 3 or 4 years old by September 1 of the next academic year.

(2) The notice required under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall include:

(i) Contact information for the enrollment office of the local school system and the Division of Early Childhood Development in the Department; and

(ii) Information on the existence of the child care scholarship for before and after full-day prekindergarten programming and the possibility of eligibility for State aid.

(3) **(I)** On or before ~~[December]~~ **APRIL** 1 of each year, each local department of social services **SHALL REPORT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES** and each local health department shall report to the ~~General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article,~~ **MARYLAND DEPARTMENT**

**OF HEALTH** on the number of parents who were given a notification **BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1 OF THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR** and subsequently enrolled their child in a publicly funded prekindergarten program **IN THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR**.

**(II) ON OR BEFORE MAY 1 EACH YEAR, THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES, SHALL COMPILE THE INFORMATION REPORTED UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH AND SUBMIT A SUMMARY REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE.**

7-506.

(a) The local education agency and the local health department shall identify funds from public and private agencies for development and implementation of the Program.

(b) [The Department shall submit an annual report to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly regarding the current status and effectiveness of the Programs established under this subtitle.

(c) The Governor shall include funds in the budget to carry out the provisions of this subtitle.

### Article – Election Law

3-204.

[(j) On or before January 1, 2018, and January 1 each subsequent year, the Maryland Department of Labor shall submit a report, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Ways and Means Committee that describes:

(1) the efforts of the one-stop career centers to register voters under this section in the preceding calendar year; and

(2) any efforts the Department plans to make to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the voter registration process at the one-stop career centers.]

### Article – Environment

~~2-1303.~~

~~(a) The Commission shall establish:~~

~~(1) A Scientific and Technical Working Group;~~

- ~~(2) A Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Working Group;~~
- ~~(3) An Adaptation and Response Working Group; AND~~
- ~~(4) An Education, Communication, and Outreach Working Group;~~
- ~~(5) Subject to § 2-1303.1 of this subtitle, a Just Transition Employment and Retraining Working Group;~~
- ~~(6) Subject to § 2-1303.2 of this subtitle, an Energy Industry Revitalization Working Group;~~
- ~~(7) Subject to § 2-1303.3 of this subtitle, an Energy Resilience and Efficiency Working Group; and~~
- ~~(8) Subject to § 2-1303.4 of this subtitle, a Solar Photovoltaic Systems Recovery, Reuse, and Recycling Working Group;~~

4-708.

[(a)] The Department shall adopt regulations to implement the requirements of this subtitle no later than September 30, 1993 in order to begin making disbursements from the Fund no later than January 1, 1994.

[(b)] Beginning January 1, 1995, the Department shall annually report to the General Assembly, subject to § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the status of the Fund and on the revenues to and expenditures from the Fund.]

5-1104.

(a) (1) With the advice and consent of the Senate, the Governor shall appoint a Hart-Miller-Pleasure Island Citizens Oversight Committee.

(2) The terms and qualifications of members of the Oversight Committee shall be determined by the Governor.

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

(1) [2 trustees from the grantee in interest, as defined in § 5-1202.2(a)(1) of the Natural Resources Article] **THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

(2) [1] **ONE** individual from the North Point Peninsula Community Coordinating Council;

(3) [1] **ONE** individual from the Essex Middle River Civic Council, Inc.;

(4) [2] **TWO** interested citizens, [1] **ONE** of whom shall reside in the sixth legislative district, and [1] **ONE** of whom shall reside in the seventh legislative district;

(5) [1] **ONE** individual from the Baltimore County Watermen's Association;

(6) [1] **ONE** individual who represents the pleasure boating industry in Baltimore County;

(7) [1] **ONE** individual who represents the sport fishing or crabbing industry in Baltimore County; **AND**

[(8) 1 individual from the Greater Dundalk Community Council; and

(9) 1 individual from the Hart and Miller Island Area Environmental Group, Inc.]

**(8) ONE INDIVIDUAL FROM THE RECREATIONAL BIRDING COMMUNITY IN BALTIMORE COUNTY.**

#### **Article – Family Law**

5–706.

(a) (1) In this section, “alternative response” means a component of the child protective services program that provides for a comprehensive assessment of:

- (i) risk of harm to the child;
- (ii) risk of subsequent child abuse or neglect;
- (iii) family strengths and needs; and
- (iv) the provision of or referral for necessary services.

(2) “Alternative response” does not include:

- (i) an investigation; or
- (ii) a formal determination as to whether child abuse or neglect has occurred.

**[(1) (1) The Department shall convene a multidisciplinary alternative response advisory council.**

- (2) The advisory council shall consist of the following members:
- (i) the Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;
  - (ii) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;
  - (iii) the State Superintendent of Schools, or the Superintendent's designee;
  - (iv) a representative from the Maryland Disability Law Center;
  - (v) a representative from a child advocacy organization;
  - (vi) a representative from a community partner or a local service provider;
  - (vii) a pediatrician with experience in diagnosing and treating injuries related to abuse and neglect;
  - (viii) an attorney with experience representing children or adults in abuse and neglect cases;
  - (ix) a representative from the Office of the Public Defender;
  - (x) a parent or guardian who has personal experience with the child protective services system;
  - (xi) a child who has personal experience with the child protective services system;
  - (xii) two representatives from local departments of social services;
  - (xiii) two representatives from local citizens review panels.

(3) The Secretary of Human Services or the Secretary's designee shall be the chair of the advisory council.

- (4) The advisory council shall advise the Department on:
- (i) the development of the alternative response implementation plan, which may include a pilot program;
  - (ii) oversight and monitoring of the alternative response implementation plan;

(iii) consulting with local citizens review panels, local services affiliates, and other local partners for feedback and recommendations on the alternative response implementation plan;

(iv) defining the scope of the independent evaluation of the implementation of the alternative response program; and

(v) defining the scope of the ongoing evaluation of the alternative response program.]

### Article – Health – General

7.5–802.

(a) (1) There is a Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System in the Department.

(c) (1) There is a Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System Advisory Committee.

[(5) On or before January 1 each year, the Advisory Committee shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, on the implementation of the Registry and Referral System.]

13–706.

(a) A certificate holder shall submit to the Department, on a form required by the Department, a report of each incident that occurs while the youth camp is in session that required the administration of emergency use epinephrine.

(b) [On or before January 31 of each year, the] **THE** Department shall [publish a report summarizing] **INCLUDE IN THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER § 13–7A–03 OF THIS TITLE A SUMMARY OF** the information obtained from the reports submitted to the Department under subsection (a) of this section.

13–4502.

(a) There is a Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council.

(b) The Advisory Council consists of the following members:

(1) One member from the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

- (2) One member from the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;
- (3) The Secretary, or the Secretary's designee;
- (4) The Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, or the Deputy Secretary's designee;
- (5) [The Secretary of Agriculture, or the Secretary's designee;
- (6)] The Director of the Maryland Cannabis Administration, or the Director's designee;
- [(7)] (6) The State Superintendent of Schools, or the State Superintendent's designee;
- [(8)] (7) The Executive Director of the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy, or the Executive Director's designee;
- [(9)] (8) The Administrator of the Motor Vehicle Administration, or the Administrator's designee;
- [(10)] (9) The Executive Director of the Office of Social Equity in the ~~Maryland Cannabis Administration~~ **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY**, or the Executive Director's designee; and
- [(11)] (10) The following members appointed by the Governor:
- (i) One representative from a historically black college or university;
  - (ii) One health care provider with experience in cannabis;
  - (iii) One pharmacist licensed in the State;
  - (iv) One health care provider with expertise in substance use disorder treatment and recovery;
  - (v) One individual with expertise in cannabis use disorder;
  - (vi) One academic researcher with expertise in cannabis law and policy;
  - (vii) One individual with at least 5 years of experience in health or social equity;

- (viii) One public health professional with cannabis experience; and
- (ix) One representative of a laboratory that tests cannabis.

18–204.

(b) [(6) The Secretary, in accordance with § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, shall submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly on the activities of the cancer registry, including utilization of cancer registry data.]

19–101.

In this subtitle, “Commission” means the Maryland Health Care Commission.

19–134.

(f) (2) The Commission shall:

(ii) Analyze the information jointly with the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities for publication in the “Health Care Disparities Policy Report Card” required under [§ 20–1004(22)] **§ 20–1006(B)(2)** of this article.

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:

(1) One member of the Senate Finance Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) One member of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate;

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

(4) The Secretary of Aging, or the Secretary’s designee;

(5) [The Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;

(6)] The Director of the Office of Health Care Quality, or the Director’s designee;

**[(7)] (6)** The Deputy Secretary for Behavioral Health, or the Deputy Secretary's designee;

**[(8)] (7)** The Secretary of Human Services, or the Secretary's designee;

**[(9)] (8)** The Secretary of Disabilities, or the Secretary's designee;

**[(10)] (9)** The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman;

**[(11)] (10)** Two representatives of area agencies on aging, one of which shall be a member of a local long-term care ombudsman program established under Title 10, Subtitle 9 of the Human Services Article, selected by the President of the Maryland Association of Area Agencies on Aging;

**[(12)] (11)** One representative of a local long-term care ombudsman entity, selected by the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman;

**[(13)] (12)** Three consumer members, selected by the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman, all of whom shall be consumers living in an assisted living facility or a nursing home or have a family member living in an assisted living facility or a nursing home;

**[(14)] (13)** The following representatives, selected by the organizations the individual represents:

(i) One representative from the Health Facilities Association of Maryland;

(ii) One representative from the Mid-Atlantic LifeSpan;

(iii) One representative of the Hospice Network of Maryland;

(iv) One representative of the Maryland Hospital Association;

(v) One representative of 1199SEIU United Health Workers East;

(vi) One representative of the Maryland Chapter of AARP;

(vii) One representative of United Seniors of Maryland;

(viii) One representative of Voices for Quality Care;

(ix) One representative of the Mental Health Association of Maryland knowledgeable in issues of aging;

(x) One representative of the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association; and

(xi) One representative of the Maryland Association of Adult Day Services; and

**[(15)] (14)** Three representatives from the assisted living industry, of which one shall represent a program that cares for one to four residents, one shall represent a program that cares for five to nine residents, and one shall represent a program that cares for more than 10 residents.

20–1004.

The Office shall:

**[(22)]** In collaboration with the Maryland Health Care Commission, and the health occupations boards established under the Health Occupations Article, publish annually on the Department’s website and provide in writing on request a “Health Care Disparities Policy Report Card” that includes:

(i) An analysis of racial and ethnic variations in insurance coverage for low–income, nonelderly individuals;

(ii) The racial and ethnic composition of the individuals who hold a license or certificate issued by a health occupations board established under the Health Occupations Article compared to the racial and ethnic composition of the State’s population;

(iii) The racial and ethnic disparities in morbidity and mortality rates for cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, infant mortality, asthma, dementia, and other diseases identified by the Maryland Health Care Commission; and

(iv) A comparison of the information included under items (i) and (ii) of this item with previously published “Health Care Disparities Policy Report Cards” including the same information;]

**[(23)] (22)** To the extent authorized under federal and State privacy laws, publish on its website health data that includes race and ethnicity information collected by the Office and update the data at least once every 6 months; and

**[(24)] (23)** To the extent authorized under federal and State privacy laws, respond to requests for health data that includes race and ethnicity information within 30 days after receipt of the request.

20–1006.

(a) On or before the 15th day of each regular session of the General Assembly, the Department shall submit an annual report on the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to the Governor and, subject to § 2–1257 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

(b) The report shall include [the]:

(1) THE projects and services developed and funded by the Office and the health care problems that the grant funds are intended to ameliorate;

(2) A “HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES POLICY REPORT CARD”, DEVELOPED IN COLLABORATION WITH THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION, AND THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE, THAT INCLUDES:

(I) AN ANALYSIS OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC VARIATIONS IN INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR LOW-INCOME, NONELDERLY INDIVIDUALS;

(II) THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HOLD A LICENSE OR CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY A HEALTH OCCUPATIONS BOARD ESTABLISHED UNDER THE HEALTH OCCUPATIONS ARTICLE COMPARED TO THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF THE STATE’S POPULATION;

(III) THE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY RATES FOR CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE, CANCER, DIABETES, HIV/AIDS, INFANT MORTALITY, ASTHMA, DEMENTIA, AND OTHER DISEASES IDENTIFIED BY THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION; AND

(IV) A COMPARISON OF THE INFORMATION INCLUDED UNDER ITEMS (I) AND (II) OF THIS ITEM WITH PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED “HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES POLICY REPORT CARDS” INCLUDING THE SAME INFORMATION; AND

(3) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FROM THE IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR:

(I) THE OFFICE’S EFFORTS TO OBTAIN FUNDING DESCRIBED UNDER § 20–1007(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) THE AMOUNT OF FUNDING FROM FEDERAL AND SPECIAL FUNDING SOURCES THE OFFICE RECEIVED.

(c) The report may include any recommendations for administrative or legislative action that it deems appropriate.

20-1007.

[(c) On or before October 1 each year, the Office shall report to the House Health and Government Operations Committee and the Senate Finance Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the following information from the immediately preceding fiscal year:

(1) The Office's efforts to obtain funding described under subsection (b) of this section; and

(2) The amount of funding from federal and special funding sources the Office received.]

~~21-330.1.~~

~~(f) (1) The Department may investigate any complaint alleging that a cottage food business has violated this section.~~

~~(2) On receipt of a complaint, a representative of the Department, at a reasonable time, may enter and inspect the premises of a cottage food business to determine compliance with this section.~~

~~(3) The owner of a cottage food business may not:~~

~~(i) Refuse to grant access to a representative who requests to enter and inspect the premises of the cottage food business under paragraph (2) of this subsection; or~~

~~(ii) Interfere with any inspection under paragraph (2) of this subsection.~~

~~(4) An investigation of a cottage food business conducted under this subsection may include sampling of a cottage food product to determine if the cottage food product is misbranded or adulterated.~~

~~[(h) Beginning on or before December 30, 2020, and every December 30 thereafter, the Department shall report to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on:~~

~~(1) The documentation and labels submitted under subsection (f) of this section; and~~

~~(2) Any complaints received by the Department related to a cottage food business or cottage food product.]~~

~~[(i)] (H) The Department shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.~~

24-1708.

(a) In this section, “Council” means the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Advisory Council for Physicians and Physician Assistants.

(g) On or before October 1 [each year], 2028, AND EVERY 3 YEARS THEREAFTER, the Council shall report to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly on the activities and recommendations of the Council.

### Article – Housing and Community Development

4-2101.

- (a) In this subtitle the following words have meanings indicated.
- (c) “Council” means the Interagency Council on Homelessness.

4-2104.

[(a) The [Governor shall designate as chair of the Council a member who is a secretary or a secretary’s designee with decision-making authority on issues that relate to the work of the Council] **SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY’S DESIGNEE, SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL.**

- [(b) The term of the chair is 2 years.
- (c) The chair may not serve consecutive terms.]

4-2105.

- (a) A majority of the members then serving on the Council is a quorum.
- (b) The Council shall determine the times and places of its meetings.
- (c) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, A** member of the Council:
  - (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Council; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

**(D) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL APPOINTED UNDER § 4-2103(A)(13)(III) OR (IV) OF THIS SUBTITLE WHO IS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR HAS LIVED EXPERIENCE OF HOMELESSNESS IS ENTITLED TO:**

**(1) REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET; AND**

**(2) REASONABLE COMPENSATION FOR THE MEMBER'S SERVICES AS DETERMINED BY A COMPENSATION POLICY ADMINISTERED BY THE DEPARTMENT.**

### **Article – Human Services**

2-301.

The following units are in the Department:

- (1) the Child Support Administration;
- (2) the Family Investment Administration;
- (3) the Social Services Administration;
- (4) the Maryland Commission for Women; **AND**
- (5) [the Two Generation Family Economic Security Commission; and
- (6)] any other unit that by law is declared to be part of the Department.

7-302.

(a) There is a Maryland Commission on Caregiving in the Department.

(b) The purpose of the Commission is to coordinate statewide planning, development, and implementation of family caregiver support services.

7-303.

(a) (1) The Commission consists of the following members:

(i) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

- of the House; and
- (ii) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker
- (iii) the following members appointed by the Governor:
1. two representatives from the Department of Human Services;
  2. three representatives from the Maryland Department of Health;
  3. one representative from the Department of Aging;
  4. one representative from an area agency on aging;
  5. one representative from the Department of Disabilities;
  6. [one representative from the Maryland Respite Care Coalition;
  - 7.] two consumers of respite care services;
  - [8.] 7. three family caregivers; and
  - [9.] 8. [three] **FOUR** representatives of organizations that provide or have interest or expertise in respite care services.

### **Article – Natural Resources**

5–210.1.

- (c) (1) The Department shall:
- including:
- (i) Take inventory of all State land managed by the Department,
    1. Acreage;
    2. Any structures on each property;
    3. The use of each property; and
    4. Whether a property is located within an environmental justice community as identified by the Department using the Maryland Environmental Justice Screen Tool; **AND**

(ii) Develop a maintenance project prioritization process modeled after the National Park Service's asset priority index that includes a layer indicating whether a maintenance project is located in an environmental justice community as identified by the Department using the Maryland Environmental Justice Screen Tool[; and

(iii) Develop and publish on its website a list of maintenance projects in every unit of the State park system that are expected to cost more than \$25,000].

10-202.1.

(a) The Secretary shall develop, adopt, and implement a comprehensive nutria management plan to eradicate the species *Myocastor coypu* (nutria) from the State.

(b) In addition to any funding provided under § 10-308.1 of this title, the Department shall seek funding from federal, private, and other sources to implement fully the nutria management plan until nutria are eradicated from the State.

[(c) (1) In accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the Secretary shall report annually to the General Assembly beginning July 1, 1995, and by July 1 each year thereafter until the nutria have been eradicated from the State.

(2) The report shall include data on the implementation of the nutria management plan, including:

- (i) Expenditures and future funding needs;
- (ii) Nutria removed from the population;
- (iii) Results from specific efforts to remove nutria; and
- (iv) An assessment of the success of the plan.]

#### **Article – State Finance and Procurement**

14-410.

(b) (1) There is a Maryland Green Purchasing Committee.

(2) The Committee shall consist of the following members:

- (i) the Secretary of General Services, or the Secretary's designee;
- (ii) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;
- (iii) the Secretary of Natural Resources, or the Secretary's designee;

- (iv) the Secretary of the Environment, or the Secretary’s designee;
- (v) the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary’s designee;
- (vi) [the Secretary of Commerce, or the Secretary’s designee;
- (vii)] the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary’s designee;

[(viii)] **(VII)** the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary’s designee;

[(ix)] **(VIII)** the Chancellor of the University System of Maryland, or the Chancellor’s designee;

[(x)] **(IX)** the Secretary of Information Technology, or the Secretary’s designee;

[(xi)] **(X)** the Secretary of Education, or the Secretary’s designee; and

[(xii)] **(XI)** the State Treasurer, or the Treasurer’s designee.

**Article – State Government**

2–10A–15.

(j) The Governor’s Interagency Council on Homelessness shall:

- (1) cooperate fully with the Committee;
- (2) keep the Committee fully informed as to its priorities and progress; and
- (3) submit an annual report, subject to § 2–1257 of this title, to the Committee on or before [October 1] **DECEMBER 15** of each year that includes:

- (i) a description of the Council’s work;
- (ii) a report on the Council’s priorities and progress; and

(iii) recommendations for new laws, regulations, programs, services, and budgetary priorities that are needed to prevent, mitigate the effects of, and end homelessness in Maryland.

9–3202.

There is a Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board in the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention and Policy.

9–3203.

(a) The Board consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) the Executive Director, or the Executive Director's designee;

(4) the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, or the Secretary's designee;

(5) the chair of the Maryland Parole Commission, or the chair's designee;

(6) the Secretary of State Police, or the Secretary's designee;

(7) the Attorney General, or the Attorney General's designee;

(8) the Public Defender, or the Public Defender's designee;

(9) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

(10) [the Secretary of Health, or the Secretary's designee;

(11)] the chair of the Local Government Justice Reinvestment Commission, or the chair's designee;

[(12)] (11) two members appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland;

[(13)] (12) the Secretary of Labor, or the Secretary's designee;

[(14)] (13) one member appointed by the Maryland Chiefs and Sheriffs Association;

[(15)] (14) the president of the Maryland State's Attorneys' Association or the president's designee;

[(16)] (15) two members of the Maryland Correctional Administrators Association, appointed by the president of the Maryland Correctional Administrators Association, including one representative from a large correctional facility and one representative from a small correctional facility;

[(17)] (16) the president of the Maryland Association of Counties or the president's designee; and

[(18)] (17) the following individuals, appointed by the Governor:

(i) one member representing victims of crime;

(ii) one member representing law enforcement;

(iii) two local health officers; and

(iv) one member with direct experience teaching incarcerated individuals in academic programs intended to achieve the goal of a high school diploma or general educational development certification.

#### Article – Tax – General

10-738.

(b) (1) Subject to the limitations of this section, a licensed physician may claim a credit against the State income tax in the amount stated on the tax credit certificate issued under subsection (c) of this section for the taxable year in which the licensed physician served without compensation as a physician preceptor in a preceptorship program authorized by an accredited medical school in the State and worked:

(i) a minimum of three rotations, each consisting of 100 hours of community-based clinical training; and

(ii) in an area of the State identified as having a health care workforce shortage by the Department, in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Development Board.

(d) On or before [January 31] MARCH 1 of each taxable year, the Department shall:

(1) report to the Comptroller on the tax credit certificates issued under this section during the prior taxable year; and

(2) report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the utilization of the credit established under this section.

10-739.

(b) (1) Subject to the limitations of this section, a nurse practitioner or licensed physician may claim a credit against the State income tax in the amount stated on the tax credit certificate issued under subsection (c) of this section for the taxable year in which the nurse practitioner or licensed physician served without compensation as a preceptor in a preceptorship program approved by the State Board of Nursing and worked:

(i) a minimum of three rotations, each consisting of at least 90 hours of community-based clinical training; and

(ii) in an area of the State identified as having a health care workforce shortage by the Department, in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Development Board.

(e) On or before [January 31] **MARCH 1** each taxable year, the Department shall:

(1) report to the Comptroller on the tax credit certificates issued under this section during the prior taxable year; and

(2) report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the utilization of the credit established under this section.

10-752.

(b) (1) Subject to the limitations of this section, a health care practitioner may claim a credit against the State income tax in the amount stated on the tax credit certificate issued under subsection (c) of this section for the taxable year in which the health care practitioner served without compensation as a physician assistant preceptor in a preceptorship program approved by the Department and worked:

(i) a minimum of three rotations, each consisting of at least 100 hours of community-based clinical training in family medicine, general internal medicine, or general pediatrics; and

(ii) in an area of the State identified as having a health care workforce shortage by the Department, in consultation with the Governor's Workforce Development Board.

(e) On or before [January 31] **MARCH 1** each taxable year, the Department shall:

(1) report to the Comptroller on the tax credit certificates issued under this section during the prior taxable year; and

(2) report to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, on the utilization of the credit established under this section.

**Article – Transportation**

2–606.

(a) The Governor shall appoint a Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee to provide guidance to State agencies concerning:

- (1) Funding of bicycle and pedestrian related programs;
- (2) Public education and awareness of bicycling and pedestrian related activities;
- (3) Public education and awareness of bicycling and pedestrian safety; and
- (4) Any other issue directly related to bicycling and pedestrians.

(b) The Committee shall consist of the following:

- (1) One representative each from:
  - (i) The Department of Transportation;
  - (ii) The Department of Natural Resources;
  - (iii) [The State Department of Education;
  - (iv)] The Department of State Police;
  - [(v)] (IV)** The Department of Commerce;
  - [(vi)] (V)** The Maryland Department of Health;
  - [(vii)] (VI)** The Department of Planning;
  - [(viii)] (VII)** The Department of Disabilities; and
  - [(ix)] (VIII)** The Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission;
- (2) One citizen member from each of the following areas:
  - (i) The Eastern Shore;
  - (ii) Western Maryland; and

(iii) Southern Maryland;

(3) Two citizen members from each of the following areas:

(i) The Baltimore metropolitan area; and

(ii) The Washington metropolitan area; and

(4) Up to six citizen members selected to represent the interests of bicyclists, pedestrians, and the disabled community to include:

(i) A representative of individuals who are visually impaired; and

(ii) A representative of individuals who are mobility impaired.

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[SECTION 13. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The Geographic Cost of Education Index (GCEI) Adjustment established in § 5–202(f) of the Education Article shall be updated every 3 years beginning September 2009 using the most current data available and the same methodology set forth in the report entitled “Adjusting for Geographic Differences in the Cost of Education provision in Maryland (December 31, 2003).”

(b) The State Department of Education shall:

(1) submit the proposed updated GCEI Adjustment to the Governor and the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, by September 1 of the year in which it is updated; and

(2) recommend legislation in the first legislative session following submission of the updated GCEI Adjustment that codifies the adjustment and requires that the GCEI adjustment be used to adjust State aid in the fiscal year that begins on July 1 of that year.]

SECTION ~~8~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 10–201(c) through (h) of Article – Criminal Procedure of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 10–201(b) through (g), respectively.

SECTION ~~9~~ 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 5–706(m) through (u) of Article – Family Law of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 5–706(l) through (t), respectively.

SECTION ~~10~~ 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) The terms of the members of the Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board appointed by the Governor under § 3–203(a)(3) of the Economic Development Article shall expire as follows:

(1) the terms of the five longest-serving appointed members serving on June 30, 2027, shall terminate on that date;

(2) the terms of the five longest-serving appointed members serving on June 30, 2028, shall terminate on that date; and

(3) the terms of the six longest-serving appointed members serving on June 30, 2029, shall terminate on that date.

(b) If there are more members of the Board whose length of service would qualify that member for the termination of the member's term under subsection (a) of this section, the members whose terms are subject to termination shall be selected by randomized lottery from all those who qualify and the term of the members selected in the lottery shall terminate on the date listed under subsection (a) of this section.

SECTION ~~11~~ 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2026.

**Approved by the Governor, April 28, 2026.**