



DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES
OFFICE OF POLICY ANALYSIS
MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Dates of Interest for Introducing Bills 2026 Session

Friday, January 23 @ 5:00 PM – Request Guarantee Date

- Deadline for members of the General Assembly to request a bill to be drafted by the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) to guarantee that the request will be completed in time for the Senate and House bill introduction deadlines.
- The deadline applies to all bill requests, including crossfile requests.
- All requests received by the deadline must contain adequate information for DLS to be able to proceed with drafting.
- Members are encouraged to send requests to DLS as soon as possible.

Monday, February 9 – Senate Bill Introduction Date

- Bills must be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 4:00 p.m.
- Senate bills introduced after this date are referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

Friday, February 13 – House Bill Introduction Date

- Bills must be submitted to the House Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. the previous day.
- House bills introduced after this date are referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

Monday, March 9 – 55th Day

- Final day by which Senate and House bills can be introduced without suspension of the rules.