



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2020 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 20, 2020
Schedule 10

PLEASE NOTE: January 31 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.

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

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 20, 2020

SB 235 Senator West

CRIMINAL LAW – ATTEMPT TO COMMIT SECOND-DEGREE MURDER – PENALTY

Increasing, from 30 to 40 years, the maximum term of imprisonment that may be imposed for the offense of attempt to commit second-degree murder.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 2-206 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 236 **Senator Elfreth (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****TEACHERS' RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEMS – OBSOLETE REEMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS**

Repealing certain obsolete provisions relating to the reemployment of certain teachers and principals who are retirees of the Teachers' Retirement and Pension Systems.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SP, §§ 22-406(c)(5), (6), (7), and (10) and 23-407(c)(5), (6), (7), and (10) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 237 **Senator Hough, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT FOR MOTORCYCLE RIDERS – EXCEPTION**

Providing that the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain protective headgear does not apply to an individual at least 21 years old who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 2 years, has completed a certain motorcycle safety course, or is a passenger on a motorcycle operated by a driver who has been licensed for at least 2 years or has completed a certain motorcycle safety course.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 238 **Carroll County Senators****CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – HOURS AND DAYS FOR CONSUMPTION AND SALE**

Altering the hours and days for consumption and sale, in Carroll County, for certain alcoholic beverages licenses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AB, §§ 16-2002, 16-2004, and 16-2005 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 239 Senator Reilly**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SMALL YACHT CLUB LICENSE**

Establishing a small yacht club alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use by a small yacht club that meets certain criteria; specifying that the license authorizes a license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to members and their guests for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances; authorizing a license holder to purchase alcoholic beverages from a retail dealer; specifying an annual license fee of \$525; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

AB, § 11-1008.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 240 Senator Edwards**ALLEGANY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTED MEMBERS – FILLING A VACANCY**

Requiring the Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County, rather than the Governor, to fill a vacancy in an elected member's position on the Allegany County Board of Education for the remainder of that term and until a successor is elected and qualifies.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 3-201(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 241 Senators Bailey and Beidle**MARYLAND HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT – APPLICABILITY**

Providing that the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act does not apply to employees of a county board of education who are called to work on an as-needed basis, can reject or accept the shift offered by the county board of education, and are not guaranteed to be called on to work by the county board of education.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, § 3-1303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 242 Senator Bailey**NATURAL RESOURCES – WILD WATERFOWL POLICY – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue a license to feed waterfowl; repealing certain license application requirements; repealing provisions of law concerning the establishment, approval, and use of certain feeding zones; repealing a requirement that certain licensed areas be open to inspection by certain persons; repealing provisions of law authorizing the Secretary of Natural Resources to revoke a license to feed waterfowl under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

NR, §§ 10-1001 through 10-1009 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 243 Senator Bailey**NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING – MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt any migratory game birds on Sundays during the open season on private property or public land designated for hunting.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

NR, § 10-410(a)(8) - amended and § 10-410(a)(15) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 244 Senators Gallion and Bailey**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL LAND PRESERVATION FOUNDATION – VALUATION OF EASEMENT**

Authorizing the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation to use a fair market value determined in accordance with certain provisions of law for up to 2 years after the date on which the Foundation was first requested in writing to purchase the easement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

AG, § 2-511 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 245 **Senator West****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – SOCIAL WORKERS – SCOPE OF PRACTICE, SUPERVISION, AND APPLICATION DECISION APPEAL PROCESS**

Altering the definition of “practice social work” to include counseling for alcohol and drug use and addictive behaviors; requiring the State Board of Social Work Examiners, under certain circumstances, to approve licensees approved to engage in independent practice to provide supervision; authorizing an applicant for a certain license to appeal the Board’s rejection of an application to take a certain licensure examination by submitting certain documentation to the Board in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

HO, §§ 19-101(p), 19-302(f), and 19-303 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 246 **Senator Sydnor****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CELL SITE SIMULATOR**

Authorizing a court to issue an order authorizing or directing a law enforcement officer to use a cell site simulator after making a certain determination; limiting to 30 days or less the time period during which a cell site simulator may be used or location information may be obtained under the authority of a certain order; requiring cell site simulator use by law enforcement to begin 10 days after issuance of an order; providing that evidence obtained in violation of the Act is subject to the exclusionary rule, as judicially determined; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 1-203.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 247 **Senator Sydnor, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION STANDING**

Altering the definitions of “community association” and “local code violation” for purposes of certain provisions of law authorizing community associations to seek judicial relief for nuisance abatement in Baltimore County; repealing a provision of law requiring a certain court to determine in what amount and under what conditions a bond must be filed by a community association in a certain nuisance action; including in the definition of “community association” an association that represents two or more individual community associations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

RP, § 14-125 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 248 **Senator Cassilly, et al****JUVENILE LAW – JURISDICTION – ATTEMPTED CARJACKING AND ATTEMPTED ARMED CARJACKING**

Providing that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child alleged to have committed attempted carjacking or attempted armed carjacking unless the child is under the age of 16 years or a court exercising criminal jurisdiction transfers a case to the juvenile court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 3-8A-03 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 249 **Senator Cassilly, et al****COURTS – DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE – PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Authorizing a defendant in a malpractice claim against a licensed professional to move for a protective order to limit the disclosure of certain documentary evidence to protect the defendant from annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense; requiring a court, on a certain motion by the defendant, to review the claimant’s request for documentary evidence and authorizing the court to issue a certain protective order for good cause shown; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 3-2C-02 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 250 **Senator Lam, et al****HUMAN RELATIONS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – WAIVER OF IMMUNITY FROM SUIT IN FEDERAL COURT AND VENUE**

Waiving the State’s right to immunity from suit brought in a certain federal court alleging certain employment discrimination; and authorizing certain actions alleging discrimination to be brought in a federal court of competent jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, §§ 20-903, 20-1012(a), 20-1013(b), 20-1032(a)(2)(ii), 20-1036(a) and (b), and 20-1037(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 251 **Senator Pinsky****ELECTION LAW – SPECIAL ELECTIONS – CALENDAR REVISIONS**

Altering the deadline by which a certificate of candidacy for an office to be filled by a special election is required to be filed; establishing the filing deadline for a certificate of candidacy for a special election of a write-in candidate; establishing a filing deadline for a certificate of nomination of 5 p.m. on the day of a special primary election to fill a vacancy in the office of Representative in Congress; providing that a certain judicial review be sought by a certain date; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 5-303, 5-703.1, 6-210, 8-710, 8-711, 9-207, and 11-401 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 252 **Senator Elfreth, et al****CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE CROSSING – AFFECTED COUNTIES – INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING**

Requiring that, for any fiscal year that an appropriation is included in the State budget for a third bridge that crosses the Chesapeake Bay, the Governor include in the budget certain capital grants for each county in which the bridge originates or terminates; requiring that the capital grants equal 25% of the amount appropriated for certain purposes related to the bridge; requiring that a capital grant be used only for infrastructure improvements necessitated by or related to the construction of the bridge; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TR, § 4-408 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 253 **Senator Pinsky, et al**

STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – PROHIBITED APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; prohibiting a public or private entity that receives money from the State from authorizing a permit or giving any other form of approval for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and prohibiting a proposal for a magnetic levitation transportation system from using certain rights-of-way or track owned or operated by Amtrak or CSX transportation.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

SF, § 7-240 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 254 **Senator Young**

ON-SITE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS – INSPECTION – LICENSING

Prohibiting an individual from engaging in the business of inspecting an on-site sewage disposal system unless the person holds a septic inspection license issued by the Department of the Environment on or after May 1, 2021; requiring the Department to adopt regulations establishing certain eligibility criteria and training requirements for septic inspection licenses on or before January 1, 2021; requiring an applicant for a certain license to submit a certain application and pay a certain fee; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EN, § 9-217.2 - added and § 9-217.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 255 **Senator West****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PREGNANT INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT**

Requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be screened for substance use disorder at intake using a validated screening tool; requiring that a certain pregnant incarcerated individual be referred immediately to a behavioral health care provider and a reproductive health care provider for certain purposes; requiring a certain correctional unit to ensure that a pregnant incarcerated individual continues to receive certain medication in a certain manner under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, § 9-601.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 256 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)****CIRCUIT COURT REAL PROPERTY RECORDS IMPROVEMENT FUND – SURCHARGE ON RECORDABLE INSTRUMENTS**

Increasing, from \$20 to \$40, the amount of the surcharge on certain recordable instruments that the State Court Administrator is required to establish for the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 13-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 257 **Senators Bailey and Elfreth****FISHING GEAR – CRAB POTS – GHOST PANEL REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to adopt regulations requiring that all crab pots be equipped with ghost panels and establishing specifications for ghost panels used in crab pots; and defining the term “ghost panel” as a panel or any other mechanism that is designed to allow crabs to escape from a crab pot after a period of time if the crab pot has been abandoned or lost.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

NR, § 4-221 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 258 **Senator Bailey, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ELECTRIC RETRACTABLE ROOM PARTITIONS –
OPERATION REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting school employees from operating an electric retractable room partition in a public school except under certain circumstances; requiring any annual safety review, evaluation, or exercise for school employees in a certain school building to include certain information and demonstrations; and requiring the State Department of Education to develop and disseminate model safety guidelines on the safe operation of electric retractable room partitions.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 7-446 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 259 **Senators Bailey and West****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – DEFINITION**

Repealing exceptions included within a certain definition of a “crime of violence” so as to include involuntary manslaughter and sexual abuse of a minor if the victim is over the age of 13.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CR, § 14-101(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 260 **Senator Washington, et al****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – LEAVE WITH PAY – BEREAVEMENT
LEAVE (FAMILY BEREAVEMENT ACT)**

Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave in the event of the death of an immediate family member or a pet of the employee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

LE, § 3-802 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 261 Senator Bailey**ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$33,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 262 The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al**MARYLAND COLLECTION AGENCY LICENSING ACT – DEFINITIONS AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT**

Defining “mortgage lender” to mean a person that is duly licensed under certain provisions of the Financial Institutions Article; clarifying the definition of “consumer claim”; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the Act be construed as clarifying the Maryland Collection Agency Licensing Act and that, with regard to sales of real property to bona fide purchasers, the Act applies only to sales made on or after June 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2020

BR, § 7-101 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 263 Senator Rosapepe**OPPORTUNITY ZONE TAX DEDUCTION REFORM ACT OF 2020**

Requiring certain taxpayers to add a certain deduction for gains from sales or exchanges of qualified opportunity zone property back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland adjusted gross income; requiring certain taxpayers to add a certain deduction for gains from sales or exchanges of qualified opportunity zone property back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland modified income; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-204(m) - added and § 10-305(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 264 **Senators Young and Hough****FREDERICK COUNTY – ELDERLY OR DISABLED RENTERS – GRANTS**

Authorizing, instead of a property tax credit, the governing body of Frederick County to provide, by law, a grant to certain elderly or disabled renters of property; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TP, § 9-402 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 265 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al****CLEAN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD (CARES)**

Altering the “renewable energy portfolio standard” to be the “clean and renewable energy standard”; altering the eligibility of certain sources of energy for the creation of credits under the clean and renewable energy standard; removing certain sources from the definition of a Tier 1 renewable source; altering provisions relating to the intent of the General Assembly; altering and extending the minimum required percentage of energy that must be derived from certain energy sources in certain years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021

PU, Various Sections - repealed, added, and amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 266 **The President (By Request – Administration), et al****REDISTRICTING REFORM ACT OF 2020 – CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require single-member delegate districts; altering certain standards for the drawing of legislative districts; proposing a new article to the Maryland Constitution to establish standards for the drawing of congressional districts; establishing a Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission; requiring the Commission divide the State into certain legislative districts and congressional districts; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, Art. IV, and Art. V, Various Sections - amended, Art. III, § 5 - repealed, and Art. XX, §§ 1 and 2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 267 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**AP OPPORTUNITIES ACT OF 2020**

Requiring the State Board of Education to provide Advanced Placement examination fee assistance, beginning in the 2020–2021 school year, for a student whose annual household income is at or below 185% of the federal poverty level, who is in foster care or head start, who is homeless, who is living in a household receiving certain federal assistance, or who is able to show that the fee would be a financial hardship; authorizing the State Board to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, § 5-222 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 268 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**VICTIM’S RIGHTS – RESTITUTION**

Altering procedures relating to the award of a judgment of restitution; requiring a court to enter a judgment of restitution under certain circumstances; requiring certain notice, evidence, and procedures before a certain court orders a judgment of restitution; requiring a court to order a certain individual to pay restitution under certain circumstances; altering the circumstances under which a court is not required to order restitution; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, §§ 11-603, 11-604, 11-605, and 11-614(a) - amended and § 11-607(d) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 269 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL (HOMETOWN HEROES ACT)**

Altering, from 55 years old to 50 years old, the age at which a resident is eligible for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to certain employment; altering the amount of certain retirement income that may be included under a certain subtraction modification; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 270 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to facilitate strategic planning, manage a Maryland Technology Infrastructure Fund, and coordinate economic development service delivery; requiring the Corporation, under certain circumstances, to award capital and operating financial assistance from the Fund to support certain purposes; establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Authority in the Corporation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EC, §§ 10-495.1 through 10-495.12 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)121. and 122. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)123. - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 271 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**CRIMES – VICTIM AND WITNESS INTIMIDATION – PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES**

Altering the applicability of a certain exception to the hearsay rule relating to victim or witness intimidation; prohibiting a person from causing serious physical injury to another as a result of certain violations; prohibiting a person from causing the death of another as a result of certain violations; establishing certain penalties for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CJ, § 10-901 and CR, § 9-301 - amended and CR, §§ 9-302.1, 9-302.2, 9-303.1, 9-303.2, 9-305.1, and 9-305.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 272 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

STATE COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL SENTENCING POLICY – ANNUAL REPORT – CRIMES OF VIOLENCE (THE JUDICIAL TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2020)

Requiring a certain annual report by the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy to identify certain information for crimes of violence; requiring the Commission to include certain entry locations on a sentencing guidelines worksheet for a court to report certain information; and requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention to submit a certain report on certain pleas that contains certain data.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CP, § 6-209 - amended and § 6-215 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 273 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

CRIMES – FIREARMS – PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES (VIOLENT FIREARMS OFFENDER ACT OF 2020)

Expanding the types of cases in which the State may appeal from a decision of a trial court under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to release a defendant charged with a certain crime on certain terms or conditions or to order the defendant remanded to custody pending a certain appeal; establishing and altering certain penalties; prohibiting a District Court commissioner from authorizing the pretrial release of a certain defendant charged with a certain firearm-related crime under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

CS, CJ, CR, CP, and PS, Various Sections - amended and CR, § 7-104(h) and PS, § 5-134(c) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 274 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – PROTECTION OF INFORMATION – REVISIONS (MARYLAND DATA PRIVACY ACT)**

Requiring certain units of State government to comply with certain standards and guidelines to ensure that the security of all information systems and applications is managed through a certain framework; requiring certain units of State government to undertake activities comprising collection, processing, and sharing of personally identifiable information in good faith; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

SG, §§ 10-1301 through 10-1304 and 10-1305(a), (b)(1) and (2), (c)(1), (g)(1), (h)(2), and (j) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 275 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**EDUCATION – COMMUNITY AND LOCAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR STRUGGLING SCHOOLS (CLASS) ACT OF 2020 – INNOVATION SCHOOLS**

Requiring a county board of education to designate as an innovation school each school that receives one star under the star rating system for at least the previous two consecutive school years; requiring a county board to establish an Innovation Plan Committee for each innovation school; providing for the contents of an innovation plan; providing the process for review, adoption, modification, or rejection of a proposed innovation plan, including electronic posting, a public comment period, and a requirement for a public hearing; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, §§ 7-2201 through 7-2213 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 276 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**BUILDING OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2020**

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority, on approval by the Board of Public Works, to issue bonds to finance the construction of or improvements to certain public school facilities; establishing the Building Opportunity Financing Fund and the Building Opportunity Facilities Fund; exempting certain public school construction projects that use alternative financing methods from certain requirements; expanding certain provisions relating to financing and funding public school construction projects to apply statewide; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

EC, §§ 10-649, 10-650, 10-658, & 10-658.1 & SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)123. & 124. - added & EC, ED, SF, & SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 277 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**CLEAN CARS ACT OF 2020 – EXTENSION, FUNDING, AND REPORTING**

Extending and altering, for certain fiscal years, the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program and vehicle excise tax credit for the purchase of certain electric vehicles; repealing the limitation on the maximum total purchase price of certain vehicles; requiring the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council to issue certain reports on or before certain dates; altering the amount required to be transferred each year from the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to the Transportation Trust Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

SG, TR, and Various Chapters of the Acts of Various Years, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 278 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**RETIREMENT TAX REDUCTION ACT OF 2020**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to \$100,000 of income each year for individuals who are receiving certain benefits under the Social Security Act, or who are at least 65 years old and are not employed full-time; establishing certain limits on the subtraction modification for certain taxable years; prohibiting income included in certain subtraction modifications from being included under the subtraction modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-207(hh) - added and § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 279 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Phasing out, over 2 taxable years, a certain limitation on the amount of certain military retirement income that may be included in a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax; applying the act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2019; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

TG, § 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 280 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**OCCUPATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSING – SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES – REVISIONS TO RECIPROCITY REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the application requirements for a service member, veteran, or military spouse to apply for an occupational or professional license from a unit in the Maryland Department of Labor to require submission of proof that the applicant has held a certain license from another state for at least 1 year; repealing a provision of law requiring a unit to make a certain determination regarding certain licensing requirements before issuing a certain license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

BR, §§ 2.5-105 and 2.5-106 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 281 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AND SITING (REDS) –
EVALUATIONS AND TAX AND FEE EXEMPTIONS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to waive certain application fees for applicants intending to use certain contaminated properties for clean or renewable electrical generation sites under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations; requiring that the owner of a certain eligible property that wants to change the use of the eligible property be liable for certain fees waived under the Act under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020

EN, §§ 7-501(g) and 7-506(a),(b),(f), and (j), PU, § 2-115, and TG, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Budget and Taxation

SB 282 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**MARYLAND NATIONAL GUARD – TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
– MODIFICATIONS**

Increasing, from 50% to 100%, the percentage of tuition that may be reimbursed of the cost of in-State tuition for certain courses for any active National Guard member attending certain institutions; and expanding the definition of “member” as it relates to who can receive tuition reimbursement to include any individual who holds a commission in the National Guard.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

PS, § 13-405 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 283 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**ETHICS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN GOVERNMENT ACT**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to authorize a law that provides for the forfeiture of certain retirement benefits for a member or former member of the General Assembly who is found guilty of a crime committed while in office; increasing penalties for bribery; authorizing the State Ethics Commission to impose a fine on a certain person for a violation of the Maryland Public Ethics Law; prohibiting former officials or employees from using certain confidential information for certain economic benefit; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 15 and SP, CR, and GP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Judicial Proceedings

SB 284 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**REDISTRICTING REFORM ACT OF 2020**

Establishing the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission as an independent unit of State government; providing for the intent of the General Assembly regarding legislative and congressional redistricting; requiring a Redistricting Commission to be selected on or before March 1, 2021, and each year ending in the number 1 thereafter; providing that the Redistricting Commission consists of nine members who are registered voters and meet certain other criteria; etc.

CONTINGENT

EL, §§ 8-7A-01 through 8-7A-12 - added and GP, § 5-205(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs