



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 19, 2020

SB 1042 Senator Hettleman, et al

CIVIL ACTIONS – STRATEGIC LAWSUITS AGAINST PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Altering the conditions under which a lawsuit is considered a strategic lawsuit against public participation (SLAPP suit); specifying the conditions under which a lawsuit is not considered a SLAPP suit; altering the conditions under which a defendant in a SLAPP suit is not civilly liable for certain communications; providing for a plaintiff's burden and the award of certain fees in connection with a motion to dismiss; providing for the prospective application of the Act; etc.

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CJ, § 5-807 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 1043 Senator Sydnor, et al**HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES – FUNDING**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish certain new units to assist in evaluating and reviewing certain proposals for new programs and substantial modifications of existing programs; requiring the Governor, in each of fiscal years 2022 through 2031, to include in the annual State operating budget \$57,700,000 to be allocated to certain historically black colleges and universities; establishing the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Reserve Fund; specifying the purpose and uses of the Fund; etc.

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

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020

ED, §§ 10-214, 11-206.3, 15-126, and 15-127 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)121. and 122. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)123. - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1044 Senator Hester**STATE GOVERNMENT – PREVENTION OF GENOCIDE AND CRIMES AGAINST HUMANITY AND THE COMMISSION ON GENOCIDE PREVENTION**

Requiring the State Treasurer to ensure that any shares held by the State are voted in favor of shareholder resolutions that ask companies to adopt policies of refusing to do business with governments engaging in genocide or crimes against humanity; requiring, when issuing an invitation for bids or a request for proposals, certain units of State government to require a certain bidder or offeror to disclose any company policy regarding a refusal to do business with governments that are engaged in genocide or crimes against humanity; etc.

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SF, § 6-222(a) and (d) and SP, § 21-116 - amended and SF, §§ 6-222(g) and 13-219.1 and SG, § 9-3301 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1045 Senator EckardtDEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – STUDY OF A
COMMON INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM FOR HEALTH
OCCUPATIONS BOARDS

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct a certain review of certain information technology platforms used by certain health occupations boards and make certain recommendations on the feasibility and cost of developing a certain common information technology platform; and requiring the Department to report certain findings and recommendations to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee on or before December 1, 2020.

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