



SYNOPSIS

Prefiled House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

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Schedule 1

PLEASE NOTE: The following legislation was prefiled for the 2021 Session.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 13, 2021

HB 1 The Speaker

HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES – FUNDING

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish a certain new unit 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 2023 through 2032, to include in the annual State operating budget \$577,000,000 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.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

ED, §§ 10-214, 11-206.3, 15-126, and 15-127 - added and SF, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

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HB 2 Delegate Korman**MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE REFORM ACT OF 2021**

Removing the Director and Deputy Director of the Maryland Environmental Service from the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service; requiring the Secretary and the Treasurer of the Service to be selected by the Board from among the Board's members; prohibiting the Board from awarding a severance package under certain circumstances; requiring the Director to appoint a Diversity Officer; requiring the Board, by December 1, 2021, to adopt or readopt certain policies consistent with the provisions of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, §§ 3-103, 3-103.1(b) and (c)(8), and 3-107 - amended and § 3-103.3 - added and SP, § 3-102(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 3 Delegates Clippinger and Queen**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PAROLE – LIFE IMPRISONMENT**

Altering, from 15 years to 20 years or the equivalent of 20 years considering certain allowances, the time period that inmates sentenced to life imprisonment for a crime committed on or after October 1, 2021, must serve before becoming eligible for parole consideration; repealing certain provisions that provide that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled only with the Governor's approval, subject to certain provisions; repealing certain provisions that require certain parole decisions be sent to the Governor; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, §§ 4-305(b) and 7-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 4 Delegate Grammer**BALTIMORE COUNTY – CAREER EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – PROHIBITING A BAN OR REGULATION OF SALE OF COFFEE**

Prohibiting an Executive Branch agency from banning or regulating the sale of coffee in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity in any public high school in Baltimore County; and repealing a certain exception that prohibited banning or regulating the sale of coffee in a Baltimore County public high school that sold coffee on or before June 30, 2018, in conjunction with a career exploration and development activity.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-423.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 5 Delegate Krebs**CEMETERIES – PERPETUAL CARE – DISTRIBUTION FROM PERPETUAL CARE TRUST FUND**

Requiring a distribution from a certain trust fund to be used for certain purposes; permitting a certain cemetery to select a certain method of distribution from a certain perpetual care trust fund; requiring the cemetery to submit a certain statement to the Director of the Office of Cemetery Oversight if the cemetery selects a certain method of distribution from the perpetual care trust fund; requiring the Director to make a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2027; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 5-603 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 6 Delegate Feldmark**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the title of the Executive Director of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation; increasing the membership of the Board of the Maryland Technology Development Corporation from 15 to 19 members; altering certain provisions on the removal of a Board member; altering the quorum requirement for the Board; authorizing the publisher of the Annotated Code of Maryland to make certain changes in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, Various Sections, ED, § 12-305(d)(2)(iii), and SG, §§ 9-2204(c)(3)(iv) and 9-2901(c)(10) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 7 Delegate Luedtke**INCOME TAX CREDIT – VENISON DONATION EXPENSES –
MONTGOMERY COUNTY DEER DONATION PROGRAM**

Expanding eligibility for a certain credit against the State income tax for certain deer donation expenses to include an individual who hunts and harvests an antlerless deer in Montgomery County and donates the deer carcass to the Montgomery County Deer Donation Program; altering the definition of “qualified expenses” to include costs incurred to hunt, harvest, and transport an antlerless deer for donation to certain venison donation organizations; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-746 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 8 Delegates Krimm and Stein**MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND – REGIONAL
GREENHOUSE GAS INITIATIVE – USE OF PROCEEDS FOR
MARYLAND HEALTHY SOILS PROGRAM**

Specifying that funds in a certain renewable and clean energy programs account within the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund be used for the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; requiring that \$500,000 of the renewable and clean energy programs account be allocated to the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; and terminating the Act after September 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 9-20B-05(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 9 Delegate Shetty**FAMILY LAW – MANDATORY REPORTER TRAINING**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to post on its website a free online course on the identification, prevention, and reporting of child abuse.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 5-716 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 10 **Delegate K. Young****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – LIVING ORGAN DONORS**

Increasing, from \$7,500 to \$10,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain expenses paid or incurred by an individual that are attributable to the individual's donation of an organ; altering the definition of "qualified expenses" for purposes of the subtraction modification to include unreimbursed expenses for child care, elder care, and medication; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-208(w) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 11 **Delegate Wilson****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY – DEVELOPMENT OF CONTENT STANDARDS AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Requiring the State Board of Education, by December 1, 2021, to develop content standards for African American history to be included in certain State standards for social studies; requiring the content standards to include certain topics; requiring each county board of education to develop and implement certain age-appropriate curriculum guides for African American history subject to certain content standards; requiring each public school in the State, by the 2022–2023 school year, to implement an African American history curriculum; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-205.5 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 12 Delegate C. Watson, et al**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE OR DELIVERY FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Altering the scope of a certain provision prohibiting the retail delivery to a purchaser of alcoholic beverages under certain circumstances; authorizing holders of certain licenses that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant, bar, or tavern to sell certain alcoholic beverages in sealed containers for off-premises consumption or delivery under certain circumstances; and prohibiting a local licensing board from charging a certain license holder an additional fee under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 4-507 - amended and § 4-1107 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 13 Delegate Luedtke**INFLUENCE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – PROHIBITION ON USE OF PUBLIC FUNDS AND INCOME TAX ADDITION MODIFICATION**

Prohibiting a unit of State, county, or municipal government from knowingly using public funds to influence certain decisions of certain employees relating to collective bargaining; requiring an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for certain expenses to assist, promote, or deter collective bargaining; applying certain provisions of the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

LG, § 1-1314, SF, § 2-108, and TG, § 10-204(m) - added and TG, §10-305(d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 14 Delegate Kerr**PHARMACISTS – PRESCRIPTION DRUG AND DEVICE LABELS – EXPIRATION DATES**

Altering the expiration date that is required to be included, except under certain circumstances, on labels on drugs and devices dispensed in the manufacturer's original packaging by a pharmacist to the expiration date set by the manufacturer or a shorter period determined by the pharmacist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 12-505 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 15 Delegate Pena–Melnik**GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS**

Establishing the Governor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs to create a network of neighborhood–based centers providing immigrant services, assist immigrants in certain matters, assist law enforcement in combatting crimes against immigrants, and promote civic and economic participation among immigrant communities; requiring the Director to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 15 each year describing calls received by the Office, the number of immigrants assisted and all other relevant information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 9-3301 through 9-3304 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 16 Delegate Stewart**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – IMMIGRATION DETENTION – PROHIBITION (DIGNITY NOT DETENTION ACT)**

Stating certain findings of the General Assembly; prohibiting the State or any local jurisdiction from entering into agreements facilitating immigration–related detention by private entities; prohibiting governmental entities from approving zoning variances or permits for the construction or reuse of buildings to house immigration–related detainees without public notification; requiring governmental entities to terminate existing contracts for the detention of immigration–related detainees by October 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CS, § 1-101 - amended and §§ 1-102 and 1-103 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 17 Delegate Cox**PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY POWERS LIMITATIONS (CONSENT OF THE GOVERNED ACT)**

Making certain provisions of law relating to the issuance of certain emergency orders subject to the Act; providing that a certain declaration is only effective with a certain approval by the General Assembly and for only a certain period of time; repealing a certain provision of legislative intent; altering certain criminal penalties; requiring the Governor to take certain actions within a certain number of days of the issuance of a certain emergency order; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 14-107, 14-303, 14-304, 14-3A-02, and 14-3A-08(a) - amended, § 14-302 - repealed, and §§ 14-3B-01 thru 14-3B-06 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 18 Delegate W. Fisher, et al**LANDLORD AND TENANT – EVICTION ACTION – RIGHT TO COUNSEL**

Establishing that certain individuals have a right to legal representation in eviction proceedings; establishing the Right to Counsel in Evictions Coordinator to organize and direct services and resources to provide covered individuals with legal representation for a judicial or administrative proceeding; providing for the legal representation of certain individuals in certain proceedings and civil matters by certain organizations; providing for outreach and education regarding tenants' rights by certain community groups; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 8-901 through 8-912 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 19 Delegate Holmes**RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS – ESCROW AGENTS AND TRUST MONEY**

Altering the definitions of “escrow agent” and “trust money” for purposes of a requirement that an escrow agent enter into a certain agreement with the seller and the buyer of residential real estate when the escrow agent agrees to hold trust money; defining “residential real estate” as real property improved by four or fewer single-family dwellings intended for human habitation and unimproved real property zoned for residential use; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 10-802 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 20 Delegate Wells**MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – APPLICABILITY OF PREVAILING WAGE**

Applying the Maryland Prevailing Wage Law to the Maryland Stadium Authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, § 10-608 and SF, § 11-203(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 21 Delegate Love**ENVIRONMENT – RECYCLING – PROHIBITION ON THE CHEMICAL CONVERSION OF PLASTIC**

Altering the definition of recycling to exclude certain chemical conversion processes, pyrolysis, hydrolysis, methanolysis, gasification, enzymatic breakdown, or similar processes as determined by the Department of the Environment; prohibiting a person from building in the State a facility that converts plastic to fuel through a certain chemical conversion process; and authorizing the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to implement certain provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 9-1701(q) - amended and § 9-1715 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 22 Delegate Love**ENVIRONMENT – PFAS CHEMICALS – PROHIBITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2022, a person from using, manufacturing, or knowingly selling or distributing Class B fire-fighting foam that contains intentionally added PFAS chemicals in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2022, a person from manufacturing, selling, or distributing a certain rug or carpet in the State; prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2022, a manufacturer or distributor from manufacturing, selling, or distributing certain food packaging in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, §§ 6-1601, 6-1603, and 9-1901 through 9-1905 - amended, §§ 6-1602 and 6-1604 - repealed, and §§ 6-1602, 6-1604, and 6-1604.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 23 Delegate Stein**PERSONAL INFORMATION – STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES – RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS**

Requiring an officer, an employee, an agent, or a contractor of the State or a political subdivision to deny inspection by a federal agency seeking access for certain immigration enforcement matters of a public record that contains personal information or certain photographic images unless a valid warrant is provided; requiring law enforcement agencies operating certain databases to require certain individuals accessing the databases to provide certain information; requiring a certain annual report to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 4-320 - amended and GP, § 4-320.1 and PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 24 Delegate Ivey**STATE HOLIDAYS – PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**

Making each statewide primary election day a legal holiday and a State employee holiday.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 1-111(a)(16) and SP, § 9-201(12) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 25 Delegate Cullison**CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES – HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS – DEFINITION AND IMMUNITY (MARYLAND HEALTH CARE HEROES PROTECTION ACT)**

Altering the definition of “health care provider” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing catastrophic health emergencies to include an employee, an agent, or a contractor of a health care facility who provides or assists in the provision of health care services; specifying the acts and omissions for which and altering the circumstances under which a health care provider has civil and criminal immunity related to a catastrophic health emergency; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, §§ 14-3A-01(e) and 14-3A-06 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

HB 26 Delegate Lopez**ACTION TO COLLECT A PRIVATE EDUCATION LOAN – REQUIRED DOCUMENTS**

Prohibiting private education lenders and private education loan collectors from initiating a certain action except under certain circumstances; prohibiting a court from entering a certain judgment unless the private education lender or private education loan collector introduces certain documents; providing that the failure of a private education lender or private education loan collector to provide certain information at a certain time constitutes an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 5-1301 through 5-1304 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Judiciary

HB 27 Delegate Long**EDUCATION – REPORTING ARRESTS OF STUDENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring a law enforcement agency to report the arrest of a student for an offense related to the student's membership in a criminal organization to the Maryland Center for School Safety, the State Board of Education, and the State's Attorney; requiring the State's Attorney to notify the Center and the State Board of the disposition of the offense; authorizing the Center and the State Board to transmit certain information as a confidential file to a county superintendent of schools or a nonpublic school in the State; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 7-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 28 Delegates Pena–Melnik and R. Lewis**PUBLIC HEALTH – IMPLICIT BIAS TRAINING AND THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES**

Requiring the Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to publish, to a certain extent, health data that includes race and ethnicity information collected by the Office and to provide updates at least every 6 months; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include an appropriation of at least \$1,788,314 in the annual budget bill for the Office; requiring the Cultural and Linguistic Health Care Professional Competency Program to identify and approve certain implicit bias training programs; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 20-1004(21) and (22), 20-1007, 20-1301, 20-1302, and 20-1305 - amended and §§ 20-1004(23) and 20-1306 - added and HO, § 1-225 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 29 Delegate Ivey**HEALTH – STANDARDS FOR INVOLUNTARY ADMISSIONS AND PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION – SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER**

Altering certain circumstances to allow a petition for an emergency evaluation to be made for certain individuals who have a substance use disorder; altering a certain exception to allow for the involuntary admission of certain individuals who have a substance use disorder to certain facilities or a Veterans' Administration hospital; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 10-616, 10-617, 10-622, 10-623, and 10-632 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 30 Delegate Korman**PUBLIC UTILITIES – OFFICE OF CLIMATE COUNSEL – ESTABLISHMENT (CLIMATE COUNSEL ACT)**

Establishing the position of Climate Counsel in the Office of Climate Counsel; specifying the appointment process, term, qualifications, duties, and salary of the Climate Counsel; establishing the Office of Climate Counsel in the Public Service Commission; authorizing the Office to hire certain experts; requiring the Office to evaluate certain matters to determine if the environmental interests of the State and its residents are affected; authorizing the Office to conduct certain investigations and request certain proceedings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, PU, and SG, Various Sections - amended, PU, Various Sections - added, and Chs. 400 and 401 of 2011, as amended by Var. Chs. - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 31 Delegate Clippinger**COURTS – SURCHARGES AND PAYMENT TO RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Increasing certain surcharges on certain fees, charges, and costs in certain civil cases in the circuit courts and the District Court; requiring that certain surcharges collected be equally deposited into the Maryland Legal Services Corporation Fund and directed toward rental assistance programs in the State; prohibiting the surcharge for a certain summary ejectment case from being passed on to a tenant by the court or by a landlord; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 7-202(d) and 7-301(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 32 Delegate J. Lewis**CANNABIS – LEGALIZATION AND REGULATION (INCLUSION, RESTORATION, AND REHABILITATION ACT OF 2021)**

Altering a certain quantity threshold and establishing a certain age limit applicable to a certain civil offense of use or possession of cannabis; establishing a civil offense for use or possession of a certain amount of cannabis for a person of at least a certain age; establishing a civil offense for cultivating cannabis plants in a certain manner; providing for the licensing of cannabis establishments; establishing certain duties of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission regarding the licensing of cannabis establishments; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, CP, HG, SF, and TG, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

HB 33 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**CLIMATE CRISIS AND EDUCATION ACT**

Establishing a Climate Crisis Initiative in the Department of the Environment for certain purposes; establishing a greenhouse gas reduction target of 60% from 2006 levels by 2030 and net-zero by 2045; establishing a Climate Crisis Council to develop a plan to reach the reduction targets and submit it to the General Assembly by December 31, 2022; requiring the Council to have the plan verified in a certain manner; requiring a greenhouse gas pollution fee on all fossil fuels brought into the State for combustion in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, §§ 2-1214 through 2-1228 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. through 126. - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 34 Delegate Rosenberg**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – MARYLAND SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH
CENTER STANDARDS – TELEHEALTH**

Requiring the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health to authorize a certain health care practitioner at an approved school–based health center to provide health care services through telehealth under certain circumstances; prohibiting the State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health from establishing certain requirements for a certain school–based health center to provide health care services through telehealth; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Ways and Means

HB 35 Delegate Cardin**JUDGES – SELECTION AND RETENTION**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to provide for retention elections for judges of the circuit courts; proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution decreasing the term of office from 15 years to 12 years for the judges of the circuit courts; proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to increase the number of years between successive retention elections for judges of the Court of Appeals and Court of Special Appeals; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, § 3 - repealed and §§ 5 and 5A - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 36 Delegate Lierman, et al**ENVIRONMENT – PACKAGING, CONTAINERS, AND PAPER
PRODUCTS – PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY**

Requiring, by October 1, 2022, a producer of certain packaging, containers, and paper products to individually or as part of a stewardship organization submit a covered materials and products stewardship plan to the Department of the Environment for approval; prohibiting, on or after a October 1, 2024, a producer of covered materials and products from selling or distributing covered materials and products unless the producer individually or as part of a stewardship organization has an approved stewardship plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 9-2301 through 9-2308 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 37 Delegate Valderrama**PROCUREMENT – PREVAILING WAGE – APPLICABILITY**

Repealing a certain limitation on the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law to the construction of a public work and applying the Prevailing Wage Law to construction of a certain public work funded in whole or in part with State funds; and altering the applicability of the Prevailing Wage Law to public work contracts by reducing the contract threshold amount from \$500,000 to \$250,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 17-201 and 17-202 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 38 Delegate Carey**STATE GOVERNMENT – DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CYBERSECURITY**

Requiring the Secretary of Information Technology, in consultation with the Attorney General, to advise and oversee a consistent cybersecurity strategy for units of State government, including institutions under the control of the governing boards of public institutions of higher education; requiring the Secretary, in consultation with the Attorney General, to develop guidance on consistent cybersecurity strategies for counties, municipal corporations, certain other entities and political subdivisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 3A-301 and 3A-303 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 39 Delegate Shetty**ACTION FOR CHANGE OF NAME – WAIVER OF PUBLICATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a court to waive a certain publication requirement in an action for change of name under the Maryland Rules on motion by an individual who has filed the action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-2201 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 40 Delegate Charkoudian**MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION STUDY ON GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS AND GEOTHERMAL ENERGY WORKGROUP**

Requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to conduct a comprehensive technical study on geothermal heating and cooling systems; requiring the Administration to submit the results to the Geothermal Energy Workgroup by October 1, 2021; establishing the Workgroup to study the impact of an increase in the use of geothermal energy, examine ways to expand geothermal energy in the State, and study the impact of the industry on jobs; requiring the Administration to develop recommendations for an incentive structure; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 41 Delegate Smith**MARYLAND STATE BANK TASK FORCE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland State Bank Task Force; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to review and evaluate, in a certain manner, the creation of a Maryland State Bank that would support economic development in the State, provide stability to the local financial sector, and reduce some costs paid by the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 42 Delegate P. Young**PUBLIC SAFETY – INTERJURISDICTIONAL POLICING GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Interjurisdictional Policing Grant Program to provide \$3,500,000 annually to assist local jurisdictions in creating and supporting interjurisdictional policing agreements; requiring the executive director to establish guidelines for counties to apply for and receive grants and to make grants from the program; requiring the Governor to provide funds each fiscal year; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer and report on the program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PS, §§ 4-1501 through 4-1504 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Appropriations

HB 43 Delegate Krimm**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – OFFICE OF BROADBAND AND JOINT COMMITTEE ON BROADBAND**

Altering the uses of the Rural Broadband Assistance Fund; establishing the Office of Broadband in the Department of Information Technology to assist local jurisdictions in improving access to high-speed internet; requiring the Office to coordinate with certain Executive Branch agencies and stakeholders; establishing the Joint Committee on Broadband to ensure that local jurisdictions in the State are able to expand access to high-speed internet and make recommendations for new laws, programs, and services needed to support the expansion; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EC, § 5-1102(f) - amended and SF, §§ 3A-801 through 3A-805 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 44 Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo**CLEAN CARS ACT OF 2021**

Extending and altering, for fiscal years 2021 through 2023, the Electric Vehicle Recharging Equipment Rebate Program and the vehicle excise tax credit for the purchase of certain electric vehicles; increasing from \$1,200,000 to \$1,800,000 the amount of rebates that the Maryland Energy Administration may issue; increasing, for purposes of a certain vehicle excise tax credit, the limitation on the maximum total purchase price of certain electric vehicles; reducing the vehicle excise tax credit for certain electric drive vehicles; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, §§ 9-2009(c) and 9-20B-05(i) and TR, § 13-815 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 45 Delegate Forbes**EDUCATION – BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY –
COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Authorizing employees of the Baltimore County Public Library to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; specifying the responsibilities of the library and the certified exclusive representative; requiring the library to recognize certain rights of the certified exclusive representative; requiring the certified exclusive representative to represent employees in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, §§ 23-701 through 23-709 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 46 Delegate Griffith**EDUCATION – STUDENT HORIZON DATABASE AND SCORECARD
(STUDENTS RIGHT TO KNOW ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with certain agencies, to collect certain information each year; requiring the Department to establish and maintain a certain database on the Department's website; requiring the Department to publish on the Department's website a Student Horizon Scorecard by October 1, 2022, and each October 1 thereafter; requiring the Student Horizon Scorecard to include certain information and be distributed by local school systems to high school students by October 31 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 7-126 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 47 Delegate Ivey**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – CONTRACTS –
PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a public institution of higher education in the State from entering into or renewing a contract with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-126 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Judiciary

HB 48 Delegates Bhandari and C. Jackson**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – REGISTERED SEX OFFENDERS – ENTRY ONTO SCHOOL PROPERTY**

Repealing a certain exception authorizing, under certain circumstances, a student who is a registered sex offender to enter onto real property used for public or nonpublic elementary or secondary education; requiring a student who is a registered sex offender to continue receiving an education in accordance with State law in a locale other than real property used for public or nonpublic education; requiring a county board of education and the State Board of Education to develop certain guidelines and policies; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

CP, § 11-722 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 49 Delegate Rosenberg**LANDLORD AND TENANT – REPOSSESSION FOR FAILURE TO PAY RENT – LEAD RISK REDUCTION COMPLIANCE**

Requiring an action for repossession for failure to pay rent to contain certain statements on whether the property is registered or licensed under local law and is an affected property under certain lead-based paint abatement laws; authorizing a court to adjourn a certain trial to enable either party to obtain documents or certain other proof under certain circumstances; repealing a certain prohibition against raising as an issue of fact a landlord's compliance with certain lead-based paint abatement laws; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

RP, § 8-401(b) and (c) and PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, §§ 9-2 and 9-5(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 50 Delegate Stewart**LANDLORD AND TENANT – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – TENANT RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS (TENANT PROTECTION ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring a landlord to make a certain disclosure to prospective tenants if the landlord uses a ratio utility billing system; requiring that a certain lease provision is unenforceable if a landlord fails to make a certain disclosure; requiring a landlord to provide a tenant with information to document a bill for certain utilities; providing that a tenant organization has the right of free assembly in certain areas within an apartment facility during reasonable hours and on reasonable notice to the landlord; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

RP, §§ 8-203(g), (h), and (i)(7) and 8-5A-01 through 8-5A-06 - amended and §§ 8-203(j), 8-212.4, 8-218, 8-5A-05, and 8-5A-08 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 51 Delegate Turner**ZONING – ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE CONSIDERATIONS**

Requiring a local governing body, on application by a property owner for a special exception to construct or operate a landfill in an area zoned for residential use, to require an environmental justice analysis, paid for by the property owner, describing any potentially adverse environmental, health, and economic impacts to the area; requiring the Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities to recommend strategies for State oversight of local zoning decisions that present environmental justice concerns; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and § 4-215 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 52 Delegate Wells**REAL PROPERTY – ALTERATIONS IN ACTIONS FOR REPOSSESSION AND ESTABLISHMENT OF EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Eviction Diversion Program in the District Court to reduce the incidence of judgments for repossession of residential property and to promote continuity of housing; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to establish a Program in a District Court sitting in a county that processed 10,000 or more claims for repossession of residential property in fiscal year 2019; requiring that a landlord provide a certain written statement to a tenant within 5 days of receiving a certain request from the tenant; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 4-501 through 4-503 - added and RP, §§ 8-208.3 and 8-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Environment and Transportation

HB 53 Delegate Ivey, et al**ELECTION LAW – VOTING RIGHTS – IMPRISONED FELONS**

Altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter for the purpose of allowing individuals convicted of a felony and serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction to register to vote; repealing a requirement that certain officials of the circuit court and the District Courts report certain information to the State Administrator of Elections regarding individuals convicted of a felony; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 3-102 and 3-504(a) - amended and § 16-202 - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

HB 54 Delegate Reilly**EDUCATION – HARFORD COUNTY – LIABILITY OF SCHOOL BUS CONTRACTORS**

Establishing that an entity operating a school bus under a contract with the Harford County Board of Education to provide student transportation services may not be held liable beyond the limits of the entity's insurance coverage under the contract with the Harford County Board of Education through the Maryland Association of Boards of Education in any suit that arises from a vehicular accident or an act or omission of an officer, a director, or an employee of the entity except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-810 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 55 Delegate Crosby**IMMUNITIES – ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND CHARITIES
– LIABILITY OF AGENTS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Providing that certain provisions of law specifying that a certain agent or volunteer of a certain association or organization is not personally liable for damages under certain circumstances do not apply to certain suits brought against a certain agent or volunteer alleging certain sexually assaultive behavior or certain conduct of a sexual nature; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 5-406 and 5-407 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 56 Delegate Boyce**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – LEAVE WITH PAY – BEREAVEMENT
LEAVE**

Authorizing employees of certain employers to use certain leave with pay for bereavement leave; defining the term “bereavement leave” as leave an employee is allowed to use on the death of a member of the employee’s immediate family; and defining the term “child” for purposes of certain bereavement leave to include an adopted, biological, or foster child, a stepchild, or a legal ward.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 3-802 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 57 Delegate Rosenberg**VOTERS’ RIGHTS PROTECTION ACT OF 2020**

Prohibiting a local board of elections from making a covered change in voting locations except under certain circumstances; requiring a local board to attempt to contact a voter who failed to sign a paper absentee ballot application and attempt to obtain the voter’s signature for a certain purpose; prohibiting a person from using a camera, a cellular telephone, or another device capable of recording video to record voters as they approach or deposit ballots in a ballot drop box except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EL, §§ 2-304, 9-310.1, and 13-405.3 - added and §§ 8-103, 9-305, and 11-302 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 58 Delegate Lierman**WORKGROUP ON MINORITY HOMEOWNERSHIP, NEIGHBORHOOD REVITALIZATION, AND HOUSEHOLD WEALTH EQUITY**

Establishing the Workgroup on Minority Homeownership, Neighborhood Revitalization, and Household Wealth Equity; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations to promote homeownership and create wealth-building opportunities for minority households and promote community revitalization through targeted investments in homeownership; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 59 Delegate Pena–Melnik**TASK FORCE ON HIGHER EDUCATION STUDENTS WITH CHRONIC HEALTH CONDITIONS**

Establishing the Task Force on Higher Education Students With Chronic Health Conditions to study existing data on undergraduate and graduate students with chronic health conditions at institutions of higher education in the State; authorizing the Task Force to use State, federal, and academic resources to carry out its functions; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on meeting the needs of students with chronic health conditions to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 60 Delegate Wilkins**INCOME TAX – GREEN BUILDINGS TAX CREDIT – MULTIFAMILY HOUSING**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain costs, paid or incurred after July 1, 2021, by an owner of certain multifamily housing to meet certain energy and water efficiency standards; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to issue an initial tax credit certificate on application of the owner under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations; prohibiting the Administration from issuing tax credit certificates totaling more than \$1,000,000 in aggregate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-722.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 61 Delegate Shetty**ENVIRONMENT – STATEWIDE GREEN BUSINESS CERTIFICATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to establish and administer a statewide green business certification program; requiring the green business certification program to recognize businesses operating in a way that reduces their environmental footprint and to provide consumers with information on how to identify those businesses; requiring the Department to update and enhance the statewide green business certification program in consultation with the Montgomery County Green Business Certification Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, § 1-901 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 62 Delegate J. Lewis**DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND INNOVATION – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Department of Small Business, Entrepreneurship, and Innovation to assist units of State government in identifying and evaluating qualified minority business enterprises to help achieve the objective for greater use of minority business enterprises; establishing the Department in the Executive Branch; transferring authority over from the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority; transferring the responsibilities of the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business affairs to the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, ED, EN, HG, HS, IN, PU, SF, SG, and SP, Various Sections - amended and SG, § 8-201(b)(17) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 63 Delegate Williams**STATE FINANCE – 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; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SF, § 7-240 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 64 Delegate Henson**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH – HANDWASHING FACILITIES ON CONSTRUCTION SITES**

Requiring employers operating construction sites in the State to provide an adequate handwashing facility on the construction sites; requiring that the handwashing facilities include potable water, be in an accessible location, be adequate for the number of workers, and be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition; requiring the employers to allow workers on the construction sites to have reasonable access to the handwashing facilities during the workday; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 5-609 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 65 Delegate Bhandari**STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – FEES – GENERAL FUND**

Repealing provisions creating the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists Fund; and requiring the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists to pay money collected for its services into the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, § 21-206 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 66 Delegates Brooks and Barve

ELECTRIC GENERATION – TRANSITION FROM FOSSIL FUELS – CARBON DIOXIDE EMISSIONS RATE AND TRANSITION PLAN AND FUND (MARYLAND COAL COMMUNITY TRANSITION ACT OF 2021)

Prohibiting the carbon dioxide emissions rate for certain affected electric generating units from exceeding 180 pounds per million British thermal units; establishing the Fossil Fuel Community Transition Fund to provide grants to certain individuals and communities; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to establish certain policies and procedures for the administration of the Fund; requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to use the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund to provide certain funding; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, §§ 2-10A-01 through 2-10A-03 and LE, §§ 11-1401 through 11-1405 - added and SG, § 9-20B-05(f) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 67 Delegate Korman

I-495 AND I-270 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP – PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROMISES ACT OF 2021)

Prohibiting the Board of Public Works from approving a public-private partnership agreement for the I-495 and I-270 Public-Private Partnership Program unless the agreement includes that at least 10% of the toll revenue remaining after construction costs be deposited in a special fund to be used only for transit projects in accordance with a certain memoranda; authorizing the public-private partnership agreement to require a bidder to agree to initiate a community benefit agreement; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SF, § 10A-405 and TR, § 4-408 - added and TR, § 4-313(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 68 **Delegate T. Branch****BALTIMORE CITY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY –
DIVERSIONARY AND REENTRY PROGRAM**

Requiring the Office of the State’s Attorney for Baltimore City to establish a Diversionary and Reentry Program in Baltimore City for at-risk youth and youth offenders; requiring the Office of the State’s Attorney for Prince George’s County to establish a Diversionary and Reentry Program in Prince George’s County for at-risk youth and youth offenders; establishing that the purposes of the programs are to improve public safety, develop skills for at-risk youth, and reduce recidivism by youth offenders; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HU, § 9-247 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 69 **Delegate Love****ENVIRONMENT – SINGLE-USE PLASTICS – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2022, a food service business from providing certain single-use food or beverage products to a certain customer unless requested by the customer; requiring a food service business to maintain a limited supply of certain single-use food and beverage products for certain customers; prohibiting, beginning January 1, 2024, an owner, an operator, or a manager of a lodging establishment with 51 or more rooms from providing certain personal cleansing products in small plastic bottles; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 9-2101(h) and 9-2105 - amended and §§ 9-2108 through 9-2110 and 9-2113 through 9-2116 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Environment and Transportation

HB 70 Delegate Rogers**ENERGY EFFICIENCY – NET-ZERO HOMES – CONTRACT PREFERENCES**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to give preference to applications for funding for a net-zero home from the Energy-Efficient Homes Construction Fund that will use the services of small, minority, women-owned, and veteran-owned businesses in the clean energy industry, particularly those businesses that provide employment for individuals trained through workforce development programs supported by the Strategic Energy Investment Fund and the Clean Energy Workforce Account.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, § 4-2004 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 71 Delegate Luedtke**JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION BOARD AND PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT, POWERS, AND DUTIES**

Repealing provisions of law establishing educational programs for juveniles in residential facilities under the State Department of Education; establishing the Juvenile Services Education Board in the Department of Juvenile Services; requiring the Board to oversee and approve all educational services to all juveniles who are in a residential facility beginning July 1, 2022; establishing the Juvenile Services Education Program; requiring the Board to appoint a Juvenile Services Education Program Superintendent; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, Various Sections - repealed, CS, SG, and SP, Various Sections - amended, and HU and SP, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 72 Delegate Anderton**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT TRANSPORTATION – VEHICLES**

Authorizing a county board of education to provide transportation to and from school for certain students using a vehicle other than a Type I or Type II school vehicle when a school vehicle cannot reasonably be provided; and requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with county boards of education and the Motor Vehicle Administration, to adopt certain regulations establishing minimum vehicle and driver safety standards for alternate student transportation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-801 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 73 Delegate Krimm**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE EMPLOYERS – TELEWORKING**

Requiring each governing body, or the governing body's designee, of a county or municipality to establish a certain telework program and adopt a certain telework policy and telework guidelines; requiring the State Court Administrator and the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House to establish a certain telework program and adopt a certain telework policy and telework guidelines; requiring, by December 1 each year, a report to certain committees on the number of eligible employees participating in the telework program; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, § 1-206 - added and SP, § 2-308 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 74 Delegate Brooks**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES – PASSIVE HOUSES**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain costs, paid or incurred after July 1, 2021, by an owner of certain residential property for certain energy efficiency upgrades and for which the owner obtains a tax credit certificate from the Maryland Energy Administration; prohibiting a taxpayer from claiming the tax credit in a taxable year in which the Governor declares a certain state of emergency; requiring the Administration to report on the tax credits issued to the Comptroller on or before January 31 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 75 Delegate Qi**ELECTION LAW – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – NONPARTISAN ELECTIONS**

Specifying that certain provisions of election law govern the nomination and election of circuit court judges, subject to certain exceptions; requiring circuit court judges to be elected on a nonpartisan basis; specifying that any registered voter of a county is eligible to vote in a primary election to nominate candidates for circuit court judge; specifying certain requirements for candidates for election as a circuit court judge; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 8-901 through 8-905 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 76 Delegate Love**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – INTERVENTION IN CIVIL ACTIONS – RIGHTS AND AUTHORITY**

Providing that a person who meets certain threshold standing requirements under federal law has an unconditional right and authority to intervene in a civil action that the State commenced in State court to require compliance with certain water pollution control measures; and requiring that a person who meets the requirements to intervene in a certain action has all the rights of a party in interest or an aggrieved party, including the right for judicial review and appeal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 9-344.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 77 Delegate Stewart**ENVIRONMENT – APPLICATION OF COAL TAR PAVEMENT PRODUCTS – PROHIBITIONS (SAFER SEALANT ACT OF 2021)**

Prohibiting, on or after October 1, 2022, a person from applying certain coal tar pavement products to pavement or a similar surface; providing that the Act does not apply to a wastewater treatment facility that uses coal tar to seal components of a sewerage system; and establishing a civil penalty not exceeding \$500 for a first offense and not exceeding \$1,000 for a second or subsequent offense for certain violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 9-2301 through 9-2304 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 78 Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND COMMISSION ON HEALTH EQUITY (THE SHIRLEY NATHAN–PULLIAM HEALTH EQUITY ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring the State designated exchange to participate in a certain advisory committee, maintain a certain data set, and provide data under certain circumstances; authorizing the State designated exchange to use certain data to improve outcomes for patients; establishing the Maryland Commission on Health Equity to employ a health equity framework by taking a collaborative approach to improve health outcomes and reduce health inequities in the State and incorporating health considerations into broad-based decision making; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 4-302.3 - amended and §§ 13-4201 through 13-4207 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 79 Dorchester County Delegation**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE – PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER OR NEWSPAPER IN GENERAL CIRCULATION – ONLINE NEWSPAPERS**

Altering the meaning of “newspaper” or “newspaper in general circulation” when referring to the publication of a certain legal advertisement or legal notice to include certain publications that are offered in a print format or through a dedicated website under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 1-113 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 80 Delegate Charkoudian**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – PURPLE LINE TREE REPLACEMENT PLAN**

Requiring the Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, to develop a plan to replace trees removed during construction of the Purple Line; requiring the Department of Transportation to consult with businesses, community representatives, local governments, and residents about the plan; requiring the plan to provide for the replacement of trees in areas affected by Purple Line construction with priority given to those with environmental justice issues or the heat island effect; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 7-713 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 81 Delegate Lehman, et al**CRIMES – UNATTENDED DOGS IN EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS**

Prohibiting a person from leaving a dog outside and unattended for longer than 30 minutes without access to continuous suitable shelter during extreme weather conditions, subject to certain exceptions; defining “extreme weather conditions” as temperatures below 32 degrees Fahrenheit or above 90 degrees or during an active weather warning; making a violation a civil offense; applying certain penalties ranging from a warning for a first violation to a fine of up to \$1,000 for a third or subsequent offense; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-623 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 82 Delegate W. Fisher, et al**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish that every person has an inalienable right to a healthful environment; declaring that the State’s natural resources are the common property of every person and the State is the trustee of the natural and historic resources of the State; establishing that every person has the right to intervene in an action brought by the State or a political subdivision to protect certain rights; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 48 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 83 Delegate Queen**PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – ELECTRIC RETRACTABLE ROOM PARTITIONS – OPERATION REQUIREMENTS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 84 Delegate Feldmark, et al**CONSUMER PROTECTION – RIGHT TO REPAIR**

Requiring an original equipment manufacturer to make available, on fair and reasonable terms, certain materials or updates to an independent repair provider or owner of digital electronic equipment; providing that a violation of certain provisions of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice and subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xxxiii) and 14-4301 through 14-4304 - added and § 13-301(14)(xxxiii) through (xxxv) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 85 Delegate Bhandari**BALTIMORE COUNTY – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – PERMANENT PARTIAL DISABILITY – DETENTION AND CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Providing for enhanced workers’ compensation benefits for a Baltimore County correctional officer and a Baltimore County detention officer for a compensable permanent partial disability of less than 75 weeks; and providing that the Act applies only prospectively.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 9-628(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 86 Delegate Forbes**CAPITAL PROJECTS – HIGH PERFORMANCE AND GREEN BUILDINGS – ALTERATIONS (GREEN BUILDING RESTORATION ACT)**

Altering the definition of “high performance building” to include certain schools and public safety buildings; altering the application of certain high performance building requirements to apply to capital projects for which more than 25% of the funding for the acquisition, construction, or renovation of the project is from State funds; repealing a requirement that the Maryland Green Building Council develop guidelines for new public school buildings to achieve a certain rating without requiring a certain certification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, §§ 3-602.1(a) and (c) and 4-809(f) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 87 Delegate D. Jones, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – SCHOOL BUS SAFETY – OCCUPANT CAPACITY**

Requiring that a school bus be routed with the intent that the number of pupils on the bus does not exceed the manufacturer’s rated seating capacity for the bus; and providing that if an emergency or temporary situation causes the number of pupils on the bus to exceed the seating capacity, the situation shall be corrected within a reasonable period of time.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, § 21-1118(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 88 Delegate Brooks, et al**POLICE OFFICERS – MENTAL HEALTH – EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS**

Requiring each law enforcement agency to provide confidential access to an employee assistance program or a mental health program to address the mental health issues of police officers related to personal and work-related concerns including stress, financial issues, legal issues, and family problems; requiring each agency to provide all its officers with a voluntary mental health consultation or counseling following certain incidents; requiring an agency to provide access to these services at a minimal cost to the officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 89 Delegate Wilkins**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIMINUTION CREDITS – EDUCATION**

Awarding a diminution credit of 90 days per program completed to reduce the term of confinement of an inmate if the inmate successfully obtains a certain educational certificate, diploma, or degree; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to establish a uniform system of deductions and participation criteria; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 3-706.1 - added and § 3-708 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 90 Delegate Lierman**STATE AND LOCAL HOUSING PROGRAMS – AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to report to the General Assembly and the Governor by December 1 each year on the total of households receiving certain financial assistance disaggregated by race, disability status, and income; requiring the Department to administer its programs related to housing and community development to affirmatively further fair housing and prohibiting the Department from taking any action that is materially inconsistent with the duty to affirmatively further fair housing; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HS, §§ 2-302, 2-401, and 2-402 - added and LU, § 3-114 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 91 Delegate C. Jackson**PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE GRANT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Police Athletic League Grant Fund to assist local governments and organizations to create and support police athletic league programs; defining “police athletic league programs” as those designed to build relationships among youth, police, and community through certain activities with the goal of preventing juvenile crime; requiring the Governor annually to appropriate \$500,000 for the Fund; requiring the Executive Director to establish procedures for local governments and organizations to apply for grants from the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 4-1501 through 4-1503 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 92 Delegate Luedtke**PROCUREMENT – INVASIVE AND NONNATIVE PLANT SPECIES – PROHIBITION ON USE OF STATE FUNDS**

Prohibiting, subject to certain exceptions, the use of State funds to purchase or plant a certain invasive or nonnative plant species on or after July 1, 2022; authorizing the Board of Public Works to grant a certain waiver under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, to maintain a certain list of native plant species and to make the list available to State agencies and contractors on request.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 14-417 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 93 Delegate Henson**PUBLIC SAFETY – LOCAL YOUTH VIOLENCE REVIEW COMMITTEES**

Authorizing a county to establish a local youth violence review committee to prevent violence and homicides involving youth assailants and youth victims by promoting cooperation among certain agencies, providing youth services, determining the causes of youth violence, and recommending certain changes; specifying that certain officials may organize a local youth violence review committee; providing the committee with access to certain information; providing that certain records obtained by the committee are confidential; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 1-601 through 1-607 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 94 Delegate Stein**ENVIRONMENT – WATER QUALITY REVOLVING LOAN FUND – USE OF FUND**

Altering the conditions under which the Maryland Water Quality Revolving Loan Fund may be used to guarantee, or purchase insurance for, bonds, notes, or other evidences of obligation issued by a local government under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, § 9-1605(d)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 95 Delegate Krebs**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – NURSES – DELEGATION OF TASKS**

Providing that an advanced practice registered nurse is not precluded from delegating a nursing or other technical task to an assistant under certain circumstances; providing that a registered nurse or a licensed practical nurse is not precluded from delegating a technical task other than a nursing task to an unlicensed individual under certain circumstances; and requiring the State Board of Nursing to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HO, § 8-6A-02 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 96 Delegates Solomon and Rosenberg**EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS – APPLICATION**

Requiring public high school students, beginning in the 2022–2023 school year, as a requirement for graduation, to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the U.S. Department of Education or the Maryland State Financial Aid Application (MSFAA) to the Maryland Higher Education Commission; authorizing a student or the parent or legal guardian of a minor student to submit to a county board of education a statement that the student understands the FAFSA or MSFAA and declines to complete and submit the application; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 7-205.1(h) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 97 Delegate Lierman, et al**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – OFFICE OF DIGITAL INCLUSION – ESTABLISHED (DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY ACT OF 2021)**

Establishing the Office of Digital Inclusion in the Department of Housing and Community Development to ensure that every resident of the State is supported by high–quality broadband Internet service at an affordable price, and has the tools necessary to use and take advantage of the Internet; requiring the Governor to appoint the Director of the Office; requiring the Office to develop, by July 1, 2022, a statewide plan to ensure all State residents have the ability to connect to reliable broadband Internet by December 31, 2029; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, §§ 5-1101, 5-1102, and 13-501 through 13-506 - repealed and HS, §§ 6.5-101 through 6.5-104 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 98 Delegate Washington**MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION OUTREACH AND COLLEGE ACCESS PILOT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS (MARYLAND COLLEGE ACCESS ACT)**

Repealing the termination date of the Maryland Higher Education Outreach and College Access Pilot Program; providing that one of the purposes of the Program is to increase the number of low-income students attending and succeeding in college; altering the title of the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$200,000 for the Program; and altering the reporting dates of a certain report on the Program. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 11-1101, 11-1102, 11-1103, & 11-1106 - amended & § 11-1107 - added & Chs. 200 & 201 of the Acts of 2015, § 2, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 99 Delegate Love**BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT AND ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to establish a beverage container deposit program on or before September 1, 2022; establishing the Advisory Commission to Develop a Beverage Container Deposit Program; requiring the Advisory Commission to develop a framework for a beverage container deposit program; requiring the Advisory Commission to report its framework and recommendations to certain members and committees of the General Assembly by December 31, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, § 9-1710.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 100 Delegate D.M. Davis**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATE COST-OF-LIVING REPORT –
MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES DIVERSITY REPORT**

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to include in a certain annual report certain statistics related to the cost of living of inmates at certain facilities; and requiring the Division of Correction to include in an annual financial and operational report of the Maryland Correctional Enterprises certain statistics regarding the race, age, and sex of certain inmates, currently employed at certain facilities, disaggregated by job classification and wage scale.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, §§ 3-207 and 3-509 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 101 Delegate Charkoudian**HUMAN SERVICES – SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM – HEAT AND EAT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Heat and Eat Program within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program in the Department of Human Services; providing that the purpose of the Program is to expand food access to households that are receiving or eligible for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits; requiring the Department to make a certain determination for a household to receive certain benefits; and requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HU, § 5-501(a) - amended and § 5-506 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 102 Delegates Hill and Feldmark**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATES – LABOR, JOB TRAINING,
AND EDUCATIONAL COURSES**

Requiring the compensation rate for inmate labor in Maryland Correctional Enterprises to be not less than the State minimum wage; repealing a requirement that the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services reimburse a certain county or the State for certain costs from an inmate's earnings under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Department from deducting certain costs from an inmate's earnings; requiring the Division of Correction to offer job training to all inmates who wish to participate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, §§ 3-514 and 9-615 - amended and § 9-617 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 103 Delegate Brooks**ELECTRIC FACILITIES – STUDY AND PROCEDURES**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to set a date by which the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment must submit certain materials with regard to a certain proceeding for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; requiring those departments to submit the materials before the date set by the Commission unless waived by the Commission; authorizing the office of planning and zoning for certain counties or municipal corporations to submit a certain report to the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-207 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 104 Delegate Stewart**LANDLORD–TENANT – NONRENEWAL OF LEASE – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the period of time prior to the expiration of a tenancy that a landlord is required to notify a tenant, in writing, of the intent to terminate a tenancy upon expiration, subject to certain conditions; applying the notice provisions Statewide; and applying the Act to any residential lease executed in the State on or after October 1, 2021, and beginning October 1, 2021, to any residential lease executed before October 1, 2021 which has expired and resulted in a holdover tenancy on or after October 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-402 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 105 Delegate Henson**DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – COMPLIANCE
MONITORING REPORTING**

Requiring the Community Development Administration of the Department of Housing and Community Development to prepare a certain report on compliance monitoring for low-income housing tax credits and certain multifamily rental assistance programs by September 1 each year; requiring certain reports to include certain information, comments, and feedback; and requiring the Department to maintain on its website copies of certain reports, certain instructions, and a certain data dashboard.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, § 4-211 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 106 Delegate Wilson**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – WEBSITE TO REPORT
ROBOCALLS AND OTHER SPAM CALLS**

Requiring the Office of the Attorney General to maintain a website where a consumer may report robocalls and other spam calls; requiring the Office to notify consumers by print, radio, or television advertisements on how to identify robocalls and other spam calls and how to report them to the Office; and requiring the Office to notify the Federal Trade Commission about certain reports it receives regarding robocalls and spam calls.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 14-3203 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 107 Delegate R. Lewis**PROHIBITION ON VENDING MACHINE SALES OF DRUGS AND
MEDICINES – REPEAL**

Repealing the prohibition on the sale, distribution, and disposal of certain drugs, medicines, pharmaceutical preparations, and medical preparations by means of a vending machine or similar device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 3-103(b) and HG, §§ 21-1204 and 21-1212 - amended and HG, § 21-1111 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 108 Delegate Charkoudian**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CRISIS RESPONSE SERVICES –
MODIFICATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to require that proposals requesting Behavioral Health Crisis Response Grant Program funding contain certain response standards that minimize law enforcement interaction for individuals in crisis; altering the proposals the Department is required to prioritize in awarding grants under the Program; requiring a local behavioral health authority, for each service or program that receives funding under the Program, to make certain information available to the public; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 7.5-208, 10-1401, and 10-1403 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 109 Delegate Stein**PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND SWIMMING POOL AND SPA
STANDARDS – ADOPTION**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt by regulation the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code as the Maryland Swimming Pool and Spa Standards; requiring the Department to adopt each subsequent version of the Standards within 18 months after the standards are issued; requiring the Department to take certain actions before adopting each version of the Standards; prohibiting the Department from adopting a modification of the Standards that is more stringent than certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 12-1201 through 12-1207 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 110 Delegate Korman**ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT FOR MULTIFAMILY UNITS ACT**

Providing that certain provisions of a recorded covenant or restriction, a declaration, or the bylaws or rules of a condominium or homeowners association are void and unenforceable if they prohibit or unreasonably restrict the installation or use of electric vehicle recharging equipment; requiring certain owners of electric vehicle recharging equipment to be responsible for certain costs and disclosures; requiring a unit owner or lot owner to obtain certain permits or approval; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 11-111.4, 11B-111.8, and 14-129 - added and SG, § 9-20B-05(f)(10) and (11) - amended and § 9-20B-05(f)(11) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 111 Delegate Love**ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE – AT-RISK COMMUNITIES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop, post, and maintain on its website a list of at-risk communities in the State by January 31, 2022; requiring the Department to update the list of at-risk communities at least once every 2 years; requiring the Department to notify a municipality if any part of the municipality has been designated an at-risk community; requiring an applicant for a certain permit to prepare an environmental justice impact statement and conduct a public hearing before an application may be considered; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 1-702 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 112 Delegate Henson**RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – EVICTION PROCEEDINGS – SEALING OF COURT RECORDS**

Requiring the District Court to seal all court records relating to an eviction proceeding for 30 days or 3 years, subject to a certain exception, after the final resolution of an eviction proceeding, as determined by certain factors; authorizing the District Court to seal court records relating to an action of eviction at any time on a motion by the tenant if the tenant makes a certain demonstration by a preponderance of the evidence or if the District Court makes a certain determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-406 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 113 Delegates Lierman and Korman**BOARD OF REVENUE ESTIMATES AND BUREAU OF REVENUE ESTIMATES – ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS**

Requiring the Comptroller to appoint the Chief of the Bureau of Revenue Estimates from a list of candidates reviewed and evaluated by the Consensus Revenue Monitoring and Forecasting Group; requiring the Bureau to submit the March revenue report to the Board of Revenue Estimates by a date that allows the Board to meet prior to the passage of the annual budget bill in the first chamber of the General Assembly to vote on the budget bill in that year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 6-103, 6-104(b)(2), 6-105(e) and (f), and 6-106 - amended and § 6-104(f) and (g) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 114 Delegate Lierman, et al**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – FUNDING (TRANSIT SAFETY AND INVESTMENT ACT)**

Requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations in the State budget from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Maryland Transit Administration for certain operating and capital needs in certain fiscal years; authorizing the reduction of certain appropriations under certain circumstances; requiring that certain capital appropriations be in addition to capital funds appropriated for the Purple Line; requiring the Administration to submit a certain report annually; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TR, §§ 7-205 and 7-309 and Chapters 351 and 352 of the Acts of 2018, § 9 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 115 Delegate Moon**VEHICLE LAWS – CANCELED, REVOKED, AND SUSPENDED DRIVER’S LICENSES – PENALTIES**

Altering certain penalties for a person who displays a canceled, revoked, or suspended driver’s license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 16-301(r)(3), 16-303(k), and 16-402(a)(16) and (36) - amended and § 16-402(a-1) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 116 Delegate Palakovich Carr**TRANSPORTATION – I-270 COMMUTER BUS ROUTE STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Transportation to study and make recommendations on the feasibility of establishing a point-to-point commuter bus route that serves population centers along the I-270 corridor in Frederick and Montgomery Counties and provides service to and from job centers in Northern Virginia; requiring the Department to consult with certain governments, stakeholders, and entities and to study and make recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 117 Delegate Rogers**MARYLAND PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT – REVISIONS**

Requiring a business, credit card processor, and vendor to take reasonable care to protect against unauthorized access to personal information connected to credit and debit cards in accordance with certain provisions of law; establishing that a business, credit card processor, or vendor is liable to a certain financial institution for certain reimbursement under certain circumstances; providing that a business, credit card processor, or vendor is not liable to a certain financial institution under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 14-3501 and 14-3504 - amended and § 14-3504.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 118 Delegates Stein and Malone**VEHICLE LAWS – INJURY OR DEATH OF VULNERABLE INDIVIDUAL – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting an individual from causing the serious physical injury or death of a vulnerable individual as a result of the individual operating a vehicle in violation of Maryland Vehicle Law; defining “vulnerable individual” as a pedestrian, including certain workers and emergency services personnel, an individual walking an animal, or an individual lawfully operating certain modes of transport; establishing certain penalties of a fine of up to \$2,000, community service, and participation in a motor vehicle safety course; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-901.3 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 119 Delegate Sample–Hughes**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PUBLIC HEALTH OUTREACH PROGRAMS – COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT, ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE, AND OTHER TYPES OF DEMENTIA**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, in partnership with the Department of Aging, the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer’s Disease and Related Disorders Council, and the Greater Maryland Chapter of the Alzheimer’s Association, to incorporate information regarding certain types of cognitive impairment into outreach programs administered by the Maryland Department of Health to educate health care providers and increase understanding and awareness of certain types of cognitive impairment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 18-110 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 120 Delegates Acevero and Barron**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PERSONNEL RECORDS – INVESTIGATIONS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS (ANTON’S LAW)**

Establishing that a record relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by a law enforcement officer is not a personnel record for purposes of certain provisions of the Public Information Act; authorizing a custodian to deny inspection of records relating to an administrative or criminal investigation of misconduct by a law enforcement officer; defining “law enforcement officer”; and applying the Act prospectively

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 4-101(e) - added and §§ 4-311 and 4-351 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 121 Delegate W. Fisher

STATE GOVERNMENT – MARYLAND REPARATIONS COMMISSION
– ESTABLISHMENT (HARRIET TUBMAN COMMUNITY INVESTMENT
ACT)

Establishing the Maryland Reparations Commission; providing for the composition, staffing, chair and vice chair, and terms of the members of the Commission; providing that the purpose of the Commission is to develop and administer a program for the provision of compensatory benefits to the descendants of individuals enslaved in the State; providing that any individual whose ancestors were enslaved in the State is eligible to receive benefits administered by the Commission; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 9-3301 through 9-3308 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 122 Delegates Barron and Krimm

MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR GENERAL
SERVICES

Establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for General Services as an independent unit of the State; establishing the Inspector General in the Office; providing for the eligibility, professional qualifications, appointment, term, and removal of the Inspector General; providing for the Inspector General's duties and powers when investigating the management and affairs of the Department of General Services; prohibiting the Inspector General from taking certain actions under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

SF, §§ 4-2A-01 through 4-2A-06 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 123 Delegate Pena–Melnik, et al**PRESERVE TELEHEALTH ACCESS ACT OF 2021**

Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a certain amendment to certain waivers to implement certain requirements of this Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xv) and 15-141.2, IN, § 15-139, Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2020, § 4 and Chapter 18 of the Acts of 2020, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 124 Delegate Valderrama**OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH STANDARDS TO PROTECT EMPLOYEES – AEROSOL TRANSMISSIBLE DISEASES AND COVID–19**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to adopt regulations, by October 1, 2021, establishing an occupational safety and health standard protecting employees from exposure to aerosol transmissible diseases; requiring the Secretary of Labor, the Commissioner, and the Maryland Department of Health to develop an Emergency Temporary Occupational Safety and Health Standard to Protect Employees From COVID–19 by March 1, 2021, and to make the information available on the Department of Labor’s website; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 5-308.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 125 Delegate Lierman**PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT ATHLETES (JORDAN MCNAIR SAFE AND FAIR PLAY ACT)**

Requiring public 4–year institutions of higher education with athletic programs to provide a student athlete with scholarships for academics, athletics, or both, for 5 years or until the student athlete completes an undergraduate degree, whichever occurs first; requiring an athletic program to renew the athletic scholarship if a student athlete suffers an incapacitating injury or illness under certain circumstances; prohibiting public institutions of higher education from taking certain actions against student athletes; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 15-126 and 15-127 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 126 Delegate Moon**PUBLIC SAFETY – PRETRIAL SERVICES PROGRAM GRANT FUND – EXTENSION AND PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting a pretrial services program that receives a certain grant from charging a fee to a defendant for participation in the program; and extending the termination date of the Pretrial Services Program Grant Fund to June 30, 2028.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 4-1104 and Chapter 771 of the Acts of 2018, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 127 Delegate Boyce**MARYLAND PAINT STEWARDSHIP**

Requiring certain producers or a representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment on or before January 1, 2022, and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment, submitted in accordance with the Paint Stewardship Program; prohibiting the sale of certain architectural paint under certain circumstances on a certain date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, §§ 9-1701(b-1), (i-1), (o-1) through (o-3), (r-1), (s-1), and (s-2) and 9-1733 - added and §§ 9-1702 and 9-1707(f) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 128 Delegate Stewart**CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES – PROTECTED GROUPS AND PENALTIES**

Altering the term “sexual orientation” in the context of hate crimes to include gender expression; including age in the list of characteristics protected by the prohibition on hate crimes; authorizing a court to require an offender convicted of hate crimes to complete an antibias education program; requiring a court to provide offenders convicted of hate crimes with information on an antibias education program; requiring the University System of Maryland to develop and offer an antibias education program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 10-301(c), 10-304, 10-305, and 10-306 - amended and ED, § 12-120 and SG, § 20-208 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 129 Delegate Henson**ENVIRONMENT – MOLD INSPECTIONS – STANDARDS, REPORTING, AND PENALTIES**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the Department of General Services, to adopt certain regulations on or before June 1, 2023, establishing uniform standards for mold assessment and remediation in certain rental dwelling units; requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain a certain registry and to develop and make available certain resource materials; requiring a certain annual indoor air quality report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, §§ 6-1701 and 6-1702 and RP, § 8-211.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 130 Delegate Qi**COMMISSION ON LGBTQ AFFAIRS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs in the Governor’s Office of Community Initiatives; providing for the appointment, qualifications, terms, and removal of Commission members; requiring the Commission to elect annually a chair and vice chair; authorizing the Commission to appoint a director; establishing that the director is a special appointment; requiring publication of an annual report to include recommendations on policies for LGBTQ adults and youth to end discriminatory practices in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 9.5-101 - amended and §§ 9.5-501 through 9.5-508 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 131 Delegate J. Lewis**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – STEP-DOWN PROGRAMS – CAUSE OF ACTION**

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide a certain inmate with a certain step-down program to prepare an inmate for transition to the general population or the community; establishing the requirements of a certain step-down program; prohibiting an inmate with less than 180 days until release from being denied access to a certain program, except under certain circumstances; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to document a certain justification in writing; authorizing a certain civil action for damages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 9-614.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 132 Delegate Bagnall**HEALTH – MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL DISORDERS – CONSENT (MENTAL HEALTH ACCESS INITIATIVE)**

Altering the minimum age, from 16 years to 12 years, at which a minor has the same capacity as an adult to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and certain treatment of a mental or emotional disorder by a health care provider or clinic; and providing that a health care provider may decide to provide certain information to a certain parent, guardian, or custodian under certain provisions of law unless the health care provider believes the disclosure will lead to harm to the minor or deter the minor from seeking care.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 20-104 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 133 Delegate Korman**STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS (BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET REDUCTION CLARIFICATION ACT)**

Limiting the authorization for the Governor, with the approval of the Board of Public Works, to reduce a certain appropriation by not more than 25% of the total appropriation for any line item in the State operating budget in any fiscal year; and increasing to 10 the number of business days the Board must wait before approving a proposed reduction of an appropriation after the Secretary of Budget and Management publishes and provides certain notice of the proposed reduction.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 7-213 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 134 Delegate J. Lewis**BUSINESS REGULATION – FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS – PROHIBITION**

Providing that certain licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to or to attempt to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products if the statement is made by certain persons; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

BR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

HB 135 Delegate K. Young**PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF SELF-ADMINISTERED
MEDICATIONS AND MAINTENANCE INJECTABLE MEDICATIONS**

Authorizing a pharmacist who meets certain requirements to administer maintenance injectable medications to a patient under certain circumstances; prohibiting a pharmacist from administering an initial dose of a maintenance injectable medication under a certain provision of the Act except under certain circumstances; requiring the State Board of Pharmacy, by September 1, 2022, and in consultation with the State Board of Physicians and the State Board of Nursing, to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-148(c) and HO, §§ 12-101(x)(1)(viii) and 12-509 - amended and HO, § 12-101(o-1) and IN, § 15-716 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 136 Delegate Cardin**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS – ALTERATIONS
AND PROHIBITION ON SPORTS AND EVENT WAGERING BUSINESS
ENTITIES**

Prohibiting certain sports and event wagering business entities and certain individuals employed by a sports and event wagering business entity or video lottery operator from directly or indirectly making contributions to campaign finance entities; making the Act contingent on the enactment of legislation implementing sports and event wagering in the State; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 13-237 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 137 **Delegate Charles****STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL – DUTIES AND REPORT ON EMARYLAND MARKETPLACE**

Requiring the Procurement Improvement Council to provide a forum to discuss the use of eMaryland Marketplace and compliance with certain provisions of law; and requiring the Council to report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 22, 2022 regarding guidelines on how to identify entities required to publish procurement information on the eMaryland Marketplace, how to identify entities that do not comply with the requirement to publish on the eMaryland Marketplace, and recommendations on enforcement mechanisms.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 12-105(g) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 138 **Delegate Johnson****EDUCATION – SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM – HUMAN AND SEX TRAFFICKING**

Requiring the State Board of Education and certain nonpublic schools to develop and implement a program of age-appropriate education on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault that includes, for students in grades 6 through 8, material promoting the awareness and prevention of human and sex trafficking.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-439 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 139 Delegate D.M. Davis, et al**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – USE OF FORCE**

Authorizing a person to seek certain relief for use of force by a law enforcement officer that is inconsistent with a certain provision of the Act by filing a civil action with a certain court; providing that a certain person is not precluded from pursuing a certain legal remedy under certain circumstances; authorizing the Attorney General to file a civil action for certain relief under certain circumstances; providing for the use of force by a certain law enforcement officer; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-2201, CR, § 10-801, and PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 140 Delegate Acevero**COMMISSION ON HISTORY, CULTURE, AND CIVICS IN EDUCATION**

Establishing the Commission on History, Culture, and Civics in Education to make recommendations to further discovery, interpretation, and learning; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Commission to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the State Board of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly on or before December 30 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-126 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 141 Delegate Sample–Hughes**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES – TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each residential service agency, beginning July 1, 2022, to ensure that certain individuals receive certain training relating to dementia; providing that certain training may be provided by a certain supervisory staff member; prohibiting a residential service agency from requiring certain individuals to complete certain training; requiring an individual who provides certain training to issue a certification of completion to each individual who completes the training; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-4A-03.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 142 Delegate Ivey**INCOME TAX – STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing from \$5,000 to \$100,000 the amount of the Student Loan Debt Relief Tax Credit that certain individuals with a certain amount of student loan debt may claim against the State income tax; increasing from \$9,000,000 to \$100,000,000 the total amount of tax credits that the Maryland Higher Education Commission may approve in a taxable year; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-740(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 143 Delegate Palakovich Carr**MARYLAND CHILD TAX CREDIT**

Allowing certain taxpayers with federal adjusted gross income for the taxable year that is \$6,000 or less to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children under certain circumstances; providing that the credit is equal to \$500 for each qualified child; allowing certain taxpayers to claim a refund in the amount of any excess credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020, but before January 1, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 144 Delegate Reilly**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE**

Establishing a Class D beer and wine license in Harford County; repealing the prohibition on a Class D beer and wine license in Harford County; authorizing the license holder to sell beer and wine, at retail, at the licensed premises, for on-premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue not more than five Class D licenses to the same person; requiring the license holder to provide prepackaged snack food; providing an annual license fee of \$1,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 22-810 and 22-2003 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 145 Delegate Boyce**UNLAWFUL TAKING OF OYSTERS FROM SUBMERGED LAND LEASES, AQUACULTURE LEASES, AND WATER COLUMN LEASES – PENALTIES**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Department of Natural Resources to suspend a certain tidal fish license on conviction of the license holder for a certain violation; requiring a certain person who has a tidal fish license suspended under the Act to complete a certain class at the person's expense; prohibiting a person who has a seafood dealer authorization from purchasing, offering to purchase, or possessing oysters that were unlawfully harvested from a certain lease under certain circumstances; providing certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, §§ 4-11A-16 and 4-1201 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 146 Delegate Lehman, et al**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – SPAY/NEUTER FUND – EXTENSION AND FEE ON COMMERCIAL FEED**

Increasing a certain fee, from \$100 to \$125 beginning October 1, 2022, and from \$125 to \$150 beginning October 1, 2027, on commercial feed prepared and distributed for consumption by dogs or cats and registered in the State in a certain manner; and extending the termination date to September 30, 2032, for provisions of law relating to the Spay/Neuter Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, § 2-1603 and Chapters 561 and 562 of the Acts of 2013, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 147 Delegate Crutchfield, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – REPEAL OF SPOUSAL DEFENSE (LOVE IS NO DEFENSE TO SEXUAL CRIMES)**

Repealing a certain prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person's legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 3-318 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 148 Delegate Carey**COMMERCIAL LAW – PERSONAL INFORMATION PROTECTION ACT
– REVISIONS**

Requiring a business that maintains personal information of an individual residing in the State to implement and maintain certain security procedures and practices; altering the circumstances under which the owner or licensee of certain computerized data is required to notify certain individuals of a certain breach; altering the time periods within which certain notifications regarding the breach of a security system are required to be given; requiring, rather than authorizing, a certain notification be given; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 14-3501, 14-3503(a), and 14-3504 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 149 Delegate Wilson**CRIMINAL LAW – DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY –
MINOR**

Altering a certain prohibition to apply only to a person at least 18 years old against knowingly promoting, advertising, soliciting, distributing, or possessing with the intent to distribute any matter, visual representation, or performance that depicts a minor engaged as a certain subject or in a manner that reflects a certain belief or is intended to cause another to adopt a certain belief.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 11-207 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 150 Delegate Crosby**STATE GOVERNMENT – HOUSE OF DELEGATES – BILL
SPONSORSHIP – LIMIT**

Prohibiting a member of the House of Delegates from sponsoring more than 12 bills in a legislative session; authorizing a member of the House to introduce up to 3 bills in excess of a certain limit under certain circumstances; and providing for the application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, § 2-1502.1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 151 Delegate Acevero**LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS – REPEAL**

Repealing the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; providing for the prospective application of the Act; and requiring the publishers of the Annotated Code of Maryland, in consultation with and subject to the approval of the Department of Legislative Services, to take certain actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 3-101 through 3-113 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 152 Delegate Crosby**LAW ENFORCEMENT – DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – BODY-WORN CAMERAS**

Requiring the Department of State Police to adopt policies and procedures by January 1, 2022, for the use of body-worn cameras consistent with certain policies developed by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; and requiring the Department to issue body-worn cameras for police employees of the Department to use while on duty by January 1, 2022; and providing the Act does not apply to police employees assigned to work in the Maryland State House.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 2-407 - amended and § 3-511.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 153 Delegates Ivey and Henson**ELECTION LAW – ELECTIONS BY MAIL**

Requiring each local board of elections to send by nonforwardable mail, a vote-by-mail ballot to each individual who is registered to vote as of the 21st day before the day of each election; requiring that vote-by-mail ballots be mailed at a certain time; requiring a voter to take certain actions to vote a vote-by-mail ballot; requiring that the instructions provided with each vote-by-mail ballot include a certain warning; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

EL, §§ 9-501 through 9-507 - repealed, §§ 9-501 through 9-505 - added, and §§ 1-101(b) and 11-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 154 Delegate Bartlett, et al**CIVIL ACTIONS – TORTIOUS INJURY TO OR DEATH OF PET – COMPENSATORY DAMAGES (BUDDY’S LAW)**

Increasing from \$10,000 to \$25,000 the maximum amount of compensatory damages that may be awarded to an owner of a pet from a person who tortiously causes an injury to or death of the pet while acting individually or through an animal under the person’s ownership, direction, or control.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 11-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 155 Delegate Wilkins**COUNTY BOARDS AND PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND SCHOOLS – DISCRIMINATION – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a county board, public prekindergarten program or primary or secondary school, or nonpublic prekindergarten program or primary or secondary school that receives State funds from discriminating against a person, refusing enrollment of, expelling, or withholding privileges from any student or prospective student, or taking certain retaliatory actions on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; providing certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 2-303(b) and 4-108 - amended and §§ 26-701 through 26-706 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 156 Delegates Luedtke and Griffith**STUDENT AND MILITARY VOTER EMPOWERMENT ACT**

Requiring a local board of elections to contact and obtain input from large residential institutional communities including institutions of higher education, continuing care retirement communities, senior communities, and military installations when establishing precinct boundaries and designating the location of polling places; requiring the State Board of Elections to maintain a page on its website that includes certain information about and links regarding voter registration and voting by certain students; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, Various Sections - added and amended and § 3-204(c) - repealed

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 157 Delegate W. Fisher**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY – RULE OF INTERPRETATION AND REPLACEMENT OF COLUMBUS DAY**

Replacing references to Columbus Day in certain provisions of law with references to Indigenous Peoples' Day; and establishing that Indigenous Peoples' Day is to be observed on October 12 or, if the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of Columbus Day, the day designated by the United States Congress.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 14-301(b), ED, § 7-103(c)(3), FI, § 5-705, GP, § 1-111, and SP, § 9-201 - amended and GP, § 1-111.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 158 Delegate Carr, et al**PROPERTY TAX – HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – CALCULATION AND REFUNDS**

Altering, for purposes of the homeowners' property tax credit, the definition of "total real property tax" to exclude any adjustments based on other property tax credits against the property tax imposed on a dwelling; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to determine whether a homeowner is owed refund of property taxes paid by the homeowner for certain taxable years as a result of the Act; requiring the Comptroller to pay a refund from the Local Reserve Account; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-104(a)(13) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 159 Delegate Grammer**PUBLIC SAFETY – PERSISTENT AERIAL SURVEILLANCE**

Prohibiting persistent aerial surveillance by a unit, an agency, or a political subdivision to gather evidence or other information in a criminal investigation; defining "persistent aerial surveillance" as the use of certain aircraft to record video or a concurrent series of images or pictures that when viewed in aggregate depict a person's actions over time; and providing aerial surveillance may be employed under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 160 Delegate Bagnall**ENVIRONMENT – WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS – RIPARIAN RIGHTS**

Specifying that the riparian rights of a community association or other entity may not be terminated or impaired as a result of erosion, sea level rise, or the issuance of certain approvals by a county, the Department of the Environment, or the Board of Public Works; requiring the Department to establish and maintain on the Department's website a publicly accessible repository to keep record of community associations or other entities that possess riparian rights; and applying the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 16-201.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 161 Delegate Kelly**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – REGISTRATION OF AUDIOLOGY ASSISTANTS**

Requiring, on or after October 1, 2022, an individual to be registered by the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, and Speech–Language Pathologists before assisting in the practice of audiology in the State, except as otherwise provided under certain provisions of law; establishing qualifications to obtain an audiology assistant registration; authorizing a licensed audiologist to provide general supervision for up to two audiology assistants at any time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 162 Delegate Ivey**PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS AND REPORTS**

Altering a certain requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, in conjunction with a certain council, draft a certain plan for setting upper payment limits for prescription drug products; altering the date by which the Board is required to submit the plan to a certain committee of the General Assembly; requiring, rather than authorizing, the Board to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products and altering the date by which the limits are to be set to on or after February 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HG, Various Sections - amended and repealed and Ch. 692 of the Acts of 2019, § 9, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 163 Delegate Ivey**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP – APPOINTMENTS**

Repealing the authority of the Governor to appoint and remove members of the State Board of Elections; requiring that the members of the State Board be appointed jointly by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House; and authorizing the President and Speaker to remove members of the State Board under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 2-101 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 164 Delegates Stein and Lierman**DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – OFFICE OF RECYCLING – RECYCLING MARKET DEVELOPMENT**

Requiring the Office of Recycling in the Department of the Environment to promote the development of markets for recycled materials and products in the State; requiring the Office to evaluate the availability of certain markets and identify businesses in the State that use recycled materials; requiring the annual Maryland solid waste management and diversion report to be submitted to the General Assembly by September 1, 2022, and each year thereafter, and include certain activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 9-1702(d) and (e) - amended and § 9-1702.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 165 Delegate Wilkins**MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT**

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after July 1, 2021, to not exceed \$1,000,000; and altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after July 1, 2021, to not exceed \$1,000,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 7-309(b)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 166 Delegate Grammer**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME**

Including income from certain retirement plans within a certain subtraction modification allowed under the Maryland income tax for certain individuals who are at least 65 years of age or who are disabled or whose spouse is disabled; altering the maximum amount of the subtraction modification beginning in taxable year 2021; providing that income included in certain subtraction modifications may not be taken into account for purposes of the subtraction modification for retirement income; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 167 Delegate P. Young**HEALTH INSURANCE – OUT-OF-POCKET MAXIMUMS AND COST-SHARING REQUIREMENTS – CALCULATION**

Requiring, to the extent authorized under federal law, certain entities to include payments made by certain persons when calculating certain contributions to an out-of-pocket maximum or a cost-sharing requirement for an insured, a subscriber, or a member; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

IN, § 15-118 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 168 Delegate Ivey**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE USE OF CREDIT HISTORY RATING POLICY**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from rating a risk based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant or insured in any manner; repealing certain provisions of law authorizing an insurer to use the credit history of an applicant or insured to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance; applying the Act to all private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 169 Delegate Valentino-Smith**JUVENILE LAW – INFORMAL ADJUSTMENT**

Authorizing the juvenile court to refer a certain matter to the Department of Juvenile Services for a certain informal adjustment if the time for a certain adjudicatory hearing has been waived and the petition is not the result of an unsuccessful informal adjustment; providing a certain exception to the requirement that the court hold an adjudicatory hearing; and requiring a certain petition to be dismissed if a certain informal adjustment is successfully completed.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-8A-10(e) and (f) - amended and § 3-8A-10(e-1) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 170 Delegate K. Young**CANCER DRUGS – PHYSICIAN DISPENSING AND COVERAGE**

Providing that certain provisions of law do not prohibit a physician who has a valid dispensing permit and complies with certain provisions of law from personally dispensing to a patient by mail order a starter dosage or a cancer drug or device or an initial or refill prescription of a cancer drug; requiring certain entities to allow certain insureds, enrollees, and beneficiaries to obtain a cancer drug from a dispensing physician; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

HO, § 12-102(l) - added and HO, § 12-102(l) and (m) and IN, §§ 15-847(a) and (d) and 15-1611.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 171 Delegate Washington**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SCHOOL DISCIPLINE – DATA COLLECTION**

Requiring the State Department of Education to disaggregate certain discipline–related data in an electronic spreadsheet format for the Department’s website; requiring certain discipline–related data to be available as a data download; requiring the Department to provide certain discipline–related data to the public in an accessible electronic spreadsheet format; requiring the Department to report on student discipline data to the Governor and the General Assembly by August 1 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-306 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 172 Delegate Lehman**CORPORATE INCOME TAX – COMBINED REPORTING AND SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR COMBINED GROUPS OF CORPORATIONS**

Requiring affiliated corporations to compute Maryland taxable income using a certain combined reporting method; authorizing certain corporations, subject to regulations adopted by the Comptroller, to determine certain income using the water’s edge method; requiring, subject to regulations adopted by the Comptroller, certain groups of corporations to file a combined income tax return reflecting the aggregate income tax liability of all the members of the group; requiring the Comptroller to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, §§ 10-311 and 10-402.1 - added and § 10-811 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 173 Delegate Feldmark, et al**COMMUNITY COLLEGES – STATE FUNDING – REVISION**

Specifying that a certain appropriation calculated under the Senator John A. Cade Funding Formula and a certain appropriation for Baltimore City Community College include appropriations, regardless of where they are budgeted, designated for the general operation of 4–year public institutions of higher education in the State, including personnel–related appropriations.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 16-305(c)(1)(ii) and 16-512(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 174 Delegate Brooks**PUBLIC UTILITIES – INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES – PREVAILING WAGE**

Requiring certain investor-owned gas, electric, or combination gas and electric companies to require certain contractors and subcontractors to pay their employees not less than the prevailing wage rate for certain projects involving the construction, reconstruction, installation, demolition, restoration, or alteration of any underground gas or electric infrastructure of the company, and any related traffic control activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 5-305 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 175 Delegate Henson**PUBLIC SAFETY – AMMUNITION – SALES AND TRANSFERS**

Requiring an ammunition vendor to confirm identification and conduct a background check on a purchaser or transferee of ammunition before the sale or transfer of ammunition; prohibiting an ammunition vendor from completing the purchase or the transfer of ammunition to the purchaser or transferee if the results of the background check indicate that the purchaser or transferee is prohibited from possessing a firearm; prohibiting an ammunition vendor from selling or transferring ammunition without making a certain electronic record; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 5-701 through 5-705 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 176 Delegate Wilkins**EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILDREN – CALCULATION AND REFUNDABILITY**

Altering the calculation of the Maryland earned income tax credit to allow certain individuals without qualifying children to claim an increased credit; allowing certain individuals to claim a refund of the credit; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 177 Delegate Ivey**PROPERTY TAX – REAL PROPERTY TAX RATE – PROHIBITION ON INCREASE DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

Prohibiting the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county from increasing the county real property tax rate if the county is under a state of emergency declared by the Governor in order to protect the public health; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 6-302(d) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 178 Delegate Stewart**VEHICLE LAWS – RECKLESS DRIVING, SPEED CONTESTS, REGISTRATION PLATES, AND NOISE ABATEMENT – PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly obscuring a registration plate for the purpose of evading automated enforcement of the Maryland Vehicle Law; providing a \$500 fine for a violation of this section of the Act; increasing the assessments for certain motor vehicle violations related to reckless driving or participation in a race or speed contest to 12 points; establishing that a person charged with reckless driving or violations related to participation in a race or speed contest must appear in court and may not prepay the fine; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 13-411(c), 16-402(a)(22), (28), and (29), 21-901.1, 21-1116, and 22-609 - amended and § 16-402(a)(43) and (44) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 179 Delegate Luedtke**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – UNION DUES**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain union dues paid by an individual during the taxable year; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-208(y) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 180 Delegate Clippinger**JUVENILES – SEXTING**

Establishing a certain mitigating factor in a certain juvenile court proceeding against a child for a certain violation if the violation involved or arose out of sexting; requiring and authorizing the juvenile court to take certain actions in making a certain disposition on a certain finding; prohibiting the juvenile court from taking certain actions in making a certain disposition on a certain finding; establishing a certain affirmative defense under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-8A-35 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 181 Delegate Ebersole**BALTIMORE COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Altering the number of votes required, to a majority vote of the voting members currently serving, for the members of the Baltimore County Board of Education to elect a chair and vice chair.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 3-2B-09(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 182 Delegate Kerr**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PODIATRIC PHYSICIANS**

Altering the term “podiatrist” to be “podiatric physician”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, CA, CJ, CR, ED, ET, HG, HO, IN, SP, and TR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 183 Delegate Lierman**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REVISIONS (EQUITABLE ACCESS TO RECORDS ACT)**

Requiring each official custodian to adopt a policy of proactive disclosure of public records; requiring each official custodian to publish by July 1 each year a report on a certain website on the requests received in the preceding year for inspection of public records; requiring each official custodian to store the report in a place easily accessible to the public if a website is not available; requiring the Public Information Act Compliance Board to receive, review, and resolve certain complaints from applicants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, Various Sections - amended and §§ 4-104 and 4-105 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 184 Delegate Ivey**UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND, MORGAN STATE UNIVERSITY, AND ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND – BOARD MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the membership of the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to increase the number of members, require that certain members have a background in certain activities, and require that certain members attended certain institutions of higher education; altering the membership of the Board of Regents of Morgan State University and the Board of Trustees of St. Mary's College of Maryland to increase the number of members and require that certain members have backgrounds in certain activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 12-102(c), 14-102(b) and (c), and 14-402(b) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 185 Delegate T. Branch**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ON-SALES – REQUIRED MULTIPLE PURCHASES**

Prohibiting an alcoholic beverages license holder or an employee of a license holder from requiring, as a condition of sale of an alcoholic beverage for on-premises consumption, that an individual buy more than one bottle, container, or other serving at a time; and establishing certain penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AB, § 6-317 - added and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 186 Delegate Malone**COURTS – COURT DOG THERAPY PROGRAM – VETERANS TREATMENT COURTS**

Renaming the Court Dog and Child Witness Program to be the Court Dog Therapy Program; expanding the application of the Program to veterans participating in a certain veterans treatment court; establishing that the Program shall be in the circuit court of each county that participates in the Program and in the District Court of each county that participates in the Program under certain circumstances; altering the purpose of the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 9-501 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 187 Delegate Ivey**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – BODY–WORN CAMERAS**

Requiring all law enforcement agencies to adopt policies and procedures for the use of body–worn cameras consistent with certain policies developed by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission by October 1, 2021; and requiring all law enforcement agencies to issue body–worn cameras for certain police officers to use while on duty by October 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-511 - amended and § 3-511.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 188 Delegate Grammer**NO–KNOCK WARRANTS – ELIMINATION (DUNCAN’S ACT)**

Repealing a provision of law authorizing an application for a search warrant to contain a request authorizing the executing law enforcement officer to enter a building, apartment, premises, place, or thing to be searched without giving notice of the officer’s authority or purpose under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 1-203(a)(2)(vi) and (3) and PS, § 3-207(a)(24) - amended and PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 189 Delegate Qi**MOBILE LAUNDRY FOR THE HOMELESS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Mobile Laundry for the Homeless Pilot Program in the Division of Neighborhood Revitalization to provide funds to nonprofit organizations to establish or expand mobile laundry services for the homeless; requiring the Division to award funds through certain grants to establish certain mobile laundry services; requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to evaluate the effectiveness of the Pilot Program and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 15, 2024; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HS, § 6-801 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 190 Delegate Lierman**PROCUREMENT – SPECIALIZED PRINTING SERVICES CONTRACTS –
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVAL**

Requiring the Board of Public Works to approve the award of a procurement contract for specialized printing services before a unit may execute the contract; prohibiting the Board from delegating its authority to approve the award of a procurement contract for specialized printing services; and defining “specialized printing services” as services for the printing of a ballot or a document that contains sensitive or personally identifiable information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 11-101(u) and (x) and 12-101 - amended and § 11-101(u-1) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 191 Delegate Kelly**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PSYCHIATRIST AND PSYCHIATRIC NURSE PRACTITIONER TELEMEDICINE REIMBURSEMENT – SUNSET TERMINATION**

Repealing the termination provisions for certain provisions of law relating to the eligibility of psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners who provide Assertive Community Treatment or mobile treatment services to Maryland Medical Assistance Program recipients in a home or community-based setting through telemedicine to receive reimbursement for the health care services from the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Chapter 691 of the Acts of 2018, § 3, as amended and Chapters 479 and 480 of the Acts of 2019, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 192 Delegate Guyton**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS – USE OF VIDEO**

Requiring each county board of education, beginning in the 2021–2022 school year, to install at least one video recording device in each special education classroom; requiring video recording devices to record special education classrooms and exclusion areas during school hours and during any time that the classroom or exclusion area is in use; prohibiting the use of a video recording device in bathrooms or in areas that students use to change clothing; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 193 Delegate Guyton**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF CRIME – PRIVATE ROOM**

Requiring the State Board of Victim Services to develop a poster to notify a victim of the right to request a certain private room in a law enforcement agency or unit when reporting a crime, other than homicide, that primarily involves injury to a person; requiring a certain law enforcement agency to display a poster developed by the State Board of Victim Services informing a victim of the right to request a private room; and requiring a certain law enforcement agency to provide a certain private room to a certain victim.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 11-914 - amended and § 11-1002(d) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 194 Delegate Wells**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POLICE OFFICERS AND PUBLIC DEFENDERS – IMPLICIT BIAS – TESTING, TRAINING, AND EVALUATION**

Requiring that certain public defenders receive a test for implicit bias, training to address implicit bias, and undergo an evaluation to measure the results of that training; requiring the Public Defender to ensure that anonymized data on these tests and evaluations is made available to the public; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to ensure that the curriculum for certain police training include certain tests, training, and evaluation for implicit bias; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 16-207(b) and PS, § 3-207(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 195 Delegate Wilson**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS – ISSUANCE OF ARREST WARRANT**

Providing that only a police officer may file a statement of charges with a District Court commissioner; and altering a District Court commissioner's duties to exclude issuing arrest warrants.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 2-607(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 196 Delegate Ivey**ENVIRONMENT – OIL AND NATURAL GAS PRODUCED BY HYDRAULIC FRACTURING – PROHIBITION ON EXPORTATION**

Prohibiting a person from exporting from the State oil or natural gas produced by hydraulic fracturing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 14-107.1 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 197 Delegate Wilson**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POLICE OFFICERS – STOP PROCEDURES (KNOW YOUR RIGHTS ACT)**

Requiring a police officer to display proper identification and provide certain information to certain individuals at the commencement of a certain stop, with a certain exception; requiring a police officer to inform certain passengers and occupants of a certain vehicle of the right to refuse to provide identification to the police officer at a certain time; prohibiting a police officer from seizing certain items without a warrant or using certain tactics or deliberately misrepresenting facts for a certain purpose; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 2-109 and PS, § 3-207(j) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 198 Delegate Wilson**CRIMINAL LAW – DISTURBING THE PEACE – PROHIBITED ACTIONS**

Altering the prohibited actions for the crime of disturbing the peace; and repealing certain definitions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 199 Delegate Wilson**MARYLAND STATE SPORT – LACROSSE**

Altering the State sport of Maryland from jousting to lacrosse; and repealing lacrosse as the State team sport of Maryland.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 7-329 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 200 Delegates Stein and Bartlett**PUBLIC SAFETY – ACCESS TO FIREARMS – STORAGE REQUIREMENTS (JAELYNN’S LAW)**

Altering a certain prohibition to prohibit a person from storing or leaving a firearm in a location where a minor could gain access to the firearm; altering a certain exception to the prohibition; establishing certain exceptions to the prohibition; prohibiting a person from storing or leaving a firearm in a location where an unsupervised minor could gain access to the firearm, an unsupervised minor does gain access to the firearm, and the firearm causes harm to the minor or another person; establishing certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 4-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 201 Delegate Palakovich Carr**INCOME TAX RATES – CAPITAL GAINS INCOME**

Providing for an additional State individual income tax rate of 1% on net capital gains of individuals, subject to certain exceptions; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 202 Delegate Stein**ELECTION LAW – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS – SELECTION AND VOTING**

Altering the procedures for the selection of presidential elector nominees; requiring certain presidential elector nominees and alternates to execute a certain pledge; requiring the Governor to certify certain presidential electors and make certain statements in the certificate of ascertainment; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to preside at a certain meeting of certain presidential electors; requiring a certain individual to execute a certain pledge to qualify as a substitute presidential elector; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 1-101(ii-1) and (tt-1), 8-504, 8-506, 8-507, and 8-509 - added and §§ 8-503 through 8-505 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 203 Delegate C. Jackson**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – WILLS AND ADVANCE MEDICAL DIRECTIVES – NOTARIES PUBLIC**

Providing that a will may be made self-proved in a certain manner; establishing certain requirements for a self-proving will; requiring a certain self-proving will to be acknowledged by the testator before a notary public; requiring a certain self-proving affidavit to be attached or annexed to a self-proving will; altering the requirements of an advance medical directive; requiring a declarant to acknowledge a certain advance medical directive before a notary public; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ET, § 4-102 and HG, § 5-602(c) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 204 Delegate Lierman**ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES – COMPLAINTS, INSPECTIONS, AND ENFORCEMENT – INFORMATION MAINTENANCE AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to receive and process complaints involving suspected environmental violations in a certain manner; requiring the Department of the Environment to maintain and update certain information involving suspected environmental violations; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report, on or before September 30 each year, to the Governor and the General Assembly certain information relating to the enforcement of natural resources and conservation laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 1-305 and NR, § 1-211 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 205 Delegate Reznik**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the restrooms at the school; requiring a public middle or high school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least two restrooms on or before October 1, 2021, and certain restrooms on or before August 1, 2025; and requiring a public elementary school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least one restroom by October 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 206 Delegate Washington**ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – HOURS OF OPERATION**

Requiring early voting centers to be open during the hours between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. during each early voting day in elections other than a presidential general election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 10-301.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 207 Delegate Wilson**NURSING HOMES – RESIDENT CHANGE IN CONDITION – NOTIFICATION**

Altering a certain provision of law requiring that a nursing home provide certain notification regarding a change in condition of a resident to the resident and, if applicable, the resident's representative or interested family member to require the notification to be provided within 24 hours after certain events, rather than in a timely manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-1415 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 208 Delegates Healey and Stein**AGRICULTURE – NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES – SALE AND STORAGE**

Restricting a person that sells a neonicotinoid pesticide under certain provisions of law to selling a neonicotinoid pesticide only to a certain certified applicator or farmer; and requiring a person selling a neonicotinoid pesticide to store each neonicotinoid pesticide behind the counter and in a manner that is inaccessible to customers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, §§ 5-2A-01 and 5-2A-02 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 209 Delegate Belcastro**PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND SUICIDE FATALITY REVIEW COMMITTEE**

Establishing the Maryland Suicide Fatality Review Committee, also referred to as the State Team, to identify and address the factors contributing to suicide deaths and facilitate system changes in the State to prevent suicides; requiring the Committee to meet at least quarterly each year, report at least annually to the Governor and the General Assembly, perform certain annual studies, and disseminate certain findings and recommendations to policymakers, health care providers, health care facilities, and the public; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 5-1001 through 5-1009 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 210 Delegate Bhandari**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS – TEMPORARY LICENSES TO PRACTICE PHYSICAL THERAPY AND LIMITED PHYSICAL THERAPY**

Authorizing the State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners to issue a temporary license to practice physical therapy and limited physical therapy to certain applicants who meet certain requirements; providing that a temporary license authorizes certain individuals to practice limited physical therapy or physical therapy under direct supervision and is valid until a certain event occurs; altering the grounds on which the Board may take certain disciplinary action; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, §§ 13-101(c), 13-315(a), and 13-316(4), (25), and (26) - amended and §§ 13-101(b-1) and (k), 13-313, and 13-316(27) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 211 Delegate Bhandari**ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – DAYS OF OPERATION**

Requiring an early voting center to be open beginning the second Thursday before a primary or general election through the Saturday, rather than the Thursday, before the election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 10-301.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 212 Delegate Cardin**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MEDICAL EMERGENCY – IMMUNITY**

Altering a provision of law to specify that a person who is experiencing a medical emergency, rather than a person who reasonably believes that the person is experiencing a medical emergency, after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs is immune from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a drug or alcohol-related misdemeanor if the evidence for the arrest, charge, or prosecution was obtained solely as a result of the person seeking or receiving medical assistance; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 1-210 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 213 Delegate Cardin**COURTS – PROHIBITED INDEMNITY AND DEFENSE LIABILITY AGREEMENTS**

Prohibiting a provision in a contract or an agreement with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to indemnify or hold harmless certain parties unless the design professional is at fault for causing the loss, damage, or expense indemnified; prohibiting a provision in a contract or an agreement with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to defend certain parties against liability or certain claims; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 214 Delegate Malone**WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS – RIPARIAN RIGHTS – PROHIBITION ON TERMINATION OR IMPAIRMENT**

Prohibiting the Department of the Environment or the Board of Public Works from terminating or impairing the riparian rights of an individual, community association, or other entity through the application process for a permit or license to install a pier.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 16-201.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 215 Delegate Palakovich Carr**INCOME TAX – CARRIED INTEREST – ADDITIONAL TAX**

Imposing a tax of 17% on the Maryland taxable income attributable to certain investment management services of an individual or a corporation or the distributive share of a pass-through entity; providing for the calculation of the tax; providing that the tax does not apply to investment management services if at least 80% of the specified assets consists of real estate; terminating the Act if certain federal legislation is enacted into law; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-102.1(a), (b), and (d) - amended and § 10-102.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 216 Delegate Valentino-Smith**HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION EXEMPTION FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS AND HOMELESS YOUTH – ALTERATIONS AND REPORTS**

Altering the method by which a financial administrator at a public institution of higher education is required to verify that a certain youth is a homeless youth; providing that a foster care recipient or a homeless youth who receives a tuition exemption is entitled to priority consideration for on-campus housing under certain circumstances; requiring a public institution of higher education to make the application for a certain tuition exemption available to current and prospective students; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-106.1 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 217 Delegate Wilkins**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – EXPENSES OF MEDICAL CANNABIS GROWER, PROCESSOR, DISPENSARY, OR INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORY**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain expenses paid or incurred during the taxable year in carrying on a trade or business as a certain medical cannabis grower, processor, dispensary, or independent testing laboratory; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-208(y) - added and § 10-308(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Health and Government Operations

HB 218 Delegate Love**COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – BIOMETRIC IDENTIFIERS AND BIOMETRIC INFORMATION PRIVACY**

Requiring certain private entities in possession of biometric identifiers or biometric information to develop a written policy, made available to the public, establishing a certain retention schedule and guidelines for permanently destroying biometric identifiers and biometric information; prohibiting a private entity from being required to make publicly available a certain policy; requiring each private entity in possession of biometric identifiers or biometric information to comply with certain schedules and guidelines; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

CL, §§ 14-4301 through 14-4304 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 219 Delegate Krebs**NATUROPATHIC DOCTORS – FORMULARY COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP, FORMULARY CONTENT, AND SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

Authorizing a certain formulary developed by the Naturopathic Doctors Formulary Council and adopted by the State Board of Physicians to include certain prescription drugs and devices; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to dispense, order, or administer certain natural medicines in a certain manner; authorizing a licensed naturopathic doctor to prescribe, dispense, and administer certain prescription drugs and medical foods in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, §§ 14-5F-04.1 and 14-5F-14 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 220 Delegate Adams**CLEAN ENERGY ATTRIBUTE CREDITS AND PROCUREMENT**

Establishing a clean energy attribute credit standard for certain purposes; repealing certain provisions relating to the renewable energy portfolio standard; stating certain findings of the General Assembly; stating certain policies of the State regarding certain energy sources and markets; requiring the Public Service Commission to appoint an independent administrator for certain purposes with certain qualifications and certain duties; providing for the term and reappointment of the independent administrator; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

PU, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 221 Delegate Turner**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – USE OF CREDIT HISTORY IN RATING POLICIES**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from rating a risk based, in whole or in part, on the credit history of an applicant or insured in any manner; repealing certain provisions of law authorizing an insurer to use the credit history of an applicant or insured to rate a new policy of private passenger motor vehicle insurance; applying the Act to all private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after October 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 27-501(e-2) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 222 Delegate Wilkins**VALUE MY VOTE ACT**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide each individual who is released from a correctional facility with a voter registration application and documentation informing the individual that the individual's voting rights have been restored; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations establishing a program to inform eligible voters incarcerated in correctional facilities of upcoming elections and how to exercise the right to vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

CS, § 2-501 and EL, § 1-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

HB 223 Delegate Love**CRIMINAL LAW – PERSON IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY – SEXUAL OFFENSES WITH A MINOR**

Altering the definition of “person in a position of authority” for purposes of a certain prohibition against engaging in a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a minor to include an individual under contract with a child care facility, certain commercial or nonprofit instructional programs, sports, scouting, recreational activities, camps, religious institutions or any unit of government; prohibiting a certain violation from being considered a lesser included crime of another crime; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 3-308 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 224 Delegate Krebs**DEPARTMENT 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, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 225 Delegate Arentz**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY HUNTING**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person in Queen Anne’s County to hunt any game bird or game mammal on a Sunday during the open season for that game bird or game mammal.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 226 Delegate R. Lewis**BALTIMORE CITY – COMPLETE STREETS PROGRAM FUNDING – TRAFFIC AND VEHICLE MONITORING SYSTEMS**

Authorizing Baltimore City to recover the costs of implementing and administering a traffic control signal monitoring system, a speed monitoring system, a school bus monitoring camera, or a vehicle height monitoring system; requiring Baltimore City, after recovering costs, to spend the remaining balance of fines collected from the monitoring systems solely on public safety or transportation infrastructure improvements consistent with the purpose and goals of the Complete Streets Program and the Complete Streets Transportation System; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 7-302(e) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 227 Delegate Charles**COURTS – IMPROPERLY SUMMONING A POLICE OFFICER – CIVIL LIABILITY**

Authorizing a certain civil action to be brought against a person who knowingly summons a police officer with the intent to infringe on the person's constitutional rights, unlawfully discriminate against the person, cause the person to feel harassed or humiliated or to be expelled from a certain place, or damage a person's reputation or certain other interests; specifying certain types of damages that a certain person is entitled to recover; and providing that the Act does not restrict certain legal remedies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 3-2201 through 3-2203 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 228 Delegate Ivey**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND MEDICAL SYSTEM – APPLICABILITY OF THE PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT AND OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Applying the Public Information Act and Open Meetings Act to the University of Maryland Medical System Corporation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 13-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 229 Delegate Stewart**CORPORATE INCOME TAX – THROWBACK RULE**

Requiring that certain sales of tangible personal property be attributed to the State for apportionment purposes under the corporate income tax if the corporation is not taxable in the state of the purchaser; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-402(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 230 Delegate Proctor**INMATES – LIFE IMPRISONMENT – PAROLE REFORM**

Establishing that inmates serving a term of life imprisonment may be paroled without the Governor's approval after serving 30 years without application of diminution of confinement credits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, §§ 4-305(b) and 7-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 231 Delegate Palakovich Carr**CRIMES – MITIGATION – RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, GENDER IDENTITY, OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION**

Establishing that the discovery or perception of, or belief about, another person's race, color, national origin, sex, gender identity, or sexual orientation, whether or not accurate, does not constitute legally adequate provocation to mitigate a killing from the crime of murder to manslaughter or an assault from the crime of assault in the first degree to assault in the second degree or another lesser crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 2-207 and 3-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 232 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**MARYLAND AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION – HEMP INDUSTRY MEMBER**

Increasing, from 29 to 30, the number of members of the Maryland Agricultural Commission appointed by the Governor; and requiring the Governor to appoint one member from a list of at least two nominees representing the hemp industry.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, § 2-203(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 233 Delegate Sample–Hughes**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS AND THERAPISTS
– MARYLAND MUSIC THERAPISTS ACT**

Establishing the Music Therapist Advisory Committee within the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists; requiring the Board to adopt regulations and a code of ethics for the practice of music therapy; requiring the Board to set reasonable fees for services provided by the Board to music therapists; requiring the Board to pay the fees to the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to distribute the fees to the Board; requiring the fees to be used to cover certain costs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, §§ 17-6B-01 through 17-6B-31 - added and SG, § 8-403(14) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 234 Delegate Williams**CRIMINAL LAW – HARM TO SERVICE ANIMALS**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally or recklessly killing, injuring, or interfering with the use of a certain service animal in a certain manner, or allowing a certain animal to kill, injure, or interfere with the use of a certain service animal in a certain manner; establishing penalties for a violation of the Act of up to 5 years imprisonment or a fine of up to \$5,000, or both; and requiring a court to order a certain defendant to pay certain restitution as a condition of sentencing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-626 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 235 Delegate W. Fisher**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, 2021

CS, § 9-601.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 236 Delegate Hill, et al**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – ENERGY-CONSERVING STANDARDS (MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring the Department of General Services to establish and update, every five years, certain standards for State buildings to conserve energy and minimize adverse impacts on birds; requiring the Department to reduce the lighting of existing State buildings in a certain manner; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to include certain standards in any requirements that the Council establishes for participation in a higher performance building program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 4-410.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Appropriations

HB 237 Delegate Ebersole**STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – EARLY LITERACY AND DYSLEXIA PRACTICES – GUIDANCE AND ASSISTANCE**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish, by October 1, 2021, a stakeholder advisory group to develop a reading and dyslexia handbook to guide local school systems in the implementation of best practices for early literacy and dyslexia; requiring a completed handbook be made available to the public by June 1, 2022; requiring the development of tools and materials to address the needs of at-risk and struggling students with dyslexia; requiring the Department to update the handbook every 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 8-420 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 238 Delegate Wells**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT**

Providing that a person who, on or after October 1, 2021, has been charged with the commission of a certain crime, has been charged with a certain civil offense or infraction, or is the subject of a certain warrant, is entitled to automatic expungement of certain records under certain circumstances; specifying that certain dispositions are eligible for automatic expungement at certain times; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 10-105.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 239 Delegate Rogers**STATE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION – PROPERTY MANAGERS – REGISTRATION**

Requiring a person who provides property management services to be registered as a property manager by the State Real Estate Commission before practicing in the State; prohibiting the providing of, attempting to provide, or offering to provide property management services unless registered with the Commission as a property manager; subjecting violators of this prohibition to a civil fine of not more than \$1,000; requiring certain property managers to be covered by a certain surety bond; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, §§ 17-3B-01 through 17-3B-08 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 240 Delegate Shetty**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGICAL DNA ANALYSIS, SEARCHING, REGULATION, AND OVERSIGHT**

Establishing that a certain forensic genetic genealogical DNA analysis and search may not be initiated without certifying certain information before a court and obtaining a certain authorization from the court; prohibiting certain biological samples subjected to certain forensic genetic genealogical profile analysis to be used to determine certain information about a certain donor; requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to produce a certain annual report; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, §§ 17-101 through 17-105 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 241 Delegate Wilson**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SEARCH WARRANTS – REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing a provision of law authorizing an application for a search warrant to contain a request authorizing the executing law enforcement officer to enter certain premises or a thing to be searched without giving notice of the officer's authority or purpose under certain circumstances; authorizing an application for a search warrant to contain a request to authorize a law enforcement officer to enter certain premises or a thing to be searched during the time period between sunset and sunrise under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 1-203(a)(2)(vi) and (3) - amended and § 1-203(a)(2)(vii) - added and PS, § 3-207(a)(24) - amended and § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 242 Delegate Atterbeary**FAMILY LAW – EMANCIPATION OF A MINOR AND AUTHORIZATION TO MARRY**

Extending the jurisdiction of the equity court to include a petition for emancipation of a minor and authorization to marry; altering the conditions under which an individual who is 17 years old is authorized to marry; prohibiting an individual under the age of 17 years from marrying; requiring an applicant for a marriage license to provide a certain document to a clerk of the court; requiring a clerk of the court to review a certain order before issuing a marriage license under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, §§ 1-201(b), 2-301, 2-402(b), and 2-405(c) - amended and §§ 5-2A-01 through 5-2A-05 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 243 Delegate Atterbeary**FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE**

Altering certain grounds for a limited divorce and an absolute divorce; authorizing the court to decree a limited divorce on the ground of irreconcilable differences, if the marriage is irretrievably broken and there is no reasonable expectation of reconciliation; and authorizing the court to decree an absolute divorce on the ground of completion of a 6-month waiting period, if one of the parties has filed for a limited divorce under a certain section of the Act at least 6 months before the filing of the application for divorce.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, §§ 7-102 and 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 244 Delegate Valentino-Smith**TASK FORCE TO STUDY ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE IN HIGHER EDUCATION**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Access to Mental Health Care in Higher Education; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding barriers to providing mental health services on campus, the use of telemedicine, video conferencing and hotlines, and implementation of counseling services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report on or before December 1, 2021, and a final report on or before December 1, 2022, to certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 245 Delegate Hill**ELECTION JUDGES – TRAINING AND SIGNS – ACCOMMODATIONS FOR VOTERS IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE**

Requiring that certain training materials used by the program of instruction for election judges include oral and written instruction in certain methods an election judge may use to assist or accommodate elderly and disabled voters in voting; requiring the State Board of Elections to develop a sign stating the various methods election judges may use to assist or accommodate elderly and disabled voters; and requiring that a certain sign be a certain size and posted prominently at the entrance of each polling site.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 10-206 and 10-306 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 246 Delegates Hill and R. Lewis**HIGHER EDUCATION – RETURNED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS – IN-STATE TUITION**

Exempting returned Peace Corps volunteers who are domiciled in the State from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State subject to a certain requirement; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-106.11 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 247 Delegate Guyton**ELECTION LAW – VOTING ORDER PRIORITY – INDIVIDUALS WHO NEED EXTRA ASSISTANCE**

Requiring a chief election judge to give voting order priority to individuals with certain mobility problems, individuals assisting others who have mobility problems, or an individual accompanied by a child with a disability; authorizing certain individuals to request voting order priority of any election judge serving at a polling place or early voting center; and requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt certain regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 10-309.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 248 Delegate Shetty**CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS – COMPOSTING**

Prohibiting a recorded covenant or restriction, a provision in a declaration, or a provision in the bylaws or rules of a condominium or a homeowners association from restricting or prohibiting a certain owner from composting organic waste materials for personal or household use under certain circumstances or contracting with a private entity for the collection of organic waste materials for composting at a composting facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 11-111.4 and 11B-111.8 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 249 Delegate Cardin**AGRICULTURE – LICENSE TO PRODUCE HEMP – LIMITATION**

Altering a certain licensing requirement for producing hemp in the State; prohibiting the Department of Agriculture from issuing a license to a person to produce hemp if the Department determines that the land subject to a license application is located within 25 feet of a property or properties with three or more individual residences, unless the person agrees to produce hemp in an indoor facility that exhausts its fumes to the outside with an approved apparatus; requiring the Department to make a certain determination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, § 14-308 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 250 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo**COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES – INSPECTIONS**

Altering the mileage at which the owner of a Class F (tractor) vehicle that has been in operation for not more than 5 years is required to have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired to 35,000 miles; and altering the mileage at which the owner of certain Class E vehicles that have been in operation for not more than 5 years is required to have the vehicle inspected, maintained, and repaired to 50,000 miles if the vehicles are zero–emission electric vehicles or fuel cell electric vehicles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 23-302 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 251 Delegate Carr**MARYLAND FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY ACT – NONBUDGETED STATE AGENCIES**

Altering the Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act to require the Department of Information Technology to include in a searchable website payments made by units of State government that receive funds that are not appropriated in the annual budget bill; requiring the Department to update the payment data on the searchable website on or before the 15th day of the month that follows the month in which an agency makes a payment to a payee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 3A-313 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 252 Delegates Long and Arian**TAX SALES – OWNER–OCCUPIED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY**

Authorizing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to withhold owner–occupied residential property from tax sale during the period from June 1, 2021, through June 30, 2023; and providing for the termination of the Act on June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 14-811 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 253 Delegate Grammer**BALTIMORE COUNTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

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, 2021

RP, § 14-125 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 254 Delegate Hill, et al**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND, BALTIMORE – STUDY ON THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF AIR TRAFFIC NOISE**

Requiring the University of Maryland, Baltimore to study the health effects of air traffic noise on communities near Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport since the implementation of the Next Generation Air Transportation System; requiring the study to evaluate health outcomes and certain costs; requiring the Governor to provide in the 2023 budget bill at least \$100,000 for the study; requiring a report be submitted by September 1, 2023, to the Governor, the General Assembly, and certain county executives and councils; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 255 Delegate Hill, et al**DEPARTMENT OF AGING – GRANTS FOR AGING-IN-PLACE PROGRAMS – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$100,000 for grants to certain nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to expand and establish aging-in-place programs for seniors; requiring at least 20% of the appropriated funding be used to support senior villages, local, member-driven, nonprofit organizations that support community members who choose to age in place; and altering the definition of “aging-in-place program” to include community participation.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HU, § 10-1201 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 256 Delegate Rosenberg, et al**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – HOURS OF SALE**

Establishing hours of sale for a holder of a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. along the north side of Frederick Avenue between South Augusta Avenue and South Loudon Avenue in Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 12-2004(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 257 Delegate Qi**MARYLAND COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – REPORTING**

Requiring the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights to include a review of certain data and recommendations, if any, for policy changes to address discriminatory trends noted in the data in its annual report; requiring certain county offices of civil rights to report certain information relating to complaints of employment discrimination to the Commission; making the reporting requirement applicable only in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Howard County, Montgomery County, and Prince George's County: etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 20-207(c) - amended and § 20-208 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 258 Delegate Guyton**STATE CHILD WELFARE SYSTEM – REPORTING**

Altering the contents of a certain report required by the Department of Human Services regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; requiring the State Department of Education, on or before December 1 each year, to report to the General Assembly and the Department of Human Services certain information regarding children and foster youth in the State child welfare system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 5-1312 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 259 Delegate Ivey**HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES –
INDEPENDENCE FROM UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND**

Reorganizing State government by establishing Bowie State University, Coppin State University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore as independent universities; prohibiting the inclusion of Bowie State University, Coppin State University, and University of Maryland Eastern Shore within the University System of Maryland; designating certain historically black colleges and universities as certain entities; providing that certain historically black colleges and universities have certain responsibilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 12-101(b)(6) and 12-101.1 - amended and §§ 14-501 through 14-513, 14-601 through 14-613, and 14-701 through 14-713 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 260 Delegate W. Fisher**COURTS – JURY SERVICE – DISQUALIFICATION**

Altering certain circumstances under which an individual who has been convicted of a crime is not qualified for jury service; and repealing a provision specifying that an individual is not qualified for jury service if the individual has a certain charge pending for a certain crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 8-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 261 Delegate T. Branch**BUSINESS REGULATION – BATTERY-CHARGED FENCE SECURITY
SYSTEMS – REGULATION**

Authorizing a local government to require that certain persons who provide battery-charged fence security systems comply with certain laws, require certain persons who operate or install certain security systems to obtain certain registrations or permits, require a certain installer to submit a certain affidavit, and conduct a certain inspection; authorizing a local government to issue a citation under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 19-902 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 262 Delegate Palakovich Carr**OPPORTUNITY ZONE TAX DEDUCTION REFORM ACT OF 2021**

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; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 263 Delegate Wilson**CIVIL ACTIONS – CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE – DEFINITION AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS**

Altering the definition of “sexual abuse”; altering the statute of limitations in certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse by providing that a certain action may be filed at any time; providing for the retroactive application of the Act to revive any action that was barred by the application of the period of limitations applicable before October 1, 2021, if the action is filed before October 1, 2023; and repealing a statute of repose for certain civil actions relating to child sexual abuse.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-117 - amended and Ch. 12 of the Acts of 2017, §§ 2 and 3 and Ch. 656 of the Acts of 2017, §§ 2 and 3 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 264 Delegate Charkoudian**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – ORGANICS RECYCLING AND WASTE DIVERSION – FOOD RESIDUALS**

Requiring a certain person that generates food residuals to separate the food residuals from other solid waste and ensure that the food residuals are diverted from final disposal in a refuse disposal system in a certain manner; applying the requirements of the Act, beginning in certain years, to certain persons that generate certain amounts of food residuals; authorizing a person experiencing undue hardship because of the costs of diverting food residuals to apply to the Department of the Environment for a certain waiver; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 9-1701(i-1) and (r-1) and 9-1724.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 265 Delegate Moon**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN OFFICE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require an individual appointed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly to serve for the remainder of the term if the vacancy occurs after a certain date; requiring that a special election be held at the same time as a certain regular statewide election to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before a certain date; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 13 and Art. XVII, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 266 Delegate Cox**STUDENT EDUCATION EQUITY GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED
(STUDENT EDUCATION EQUITY IN FUNDING ACT)**

Establishing the Student Education Equity Grant Program in the State Department of Education to provide grants to eligible students to attend an open public or nonpublic school approved to operate in the State; authorizing students whose assigned school is not open to apply to the Department for a grant to be used for expenses to attend an open school; requiring the Department to establish an application process, distribute grants, enter into certain agreements, provide certain information to students, and use certain funds; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 5-222 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 267 Delegate Grammer**SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS – EFFLUENT DISCHARGES –
IMPACTS ON MIDGE POPULATIONS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to monitor effluent discharged from sewage treatment plants and evaluate whether the effluent impacts midge populations in the surrounding land and water areas; and requiring the Department to submit a semiannual report to the General Assembly on or before April 1 and October 1 each year, beginning in 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, § 9-321.3 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 268 Delegate Grammer**CRIMINAL TRIALS – SPOUSAL PRIVILEGE – EXCEPTION**

Providing that the spouse of a person on trial for a crime may be compelled to testify as an adverse witness if the spouse and the person on trial married after the date on which the alleged crime for which the person is on trial occurred.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 9-106(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 269 Delegate Wells**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – URBAN AGRICULTURE GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Urban Agriculture Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to increase the viability of urban farming and improve access to urban-grown foods; establishing an Urban Agriculture Grant Fund to provide grants to nonprofit organizations in Baltimore City to implement the Program; requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to administer the Fund; authorizing the distribution of up to \$400,000 from certain abandoned property funds to the Fund for each of fiscal years 2023 through 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AG, §§ 2-2001 through 2-2005 - added and CL, § 17-317 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 270 Delegate K. Young**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR – REQUIRED MEETING**

Requiring an assistant State's Attorney, with knowledge of the case, to meet with a victim of sexually assaultive behavior, at the request of the victim, or victim's representative within 10 days after a decision to not file a charging document or dismiss charges against an alleged suspect; requiring the assistant State's Attorney, at the meeting, to explain the justification for not filing a charging document or for dismissing the charges; and authorizing the meeting to be held in person, by phone, or by other means as requested.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 11-1009 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 271 Delegate Ebersole**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVERSION PROGRAMS**

Authorizing the establishment of certain law enforcement diversion programs subject to certain restrictions; authorizing certain individuals to participate in certain programs; authorizing certain providers to provide case management including certain approaches; requiring certain planning for the implementation of certain programs; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to submit a report on the number of law enforcement encounters resulting in a behavioral health services referral; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 4-1001 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 272 Delegate Carr**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – REQUIRED DENIALS –
SOCIOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND DISTRIBUTION LISTS**

Establishing that certain provisions of law do not preclude a member of the General Assembly from acquiring certain information for certain purposes; prohibiting a definition of “sociological information” adopted in rules or regulations by an official custodian for certain purposes from including a certain notice, or a list of the recipients of a certain notice; requiring a custodian to deny inspection under the Public Information Act of only a certain part of a certain distribution list, rather than the full distribution list; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, §§ 4-103(c), 4-330, and 4-341 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 273 Delegate Turner**EDUCATION – VOLUNTARY ETHICAL SPECIAL EDUCATION
ADVOCATE CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish the Voluntary Ethical Special Education Advocate Certificate Program on or before July 1, 2022, for administration of a voluntary certificate program for ethical special education advocates; specifying qualifications and application procedures for a certificate; requiring the Department to issue a certificate to a certain applicant; authorizing an applicant to petition for judicial review of a decision of the Department that relates to issuing or renewing a certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 8-420 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 274 Delegate Cardin**ELECTION LAW – ELECTIONS BY MAIL**

Requiring each local board of elections to send a vote-by-mail ballot by mail to each individual who is registered to vote as of a certain day before the day of each election; requiring the vote-by-mail ballots to be mailed at a certain time; requiring a voter who receives a vote-by-mail ballot and who decides to vote in person to discard the vote-by-mail ballot; authorizing a voter who discards a vote-by-mail ballot under a certain provision of this Act to vote by certain other methods; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, §§ 9-501 through 9-507 - repealed, §§ 9-501 through 9-505 - added, and §§ 1-101(b) and 11-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 275 Delegate Smith**INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX – BRACKETS AND RATES – ALTERATION**

Altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-105(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 276 Delegate Henson**CONGREGATE CARE FACILITIES – VISITATION**

Requiring a congregate care facility to allow a patient's or resident's family member to visit the patient or resident under certain circumstances; requiring a congregate care facility to allow for an alternate means of communication with the patient or resident, such as audio or video calls, if the congregate care facility determines the presence of certain visitors presents a danger to the health and safety of patients, residents, or staff; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 6-301 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 277 Delegate Atterbeary**CRIMINAL LAW – FIRST-DEGREE CHILD ABUSE – CONTINUING COURSE OF CONDUCT**

Establishing as first-degree child abuse three or more acts that constitute second-degree child abuse committed as a continuing course of conduct; and applying certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 3-601 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 278 Delegate Feldmark, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – JOB CREATION TAX CREDIT – QUALIFIED POSITION**

Altering the definition of “qualified position” for purposes of eligibility under the job creation tax credit program to include positions that pay at least the prevailing wage rate for an employee classification for which there is a prevailing wage rate, or for any other employee classification, 150% of the State minimum wage; and applying the Act to job creation tax credits certified after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 6-301(d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 279 Dorchester County Delegation**MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION – EXCEPTION FOR GOLF CARTS – HOOPERS ISLAND AND TAYLORS ISLAND**

Creating an exception from motor vehicle registration requirements under certain circumstances for golf carts on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island in Dorchester County; providing that a person who operates a golf cart on a highway on Upper Hoopers Island, Middle Hoopers Island, or Taylors Island may operate the golf cart only on highways on which the maximum speed does not exceed 30 miles per hour between dawn and dusk and only if the golf cart is equipped with certain lighting devices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 13-402(c)(12) - amended and § 21-104.5 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 280 Delegate Charkoudian**MARYLAND RECYCLING ACT – RECYCLABLE MATERIALS AND RESOURCE RECOVERY FACILITIES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the definition of “recyclable materials” under the Maryland Recycling Act to exclude incinerator ash; and repealing the authority of a county to utilize a resource recovery facility to meet 5% of the waste reduction required to be achieved through recycling in the county’s recycling plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 9-1701(p) and (t) through (w) and 9-1703(e) through (g) - amended and §§ 9-1701(s) and 9-1703(d) - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 281 Delegate Chang**CRIMINAL LAW – HUMANE SOCIETY AND ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS – EDUCATION AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a new officer of a humane society or a new animal control officer to receive at least 80 hours of training within 12 months of employment; and requiring an officer of a humane society and an animal control officer to complete at least 6 hours of continuing education every year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-609 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 282 Delegate Brooks**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR CENTENARIANS**

Authorizing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for up to \$50,000 of income received during a taxable year by an individual who is at least 100 years old; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-207(jj) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 283 Delegate Reilly**HARFORD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – TERMS OF APPOINTED MEMBERS**

Requiring the appointed members of the Harford County Board of Education to be appointed within 90 days of the general election beginning in November 2024; and providing for the termination of the terms of certain appointed members of the county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 3-6A-01(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 284 Delegate R. Lewis**VEHICLE LAWS – DEDICATED BUS LANES – ENFORCEMENT**

Prohibiting a person from driving a motor vehicle in a dedicated bus lane unless authorized by a local jurisdiction, subject to certain exceptions; authorizing Baltimore City to use, under certain standards and procedures, a certain bus lane monitoring system to enforce the prohibition against driving a motor vehicle in a designated bus lane; and providing for the payment of fines imposed and the distribution of revenues collected as a result of violations enforced by a bus lane monitoring system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 4-401(13), 7-302(e), and 10-311 - amended and TR, §§ 21-101(i-1), 21-1133, and 21-1134 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 285 Delegate R. Lewis**WORKGROUP ON STATEWIDE VEHICLE CRASH DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING**

Establishing the Workgroup on Statewide Vehicle Crash Data Collection and Reporting; requiring the Workgroup to examine the processes used to collect and report statewide vehicle crash data for injuries and fatalities, examine the categories into which the data is disaggregated and reported, and determine the most effective manner for the State to begin to collect, disaggregate, and report the data by race and ethnicity; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations on or before December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 286 Delegates Hartman and Long**HATE CRIMES – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS**

Including law enforcement officers and first responders within the scope of certain prohibitions against committing certain crimes against certain persons, damaging certain property of certain persons, burning certain objects, and damaging certain buildings with which certain persons or groups have contacts or associations or under circumstances exhibiting certain animosity against a certain person or group; providing certain penalties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 10-301, 10-304, and 10-305 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 287 Delegate Johnson**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RESORT COMPLEX LICENSE**

Establishing in Harford County a resort complex license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue one resort complex license to a person owning, leasing, or operating a resort complex; specifying that the license authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at certain outlets in the resort complex; establishing the days and times during which a license holder may serve alcoholic beverages; exempting the resort complex license from a certain license quota or restriction; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 22-1005.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 288 Delegate Charles**AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH–LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY INTERSTATE COMPACT**

Entering into the Audiology and Speech–Language Pathology Interstate Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring a state to meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; requiring certain audiologists and speech–language pathologists to meet certain eligibility requirements to exercise the privilege to practice; requiring member states to recognize the right of an audiologist or a speech–language pathologist to practice via telehealth under certain circumstances; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 2-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 289 Delegate Atterbeary**PEACE ORDERS – WORKPLACE VIOLENCE**

Making certain provisions of law relating to the filing, issuance, and modification of certain peace orders and to the shielding of certain court records of certain peace order proceedings apply to certain peace orders filed by certain employers on the basis of certain acts committed against certain employees at the employees' workplace; requiring an employer to notify an employee before the employer files a certain petition; providing immunity from civil liability to a certain employer under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 3-1501, 3-1502, 3-1503, 3-1503.1, 3-1504, 3-1505, 3-1506, and 3-1510 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 290 Delegate Hill, et al**EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION – TIME FOR FILING COMPLAINTS**

Extending from 6 months to 300 days the time periods within which a person claiming to be aggrieved by certain discriminatory acts is required to file a complaint with the Commission on Civil Rights; and providing that a complaint filed with a local human relations commission within certain time periods is deemed to have complied with certain provisions of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 20-1004 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 291 Delegate Krimm**VEHICLE LAWS – FAILURE TO PAY VIDEO TOLL – OUTSTANDING FINES**

Reducing to \$25 the penalty for outstanding civil citations for video toll violations assessed on or before July 1, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, § 21-1414(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 292 Delegate Stewart**PUBLIC ETHICS – GIFTS AND LOBBYIST REGISTRATION (PUBLIC INTEGRITY ACT OF 2021)**

Limiting the value of certain food or beverages, to no more than \$50, that an official of the Legislative Branch or member of the General Assembly may accept; increasing the fee required to accompany a certain lobbyist registration form from \$100 to \$300; and requiring the Commission to reduce a certain fee that a nonprofit entity is required to pay under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, §§ 5-505(c) and 5-704 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 293 Delegate Stein**NATURAL RESOURCES – ORGANIZED KILLING CONTESTS – RESTRICTION**

Prohibiting a person from sponsoring, conducting, or participating in organized contests that have the objective of killing a coyote, fox, or raccoon for prizes or monetary awards; establishing a \$25 fine for each coyote, fox, or raccoon killed in violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-427 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 294 Delegate Williams**BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – ARCHITECTS – SCOPE OF LICENSURE**

Increasing, from \$5,000 to \$25,000, the maximum estimated cost in labor and materials for the alteration of a certain existing building or structure for which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect under certain circumstances; and altering the circumstances under which a person is not required to employ a licensed architect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, § 3-103(d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 295 Delegates Love and Henson**WATER POLLUTION – STORMWATER MANAGEMENT REGULATIONS AND WATERSHED IMPLEMENTATION PLANS – REVIEW AND UPDATE**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to review and update certain regulations at least once every 5 years; requiring the Department to propose the first update to certain regulations on or before January 1, 2022; requiring the Department to review and update certain regulations in a certain manner; requiring the Department to take certain actions at least 6 months before the proposal of regulations under the Act; altering the time by which the Department must hold a certain public hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EN, § 4-203 - amended and § 4-901 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 296 Delegate Stein**DRIVER'S LICENSES – OLDER LICENSEES – IN-PERSON RENEWAL**

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from renewing the driver's license of an individual who is at least 85 years old without requiring the individual to complete the renewal transaction in person except under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 16-115(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 297 Delegate Pena–Melnik**MARYLAND LYNCHING TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the time for the submission of the final report to December 1, 2022, of the Maryland Lynching Truth and Reconciliation Commission and extending the termination date for the Commission.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2019, §§ 1(h) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 298 Delegate Charkoudian**UTILITY REGULATION – CONSIDERATION OF CLIMATE AND LABOR**

Requiring the Secretary of the Environment to prepare a certain recommendation in connection with certain issues considered by the Public Service Commission; requiring the Secretary of Natural Resources to incorporate an evaluation of the impact of certain electric power plants on climate change into the Power Plant Research Program; requiring the Commission to consider the maintenance of fair and stable labor standards and the protection of the global climate in supervising and regulating certain public service companies; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 2-405(a), NR, § 3-303, and PU, §§ 2-113 and 7-207(e) - amended and PU, § 7-108 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 299 Delegate Carr**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – GENETIC COUNSELORS – LICENSING**

Requiring the State Board of Physicians to license genetic counselors; providing that provisions of the Act do not limit the right of certain individuals to practice certain occupations; establishing the Genetic Counseling Advisory Committee within the Board; requiring individuals, on or after October 1, 2023, to be licensed by the Board as genetic counselors before practicing genetic counseling in the State except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, §§ 14-5G-01 through 14-5G-28 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 300 Dorchester County Delegation**COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – MARYLAND VOTING EQUITY REFORM DAY**

Providing that the fourth Tuesday in October each year is Maryland Voting Equity Reform Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 7-416 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 301 Delegates Shetty and R. Lewis**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – MARYLAND REVISED UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFT ACT – REVISIONS**

Altering the purposes for which certain anatomical gifts may be used; repealing provisions of law that require certain persons to search certain individuals for a document of gift or any other information identifying the individual as a donor, that specify procedures to be taken if a document is located, and that concern certain administrative sanctions; requiring a certain procurement organization to make a certain search of certain registries under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ET, §§ 4-509(e) and (f) and 4-512(a) - amended and § 4-510 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 302 Delegate Stein**ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE WASTEWATER SERVICES – REGULATION**

Establishing the State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals in the Department of the Environment to regulate individuals who perform on-site wastewater services in the State and to establish minimum standards for certain on-site wastewater systems; requiring the Department, in consultation with the Board, to set by regulation certain fees for the issuance and renewal of licenses and other Board-provided services; requiring the Board to establish a certain code of ethics; establishing the On-Site Wastewater Professionals Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, §§ 9-11A-01 through 9-11A-21 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 303 Delegate Stewart**LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE – PROHIBITION ON PREMIUM INCREASES (LONG TERM STABILITY FOR SENIORS ACT)**

Prohibiting a carrier from increasing a premium rate charged under a policy or contract of long-term care insurance issued to an insured or entered into by a contract holder who is 85 years of age or older.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, § 11-703(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 304 Delegate W. Fisher**STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT – PARTICIPATION IN FEDERAL IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

Providing that an official of State or local government is immune from criminal and civil liability for refusing to provide information to the federal government or another state for a certain purpose; authorizing the State to indemnify a certain official for certain costs or judgments; expressing the intent of the General Assembly to maintain community trust in Maryland governmental operations and law enforcement efforts by clarifying the parameters of State and local participation in federal immigration enforcement efforts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-527, CP, § 5-104, GP, §§ 9-101 through 9-104, and SF, § 7-240 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 305 Delegate Proctor**PUBLIC SAFETY – TASK FORCE ON MISSING PERSONS**

Establishing the Task Force on Missing Persons to study best practices for conducting searches for missing persons and review the options for the establishment of a State Coordinator for Missing Persons to serve as a point of contact for the families of missing persons; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 306 Delegate C. Jackson**HATE CRIMES – FALSE STATEMENT TO A LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Clarifying that the making of a certain false statement to a law enforcement officer may form the basis for a certain hate crime.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 307 Delegate Rosenberg**MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM –
QUALIFICATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the definition of “technology-based business” to include a technology-based nonprofit organization exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for purposes of the Maryland Technology Internship Program; and altering from 3.0 to 2.5 the cumulative grade point average that a certain individual must maintain or have maintained during a certain academic year to qualify for participation in the Maryland Technology Internship Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 18-3001 and 18-3005 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 308 Delegates Rosenberg and Cardin**COURTS – 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; requiring a court to rule expeditiously on a certain motion to dismiss an alleged SLAPP suit; providing for a plaintiff’s burden and the award of certain fees in connection with a motion to dismiss; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-807 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 309 Delegates Pena–Melnik and R. Lewis**PUBLIC HEALTH – DATA – RACE AND ETHNICITY INFORMATION**

Altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a report card that includes racial and ethnic composition data on individuals who hold a license or certificate issued by a health occupations board, rather than only physicians; requiring the Office, as permitted by certain privacy laws, to respond to requests for health data that includes race and ethnicity information within 30 days of receipt of the request; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 20-1004 and 20-1005 - amended and HO, § 1-225 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 310 Delegate Lierman**MARYLAND ARTS CAPITAL GRANT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Arts Capital Grant Program to provide grants for the expansion of, the renovation of, or major repairs to a facility operated by a certain eligible organization; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2023 through 2028, to include \$3,000,000 for the Program in the State budget; requiring the establishment of a competitive application process and a quantitative system to evaluate each application; prohibiting an organization from receiving a grant for a single project that exceeds \$1,000,000 in any fiscal year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 4-514 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 311 Delegate Carr**VEHICLE LAWS – INTERSECTIONS – PROHIBITED ACTS**

Prohibiting a vehicle facing a circular green signal, a green arrow signal, or a steady yellow signal from entering an intersection if the vehicle is unable to completely proceed through the intersection; establishing certain exceptions to the prohibition; prohibiting a police officer from issuing a citation for a violation of the Act unless the approach to the intersection has certain signage installed notifying the public that a vehicle may not make a movement at the intersection that violates the Act's provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-202 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 312 Delegate Reilly**HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAM LICENSE**

Establishing an assisted living program beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the license to a manager of an assisted living program, but not more than five ALP licenses to a person; authorizing the license holder to provide beer and wine for on-premises consumption by a resident or guest; authorizing the license holder to store liquor, prepare mixed drinks, and serve liquor or mixed drinks; specifying a license fee of \$5,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 22-1001 and 22-1405(c) - added and §§ 22-1405(a) and 22-1602(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 313 Delegate Holmes**COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS, CONDOMINIUMS, AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – RESERVE STUDIES – STATEWIDE**

Requiring the governing body of certain cooperative housing corporations in the State to have a reserve study conducted of the common elements of the cooperative housing corporation by a certain date and at certain intervals under certain circumstances; requiring the reserve study conducted of the common elements of a cooperative housing corporation to meet certain criteria; requiring the annual budget of a cooperative housing corporation to include certain information under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CA, § 5-6B-26.1 and RP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 314 Delegate Lierman**PLASTIC BAG REDUCTION ACT**

Prohibiting, on or after July 1, 2022, a certain retail establishment from distributing plastic carryout bags to a customer at the point of sale; providing that, on or after July 1, 2022, only the State may enact a law or take other action to prohibit, restrict, or regulate the use of certain plastic bags by a retail establishment, that certain authority of a county or municipality is preempted, and that certain laws or ordinances are superseded; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to adopt certain regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 19-106 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 315 Delegate Bartlett, et al**JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE INTERROGATION PROTECTION ACT**

Requiring a law enforcement officer who takes a child into custody to provide notice to the child's parents, guardian, or custodian in a manner reasonably calculated to give actual notice; requiring the notice to include the child's location, the reason for the custody action, and instructions on how to make immediate in-person contact; prohibiting the interrogation of a child by a law enforcement officer until the child has consulted with a certain attorney and a notice has been provided to the child's parent, guardian, or custodian; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-8A-14 and CP, § 2-108 - amended and CJ, § 3-8A-14.2 and CP, § 2-405 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 316 Delegate Smith**CONDITIONS OF PRETRIAL RELEASE – HOME DETENTION MONITORING**

Exempting certain defendants placed in private home detention as a condition of pretrial release from the requirement to pay a certain monitoring fee if the defendant qualifies as an indigent individual under certain circumstances or if a home detention monitoring device is provided by the State or a local jurisdiction; requiring the State to provide payments to certain private home detention monitoring agencies under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 5-201 and PS, § 4-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 317 Delegate Gilchrist**MARYLAND GREEN PURCHASING COMMITTEE – FOOD AND BEVERAGE PROCUREMENT – GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Green Purchasing Committee in consultation with the Departments of the Environment, Agriculture, General Services, and other stakeholders, to develop, by January 1, 2022, a certain methodology for State agencies to estimate greenhouse gas emissions of food and beverages procured, establish a certain baseline measurement by January 1, 2023, and develop certain strategies and policy recommendations; establishing a goal to reduce certain greenhouse gas emissions by State units by 25% by fiscal year 2031; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 11-203(e)(5) - amended and § 14-410.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 318 Delegate K. Young**DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION – SELF-DIRECTED SERVICES (SELF-DIRECTION ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to increase by a certain amount certain funding to certain recipients of services funded through the Developmental Disabilities Administration under certain circumstances; requiring the Developmental Disabilities Administration to provide certain recipients of services certain options and services under certain circumstances; establishing the State Advisory Council on Self-Directed Services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, §§ 7-101, 7-903, and 7-1101(a)(1) - amended and §§ 7-309 and 7-408 through 7-410 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 319 Delegate Palakovich Carr**LOCAL TAX RELIEF FOR WORKING FAMILIES ACT OF 2021**

Increasing to 2.25% the minimum rate a county shall impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income; increasing to 3.5% the maximum rate a county may impose on an individual's Maryland taxable income for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2021; requiring a county, with regard to any increase to its county income tax rate that is effective on or after January 1, 2022, to impose the increase on an income bracket basis; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TG, § 10-106 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 320 Delegate Smith**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM – TRANSFER OF STUDENT DATA – MODIFICATIONS**

Repealing certain provisions of law which require the Maryland Higher Education Commission to collect and provide to the Maryland Longitudinal Data System identifying information on certain business licensees and students; requiring certain licensing authorities that issue occupational or professional licenses to make every effort to comply with the data requirements and implementation schedule of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System, and to transfer student data in accordance with the data security and safeguarding plan; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 11-1501 through 11-1506 - repealed, §§ 24-701 and 24-704(b) - amended, and § 24-707(d) and (e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 321 Delegate Ebersole**PUBLIC BUILDINGS – CHANGING FACILITIES – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring, except under certain circumstances, that changing facilities suitable for changing the diaper of a child and providing personal care for an adult be installed in certain public restrooms in certain public buildings by October 1, 2022; requiring certain entities to report to 2–1–1 Maryland, Inc., the location of changing facilities when changing facilities are installed; requiring 2–1–1 to maintain a list of changing facilities on its website; requiring the Board of Public Works to adopt certain standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 2-801 through 2-803 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 322 Delegates Hill and Feldmark**REAL PROPERTY – RESTRICTIONS ON USE – LOW-IMPACT LANDSCAPING**

Prohibiting a certain restriction on use from imposing unreasonable limitations on low-impact landscaping such as rain gardens, pollinator gardens and xeriscaping; providing that “unreasonable limitations” includes items that increase the cost and efficiency of the low-impact program; providing that the Act may not be construed to prohibit a certain restriction on use from including certain reasonable guidelines; and exempting a certain restriction on use on certain historic properties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 2-124 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 323 Delegate Arentz**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REPEAL OF PLACE OF WORSHIP PROHIBITION**

Repealing a prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners for Queen Anne’s County from issuing a license to an establishment located within 500 feet of a place of worship.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 27-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 324 Delegate Moon**CRIMINAL LAW – MARIJUANA – POSSESSION AND POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE**

Increasing, from 10 grams to 1 ounce, the amount of marijuana below which possession is a civil offense, rather than a criminal offense; and creating a presumption that a person in possession of less than 1 ounce of marijuana is not in violation of a certain provision of law with regard to marijuana in the absence of any other evidence of a certain violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 3-8A-01(dd) and 3-8A-33(a) and CR, §§ 5-601, 5-601.1, and 5-602 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 325 Delegate Mautz**TALBOT COUNTY – DEER AND TURKEY HUNTING – SUNDAYS**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer hunting seasons from the first Sunday in October through the second Sunday in January, inclusive, in Talbot County; authorizing the Department to allow a person who is 16 years old or younger to hunt turkey on one Sunday of the spring turkey hunting season in Talbot County if participating in a certain junior hunt; and authorizing a person to hunt deer and turkey on certain public land in Talbot County under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 326 Delegate Grammer**CLERKS OF THE COURTS – CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – INFORMATION ON JUDGE OR MAGISTRATE**

Requiring the clerk of the court to include the name of the judge or magistrate who presided over a hearing or took judicial action as part of case information in the case management system of the court; requiring a clerk of the District Court to include the name of the judge who presided over a hearing or took judicial action as part of case information in the case management system of the District Court; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 2-201(a), 2-603, and 13-101(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 327 Delegate Adams**STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – RETAINAGE PROCEEDS**

Requiring that undisputed retainage proceeds retained by a unit or a certain contractor under a State procurement contract be paid within 90 days after the date of substantial completion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 13-225 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 328 Delegate Kerr**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – ABANDONED PROPERTY – NOTICE AND RECORDS**

Requiring the holder of presumed abandoned property valued at \$5,000 or more to send certain written notice to the apparent owner by certified mail, return receipt requested, rather than by first-class mail; requiring the holder of abandoned property valued at \$5,000 or more to keep records relating to that property for at least 3 years; requiring that certain records be sufficient to allow a person who is able to recover the abandoned property to establish a tax basis; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, §§ 17-308.2 and 17-312 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 329 Delegates Cardin and Crutchfield**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – WARRANTS – ISSUANCE**

Prohibiting a judicial officer from issuing a warrant to enter a residence for the arrest of a suspect unless the judicial officer finds an independent articulated connection of the suspect to the residence demonstrating a clear and convincing likelihood that the suspect or contraband directly related to the suspect will be located at the residence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 1-204 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 330 Delegate Charkoudian**EFFECTIVE CORPORATE TAX RATE TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2021**

Requiring a publicly traded corporation that is required to file a Maryland income tax return to attach a statement identifying the corporation's effective tax rate and an explanation of the calculation of the effective tax rate; requiring that the statement be made under oath, signed in a certain manner, subject to audit by the Comptroller, and treated as confidential taxpayer information; requiring the Comptroller to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly by March 1 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-804(e) - amended and § 10-804.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 331 Delegate Johnson**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – QUESTIONING OF MINORS BY POLICE OFFICERS**

Prohibiting a police officer from questioning a certain minor unless an attorney for the minor is physically present with the minor or communicating with the minor through live, two-way electronic and audio communication.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 2-109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 332 Delegate Ivey**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – ELIGIBLE SOURCES**

Altering the eligibility of certain sources of energy for the creation of credits under the renewable energy portfolio standard; removing certain sources from the definition of a “Tier 1 renewable source”; providing that existing obligations or contract rights may not be impaired by the Act; and applying the Act to all renewable energy portfolio standard compliance years beginning after December 31, 2021.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, §§ 7-701(r) and 7-704(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 333 Delegate Clark**MARINE CONTRACTOR LICENSE – PERFORMANCE OF SERVICES – LICENSING REQUIREMENTS AND FEES**

Authorizing an individual who is employed by the State or a county or municipality in the State to perform marine contractor services while in the performance of the duties of their employment without having to obtain a marine contractor license under certain circumstances; exempting certain individuals who perform marine contractor services while in the performance of the duties of their employment from paying a fee for the issuance or renewal of a license or a test administered by the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 17-301 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 334 Delegate Korman**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – CONVERSION TO ZERO-EMISSION BUSES (ZERO-EMISSION BUS TRANSITION ACT)**

Prohibiting, beginning in fiscal year 2023, the Maryland Transit Administration from purchasing buses for the Administration's State transit bus fleet that are not zero-emission buses; requiring the Administration, on or before January 1, 2022, and each January 1 thereafter, to submit a report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the implementation of the Act; requiring the report to include a schedule for converting to zero-emission buses and a plan for transitioning any adversely affected State employees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 7-406 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 335 Delegate Boyce**ELECTION LAW – PARTY AND ELECTED PUBLIC OFFICES – PROHIBITIONS**

Providing that certain provisions of law do not apply to certain individuals; prohibiting individuals from simultaneously being a candidate for a party office and an elected public office; and prohibiting individuals from simultaneously holding a party office and an elected public office.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 5-204 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 336 Delegate Ivey**PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – POLICE DEPARTMENTS – REPEAL AND PROHIBITION**

Repealing provisions of law relating to the establishment and maintenance of a Johns Hopkins University police department, including all applicable authorizations, powers, requirements, and prohibitions on the University, University police officers, the Baltimore Police Department, and the Department of Legislative Services; prohibiting a private institution of higher education from establishing a police department or granting employees the powers of a peace or police officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, CP, PS, PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, and Ch. 25 of the Acts of 2019, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 337 Delegate P. Young**SALES AND USE TAX – VENDOR COLLECTION CREDIT – JOB TRAINING**

Authorizing certain vendors who are qualified job training organizations to claim a credit for the expense of collecting and paying the sales and use tax; prohibiting, for any calendar year, the total amount of credits a vendor may claim from exceeding \$250,000; requiring a vendor to be certified as a qualified job training organization before claiming a certain credit; authorizing a vendor to submit an application to the Secretary of Labor to be certified as a qualified job training organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 11-105 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 338 Delegate Ebersole**BUSINESS REGULATION – INNKEEPERS – RECORDS AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING**

Requiring an innkeeper to maintain a computerized record-keeping system of all guest transactions and receipts; requiring that certain records be kept for not less than 6 months from the date of the creation of the record; requiring the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services and the Maryland Department of Labor to approve an educational training program and a refresher training program for identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 15-209 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 339 Delegate Malone**LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS – STANDARDS**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to alter the standards for legislative districts to prohibit the accounting for certain information relating to the voting history and party affiliation of certain individuals; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 4 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 340 Delegate Pena–Melnik**COMMERCIAL LAW – RETAIL TRANSACTIONS – CASH PAYMENTS
(CASH TRANSACTIONS PRESERVATION ACT)**

Prohibiting a merchant, in certain transactions, from prohibiting a person from making a cash payment to purchase goods and services, requiring a person to purchase goods or services by using a credit or debit card, or charging or collecting from a person a fee for making a cash payment for the purchase of goods or services; providing that a violation of the Act is an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act and subject to certain enforcement and penalty provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 13-301(14)(xxxiv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xxxvi) and 14-1327 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 341 Delegate Lehman, et al**ELECTION – ABSENTEE BALLOT CANVASS – START AND RELEASE
OF TABULATION**

Altering the earliest day on which a local board of elections may open an envelope of an absentee ballot from the Wednesday after election day to 14 days before election day; altering a requirement for a local board to release an unofficial absentee ballot vote tabulation at the end of each day of canvassing to apply only on and after election day; prohibiting a person from releasing a partial or complete tabulation of absentee ballot votes before a certain time; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 11-302 - amended and § 16-602 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 342 Delegate Wilson**EDUCATION – HEALTH AND SAFETY OF STUDENTS –
NOTIFICATION OF PROBLEMATIC STUDENT BEHAVIOR**

Requiring public schools and nonpublic schools that receive State funds to notify parents or guardians of all students involved in an incident of problematic sexual behavior by the close of business on the day of the incident; and requiring a county board to ensure that certain schools have a certain policy in place regarding a certain notification.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-424.4 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 343 Delegate Henson, et al**FAMILY LAW – NONPAYMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT – SENTENCING**

Requiring a sentence for a conviction under a provision of law prohibiting a parent from willfully failing to provide for the support of his or her minor child to run concurrently with a sentence for any other conviction under the same provision of law imposed against the parent.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 10-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 344 Delegate Korman**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE AGENCIES AND LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS (MARYLAND TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring State agencies in the Executive Branch and local boards of elections to make publicly available on their websites an agenda and all meeting materials at least 48 hours in advance of each open meeting or, under certain circumstances, as far in advance of the meeting as practicable; requiring State agencies and local boards of elections to make publicly available on their websites live video or audio streaming of each portion of a certain meeting, and a certain recording for a minimum of 1 year after the date of the meeting; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, EL, GP, PS, PU, and TR, Various Sections - amended and GP, § 3-306(c) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 345 Delegate Charkoudian**PUBLIC UTILITIES – GAS SERVICE REGULATOR SAFETY (FLOWER BRANCH ACT)**

Requiring that any gas service newly installed at an occupied structure may have a gas service regulator installed only outside the structure; requiring an existing interior gas service regulator in a multifamily residential structure to be relocated outside whenever a gas service line or regulator is replaced; requiring a gas company, on or before January 1, 2022, to file a plan with the Public Service Commission to relocate any gas service regulator that provides service to a multifamily residential structure; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-312 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 346 Delegate Carr**VEHICLE LAWS – FAILURE TO PAY VIDEO TOLL – PENALTIES**

Repealing the requirement that the Motor Vehicle Administration, under certain circumstances, suspend the registration of a motor vehicle that incurs a certain toll violation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TR, §§ 21-1414(d)(4) and (i) and 21-1415 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 347 Delegate Shetty**CRIMINAL LAW – EXPLOITATION OF VULNERABLE ADULT OR ELDERLY INDIVIDUAL – UNDUE INFLUENCE**

Altering the definition of “undue influence” for purposes of provisions of law prohibiting the exploitation of certain vulnerable adults or individuals at least 68 years old that results in inequity; requiring a court, in determining whether a transfer of property was induced by undue influence, to consider certain factors; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 8-801(a)(6) - amended and § 8-801(h) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 348 Delegate Long**BALTIMORE COUNTY – HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX CREDIT NOTICE – PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring, in Baltimore County, the county to work with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to identify properties in the 6th legislative district in Baltimore County that are being used as a residential properties, being rented by the owners of the properties, and are eligible for, but not receiving, a certain homestead property tax credit; requiring that the homeowner of certain properties be provided a certain notice; and terminating the Act on September 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TP, § 9-105(f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 349 Delegate Arentz**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
UNANNOUNCED VISITS BY INSPECTORS**

Decreasing the frequency, from 60 to 180 days, for when an alcoholic beverages inspector is required to make an unannounced visit to licensed premises in Queen Anne's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 27-205(c) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 350 Delegate Adams**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – MARYLAND HEALTHY WORKING
FAMILIES ACT – VERIFICATION**

Altering the circumstances under which an employer is authorized to require an employee who uses certain sick and safe leave to provide verification that the leave was used appropriately; and authorizing certain employers to deny a certain request to take certain sick and safe leave under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 3-1305(g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 351 Delegate Malone**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR QUALIFIED
HIGHER EDUCATION EXPENSES – ANNUAL LIMITATION**

Increasing, from \$2,500 to \$5,000, the maximum amount allowed in a taxable year as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain payments or contributions made by an account holder or a contributor under a Maryland Prepaid College Trust contract, the Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer College Investment Plan, and the Maryland Broker–Dealer College Investment Plan; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-208(n) and (o) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 352 Delegate Holmes**REAL PROPERTY – CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS – GOVERNING BODIES AND ANNUAL MEETINGS**

Requiring the governing body of a condominium to convene at least two meetings each year; requiring a developer of a condominium or a declarant of a homeowners association to convene a certain annual meeting under certain circumstances; requiring certain meetings to include an opportunity for certain unit owners or lot owners to provide comment; requiring the developer of a condominium to appoint a unit owner to the board of directors within 30 days after 25% of the currently subdivided units have been conveyed to the public; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 11-109(a) and (c), 11-116, 11B-106.1, 11B-111, 11B-111.6(d), and 11B-112(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 353 Delegate Ivey**CIVIL ACTIONS – VIOLATION OF RIGHTS – GOVERNMENTAL LIABILITY**

Establishing the civil liability of a law enforcement officer who deprives or allows another to deprive an individual of certain rights under the Maryland Declaration of Rights and the Maryland Constitution; requiring a court to award attorney's fees and costs to a plaintiff under certain circumstances; authorizing a court to award attorney's fees and costs to a defendant under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-809 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 354 Delegate W. Fisher, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT – FACTS JUSTIFYING A FINDING OF GUILT AND SUSPENSION OF SENTENCE**

Authorizing a court to stay the entering of judgment, defer further proceedings, and place a certain defendant on probation subject to reasonable conditions if the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt; repealing a requirement that certain written consent of the defendant to the probation before judgment occur after a determination of guilt or acceptance of a nolo contendere plea; and authorizing a court to suspend a portion or all of a certain sentence as a condition of probation before judgment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 6-220(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 355 Delegate Ruth**ELECTION LAW – REGISTERED VOTER LIST SECURITY AND ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS FOR PETITIONS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations specifying requirements for the secure storage and use of voter data for copies of the registered voters list; requiring the State Board to adopt regulations specifying procedures for the collection of electronic signatures on petitions; authorizing certain petitions to contain the electronic signature of certain individuals; requiring electronic signatures to be electronically signed, typed, or affixed to a certain form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 3-506(a), 6-103(a), and 6-203 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 356 Delegate Qi**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – FILING FEE STUDY**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to study and make recommendations to the General Assembly regarding certain filing fees and associated requirements of neighboring states that are equivalent or substantially similar to filing fees required under certain sections of the Corporations and Associations Article on or before January 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 357 Delegate Palakovich Carr**INCOME TAX – PASS–THROUGH ENTITY – ADDITIONAL TAX**

Imposing a State income tax on income distributed to certain members of certain pass-through entities from the pass-through entity's taxable income exceeding \$1,000,000; providing that the tax does not apply to the income of a pass-through entity that is a sole proprietorship or has implemented a certain employee stock ownership plan; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, §§ 10-102.1(b) and (d) and 10-701.1 - amended and § 10-102.2 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 358 Delegate Wilson**INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**

Establishing an income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; requiring the Comptroller to include a checkoff on the individual income tax return; requiring the Comptroller to collect and account for contributions made through the checkoff and to credit the proceeds to the Fund after deducting the amount necessary to administer the checkoff; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, §§ 2-116 and 10-804(l) - added and SG, § 9-913(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 359 Delegate Guyton**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM – STUDENT DATA – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS**

Including data on pregnant and parenting students in the data collected, organized, managed, disaggregated, reported on, and analyzed by the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center; and altering the types of records excluded from the definition of “student data” for purposes of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 24-701 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 360 Delegate Lierman**INCOME TAX – ANGEL INVESTOR TAX CREDIT PROGRAM**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for 50% of an investment made in a qualified innovation business, not to exceed \$50,000, or \$100,000 for a qualified investor that is a married couple filing jointly or a pass-through entity; requiring a qualified investor to meet certain requirements in order to be eligible for the credit; requiring the Department of Commerce to administer the credit; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; establishing the Maryland Angel Investor Tax Credit Reserve Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4)(xi) and (xii) - amended and EC, § 2.5-109(a)(4)(xiii) and TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 361 Delegate Holmes**REAL PROPERTY – GOVERNING BODIES OF COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – MEMBER TRAINING**

Requiring each member of a board of directors or officer of a council of unit owners of a condominium and each member of a governing body of a homeowners association to successfully complete a certain training curriculum within 90 days after the individual is first elected or appointed or, for an individual in office on October 1, 2021, begins a subsequent term; requiring a certain governing body to certify that a certain member or officer has completed certain training and retain copies of certain certificates; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 11-109 and 11B-106.1(g) - amended and § 11B-106.1(g) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 362 Delegate Valentino-Smith**JUVENILE LAW – PROBATION**

Requiring that the duration of a term of probation for a child be consistent with any treatment and rehabilitation needs identified for the child; specifying that the duration of a term of probation may not exceed a certain period of time, except under certain circumstances; and authorizing the juvenile court to require an additional term of probation, not to exceed 1 year, if the court determines after a hearing that additional time is needed to meet the child's treatment and rehabilitation needs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-8A-19(d)(1) - amended and § 3-8A-19(d)(7) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 363 Delegate Lierman**MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – RETALIATION FOR REPORTING OR PARTICIPATING IN INVESTIGATION – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting an official or employee from retaliating against an individual for reporting or participating in an investigation of a violation of the Maryland Public Ethics Law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

GP, § 5-509 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 364 Delegate P. Young**STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – CENTRAL COLLECTION UNIT – POWERS**

Repealing the authority of the Central Collection Unit to settle a debt or claim without suit; reducing the maximum amount of a certain fee that may be assessed and collected from a debtor under certain circumstances; and repealing a requirement that a certain fee be assessed and collected sufficient to cover certain collection and administrative costs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 3-304(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 365 Delegate W. Fisher**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – PROSECUTION OF POLICE OFFICER**

Authorizing the Attorney General to prosecute a criminal case involving serious bodily injury or death allegedly caused by a police officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 6-106 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 366 Delegates Cardin and Crutchfield**DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS – ARREST WARRANTS – RECALL AND ISSUANCE OF A SUMMONS**

Authorizing a judge of the District Court or a judge of a circuit court, on a finding of good cause, to recall an arrest warrant issued by a District Court commissioner and issue a summons in its place.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 2-607(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 367 Delegate Holmes**REAL PROPERTY – REGULATION OF COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITY MANAGERS**

Creating the State Board of Common Ownership Community Managers in the Maryland Department of Labor to oversee the licensing of community managers who provide management services for common ownership communities; providing the purpose of the Board is to adopt rules of conduct for licensees, establish training programs for the issuing of certain licenses, and education for individuals who have been issued a certain license; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to allocate up to \$100,000 for the Board in fiscal year 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, BR, CA, RP, SF, and SG, Various Sections - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 368 Delegate Bagnall**TASK FORCE ON ORAL HEALTH IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force on Oral Health in Maryland to study access to dental services for all State residents, identify areas lacking in dental services for a significant number of people, identify barriers to receiving services, analyze the impact of barriers, assess options to eliminate barriers, and make recommendations on methods to increase access to dental services; requiring the Task Force to submit an interim report by May 1, 2022, and a final report by December 1, 2022, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 369 Delegate Rosenberg**ELECTION LAW – FOREIGN MANUFACTURE OF ELECTION SYSTEMS – NOTIFICATION AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT**

Prohibiting the State Board of Elections from approving a contract with an election service provider unless the contract requires the election service provider to report to the State Administrator of Elections if any stage in the manufacturing of a component of the provider's election system occurred outside the United States or if any material change to a component in any stage in the manufacturing of an election system occurred outside the United States; requiring the State Administrator to forward the report within 5 days; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, § 2-110 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 370 Delegate Kerr**EDUCATION – PUBLIC AND NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – SEIZURE ACTION PLANS (BRYNLEIGH’S ACT)**

Requiring a county board of education and authorizing a nonpublic school, beginning in the 2022–2023 school year, to require two school employees to be trained in recognizing the signs and symptoms of a seizure, administering first aid, and administering or assisting with the administration of seizure medication and performing manual vagus nerve stimulation; authorizing a certain registered nurse to serve as a certain trained school employee; providing a certain employee is immune from civil liability under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-447 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Health and Government Operations

HB 371 Delegate P. Young**STATE LOTTERY – INSTANT TICKET LOTTERY MACHINES – FRATERNAL ORGANIZATIONS (ITLMS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS ACT)**

Authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to issue certain fraternal organizations a license for not more than five instant ticket lottery machines; providing that proceeds from instant ticket lottery machine sales by a fraternal organization are to be distributed in a certain manner; and declaring the intent of the General Assembly that the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency solicits proposals from multiple vendors for the lease or purchase of instant ticket lottery machines under the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, § 9-112 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 372 Delegate Moon**CRIMINAL LAW – DRUG PARAPHERNALIA FOR ADMINISTRATION
– DECRIMINALIZATION**

Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; repealing the prohibition against a person delivering or selling, or manufacturing or possessing with intent to deliver or sell drug paraphernalia under certain circumstances; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 5-101(h), 5-619(c) and (d), and 5-620(a), (b), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 373 Delegate Wilson**EDUCATION – CHILD ABUSE AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT
PREVENTION – HIRING EMERGENT EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing the hiring of an emergent employee by a county board of education or nonpublic school for a period not to exceed 60 days pending a review of an individual's employment history for applicants who will have direct contact with minors; authorizing a county board or nonpublic school to take certain actions within the 60-day period; authorizing a certain appeal following a certain decision; authorizing a county board or nonpublic school to share a certain employment history review with other county boards and nonpublic schools; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 6-113.2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 374 Delegate Smith**COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY
COLLEGE – FACULTY**

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain faculty at Baltimore City Community College; altering certain exceptions to the applicability of certain provisions of law governing collective bargaining for employees of Baltimore City Community College; and establishing a separate collective bargaining unit for all faculty at Baltimore City Community College.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SP, §§ 3-101, 3-102, 3-403(d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 375 Delegate Valderrama

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (TIME TO CARE ACT OF 2021)

Establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program to provide temporary benefits to a covered individual who is taking leave from employment; establishing the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Fund; requiring, beginning January 1, 2022, certain employees, employers, and self-employed individuals to pay certain contributions; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2023, a covered individual taking certain leave from employment to submit a claim for benefits; authorizing the establishment of private employer plans; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

LE, § 8-302 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and LE, §§ 8.3-101 through 8.3-1001 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 376 Delegate Mautz

RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITIES

Setting the renewable energy portfolio standard for municipal electric utilities for 2021 and later.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-703(e) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 377 Delegate Bagnall

COMMISSION ON STUDENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

Establishing the Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment; requiring the Commission to study certain matters regarding student behavioral health and mental health treatment and make recommendations on actions necessary to improve current student behavioral health practices and programs; requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021, and December 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 378 Delegate D.M. Davis**LOCAL GOVERNMENT TORT CLAIMS ACT – DEFINITION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT**

Altering the definition of “local government” under the Local Government Tort Claims Act to include the Maryland Association of Counties Pooled OPEB Trust Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-301(d)(28) and (29) - amended and § 5-301(d)(30) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 379 Delegate Charkoudian**PUBLIC UTILITIES – LOW-INCOME HOUSING – ENERGY PERFORMANCE TARGETS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, for the 2021–2023 program cycle, by regulation or order, to the extent that the Commission determines that low-income programs are available, to require the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers energy efficiency and conservation programs and services designed to achieve a target annual incremental gross energy savings of at least 1% per year starting in 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PU, §§ 7-211.1 and 7-211.2 - added and SG, § 9-20B-05 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 380 Delegate Malone**SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIOD FOR BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING – SCHOOL SUPPLIES AND TEXTBOOKS**

Expanding the applicability of the annual sales and use tax-free period to include certain school supplies, for items with a taxable price of \$100 or less, and textbooks with a taxable price of \$350 or less.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 11-228 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 381 Delegate Long**ANIMAL SHELTERS – STANDARDS OF OPERATION**

Requiring a certain animal shelter to conform certain protocols with certain provisions of law; providing that certain provisions do not apply to an animal experiencing irremediable physical suffering; requiring an animal shelter to take reasonable steps to achieve a save rate of 90% of impounded animals; requiring an animal shelter to make certain animals available to be reclaimed by an owner for at least 4 business days after impoundment; requiring an animal shelter to make a reasonable effort to identify an impounded animal; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

AG, § 2-1704 - amended and AG, § 2-1705.1 and LG, § 13-110 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 382 Delegate Wilson**JUVENILE LAW – CONDUCT BY CHILDREN INVOLVING SEXUALLY EXPLICIT OR NUDE IMAGES**

Prohibiting a child, an individual under the age of 18 years, from knowingly sending, displaying, or publishing to another a sexually explicit or nude image depicting another child under certain circumstances; prohibiting a child from knowingly sending, displaying, or publishing to another a sexually explicit or nude image depicting only himself or herself under certain circumstances; prohibiting a child from knowingly possessing a sexually explicit or nude image depicting another child without the other child's consent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 3-8D-101 through 3-8D-105 and ED, § 7-205.3 - added and CR, §§ 11-203, 11-207, and 11-208 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 383 Delegate Carr**TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL MONITORING SYSTEMS – EXCLUSION OF VEHICLE RENTAL COMPANIES – REPEAL AND NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT**

Altering the definition of “owner” to repeal the exclusion of motor vehicle rental companies as owners of motor vehicles for the purpose of enforcing violations of entering an intersection against a red signal indication that are recorded by a traffic control signal monitoring system; requiring an agency to provide a certain notice to a motor vehicle rental company before issuing a citation for a violation recorded by a traffic control monitoring system; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-202.1(a), (e), and (g)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 384 Delegate Sample–Hughes**REAL PROPERTY – SALE OF MOBILE HOME PARKS – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the time frame of certain notices that a mobile home park owner is required to provide to each resident in the mobile home park and the Department of Housing and Community Development and to post in a public area of the mobile home park, concerning the sale of the mobile home park, to be not less than 30 days before the date of the sale of the park.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8A-202(h) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 385 Delegate Crutchfield, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – FELONY MURDER – LIMITATION AND REVIEW OF CONVICTIONS FOR CHILDREN**

Altering provisions of law relating to murder in the first degree; providing that a person who was a child at the time of the offense may not be found to have committed murder in the first degree under certain provisions of law; authorizing a person convicted, on or before September 30, 2021, of first degree murder who was a child at the time of the offense to file a motion for review of conviction; requiring a court to hold a certain hearing on the filing of a motion for review of conviction under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 2-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 386 Delegate Malone**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND RESCUE WORKERS – FEDERAL CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR**

Altering the definition of “disabled law enforcement officer or rescue worker” for purposes of certain county or municipal corporation property tax credits to include an individual who became disabled as a result of or in the course of employment as a job series 1811 criminal investigator for a federal government agency; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-210 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 387 Delegate Stein**HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY – HARDSHIP EXCEPTION**

Authorizing a certain financial hardship exception, under certain circumstances, to a prohibition against granting the homeowners’ property tax credit to a homeowner whose combined gross income exceeds \$60,000; requiring a homeowner, in order to qualify for the hardship exception, to include certain information in the homeowner’s application for the tax credit; authorizing a homeowner who is denied a hardship exception to appeal the denial under certain circumstances; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-104(a)(9) - added and § 9-104(a)(9) through (13) and (j)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 388 Delegate Turner**STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY – GAMING STUDY – USE OF GAMING PROCEEDS**

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to conduct a certain study on the distribution and the use of local impact grants, the use of the Problem Gambling Fund, and the use of video lottery proceeds distributed to the Small, Minority and Women–Owned Business Account; requiring the Agency to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 389 Delegate Hill**GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – REPEAL AND COMPETITION**

Repealing the State song; requiring the Maryland State Arts Council to develop a plan for and conduct a certain State song competition, including the acceptance of certain entries to the competition, and to carry out certain tasks relating to the competition; requiring the Council to report certain finalists of the competition to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021; authorizing the Council to make certain recommendations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

GP, § 7-318 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 390 Delegates Johnson and Lisanti**UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND – HARFORD MEMORIAL HOSPITAL CLOSURE – ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY**

Requiring the University of Maryland Institute for Governmental Service and Research to conduct a study on the economic impact of the closure of Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre de Grace and the transfer of its services to another location; requiring the Institute to conduct the study in a certain manner; requiring the Institute to develop a revitalization plan for Havre de Grace in a certain manner; requiring the Institute to report certain findings and information to certain committees on or before December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 391 Delegate Hartman, et al**SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT – PROHIBITION ON RELEASING A BALLOON INTO THE ATMOSPHERE**

Prohibiting a person who is at least 13 years old, a corporation, a partnership, an association, a nonprofit entity, the State, or any unit or political subdivision of the State from knowingly and intentionally releasing, or causing to be released, or organizing the release of, a balloon into the atmosphere, with certain exceptions; requiring a certain unit, officer, or official of a local government with delegated enforcement authority to report certain violations; establishing a civil penalty of \$250 for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 9-2301 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 392 Delegate Guyton**CHILD CARE CENTERS – EARLY CHILDHOOD SCREENING AND ASSISTANCE**

Requiring the State Department of Education, by January 1, 2022, to establish guidelines for early childhood developmental screenings for children under the age of 3 years to be used by child care centers to assess a child's developmental progress and screen for potential disabilities; requiring, beginning July 1, 2022, certain child care centers to offer to parents or guardians evaluations for children entering these centers; requiring an employee of each center to provide certain assistance to parents and guardians; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 9.5-413.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 393 Delegate Barron, et al**MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR HEALTH**

Renaming the Office of the Inspector General in the Maryland Department of Health to be the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health and providing that the Office is an independent unit of the State, rather than a unit in the Department; requiring an annual report by December 1 of the Office's activities investigating fraud and waste of certain funds, referrals to the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, recoveries of mistaken claims paid in error, recoveries of the cost of benefits mistakenly paid, and regulatory changes; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, §§ 2-501(e-1), 2-502.1, and 2-506 - added and § 2-502 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 394 Delegate Smith**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – FEES FOR SUMMER SCHOOL COURSES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a local school system from charging a student a fee for enrollment in a summer school course if the student attends a school in the local school system, credit for the course is a high school graduation requirement, and the student has previously taken the course, but did not successfully complete or receive credit for the course.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-211 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 395 Delegate Adams**BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS – DEPOSITS**

Increasing from one-third to one-half the maximum portion of a home improvement contract price that a person may receive as a deposit before or at the time of execution of the home improvement contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 8-617 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 396 Delegate Pena–Melnik**PUBLIC HEALTH – OVERDOSE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM**

Authorizing the establishment of an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program by a community-based organization to provide a place for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and provide certain other services; providing that the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than six programs, with two in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, that operate at a single location in an area with a high incidence of drug use; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, §§ 24-1801 through 24-1806 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 397 Delegate Lierman**ELECTRICITY AND GAS – ENERGY SUPPLIERS – SUPPLY OFFERS**

Requiring the Public Service Commission, by January 1, 2022, to establish an administrative process to approve supply offers for electricity or gas for households in the State that receive energy assistance through a program administered by the Office of Home Energy Programs; prohibiting, beginning on July 1, 2022, approved supply offers from offering to provide electricity or gas, renewing a certain contract, or charging a certain fee to households in the State that receive certain energy assistance; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PU, § 4-308 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 398 Delegate Palakovich Carr**ELECTION LAW – TIME OFF FOR EMPLOYEE VOTING**

Requiring every employer in the State to allow any employee, rather than any employee who claims to be a registered voter, in the State up to 2 hours absence from work to vote in an election, rather than only on election day; altering the requirement that certain employees furnish to their employers certain proof to specify that the proof be reasonable and furnished in a timely manner; and prohibiting an employer from discriminating, retaliating or taking any form of reprisal against an employee who is absent from work to vote.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, § 10-315 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 399 Delegate Krimm**REAL PROPERTY – REQUIRED NOTICES FOR CONTRACTS OF SALE – ZONES OF DEWATERING INFLUENCE**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop and publish on its website a searchable map of zones of dewatering influence; defining “zones of dewatering influence” as the area around a surface mine in karst terrain; requiring a contract for the sale of real property in Baltimore County, Carroll County, Frederick County, or Washington County include a notice about property located in a certain zone; establishing that a purchaser of real property that does not receive the required notice has a right to rescind a contract; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 15-813 and RP, § 14-117(e)(21) and (22) - amended and RP, §§ 10-711 and 14-117(e)(23) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 400 Delegate Boyce**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ENROLLMENT LOCATION – CONTINUITY**

Removing a forestry camp and a training school from a certain list of placements; prohibiting a child who is a juvenile placed in the custody of certain entities from being disenrolled from public school until the disposition of the child’s juvenile case; requiring the public school in which the child is enrolled to provide the State Department of Education with certain educational materials; requiring the Department, in consultation with county boards of education, to develop and implement a certain procedure; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-101(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 401 Delegate Guyton**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – POLICIES AND REPORTS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to establish a model policy to support the educational and parenting goals and improve the educational outcomes of pregnant and parenting students; requiring the model policy to include certain policies and procedures; requiring each county board of education to establish a policy based on the Department's model policy; and altering the required contents of the pregnant and parenting students attendance policy developed by each county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 4-138 - added and § 7-301.1(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 402 Delegate Malone**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – DIVISION OF PAROLE AND PROBATION – DEFINITION OF ABSCONDING**

Altering a certain definition of “absconding” to include leaving a facility that an individual was placed in for certain drug or alcohol treatment without the permission of a certain administrator.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 6-101(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 403 Delegate Ebersole**VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE – RENEWAL**

Altering the number of years before the end of the term of a video lottery operation license that a licensee is required to provide certain notice of intent to renew the license and is authorized to apply for renewal; providing for a 15-year term for a renewed license; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to renew a certain license unless the Commission finds the licensee is no longer qualified; requiring the Commission, before denying an application, to provide a licensee an opportunity for a hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 9-1A-13, 9-1A-17, and 9-1A-30(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 404 Delegate W. Fisher**VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – CHILD CARE CENTERS**

Authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems within a one-half mile radius of a child care center with a posted speed limit of 20 miles per hour or more under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-809(a)(3) - added and § 21-809(a)(8) and (b)(1)(vi) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 405 Delegate Lopez**SPECIAL EDUCATION – JUDICIAL ACTIONS – ATTORNEY’S FEES AND RELATED COSTS**

Authorizing a court to award reasonable attorney’s fees and related costs to the parent of a child with a disability who is the prevailing party in a certain special education proceeding; prohibiting a court from awarding attorney’s fees and related costs to certain parents in a certain proceeding under certain circumstances; and authorizing an award of attorney’s fees and related costs to a parent of a child with a disability who is a prevailing party under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Judiciary

HB 406 Delegate P. Young**HIGHER EDUCATION – NONRESIDENT TUITION – EXEMPTION FOR SPOUSES AND DEPENDENTS OF HONORABLY DISCHARGED VETERANS**

Exempting a spouse or financially dependent child of an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State under certain circumstances; clarifying that the exemption for certain honorably discharged veterans of the United States armed forces from paying nonresident tuition at a public institution of higher education applies to a veteran honorably discharged at any time; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-106.4 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 407 Delegate Stein**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 certain inspection license issued by the Department of the Environment on or after July 1, 2022; requiring the Department to adopt regulations establishing eligibility criteria, training requirements, renewal procedures, and fees for such inspection licenses by January 1, 2022; providing an administrative penalty of up to \$10,000 for a violation of the Act to be paid to an account in the Bay Restoration Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 408 Delegate D.E. Davis**BUSINESS REGULATION – HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS – PAYMENTS**

Increasing from one-third to one-half the maximum portion of a home improvement contract price that a person may receive as a deposit before or at the time of execution of a home improvement contract; and prohibiting a person from receiving any remaining amount of a home improvement contract price until the completion of the home improvement specified in the contract.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 8-617 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 409 Delegate J. Lewis**JUVENILES CONVICTED AS ADULTS – SENTENCING – LIMITATIONS AND REDUCTION (JUVENILE RESTORATION ACT)**

Authorizing a court, when sentencing a minor convicted as an adult, to impose a sentence less than the minimum term required by law; prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole or release for a minor; authorizing an individual convicted as an adult for an offense committed as a minor to file a motion to reduce the duration of the individual's sentence; requiring the court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, §§ 6-235 and 8-110 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 410 Delegate Malone

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS – STANDARDS (ANTI-GERRYMANDERING OF MARYLAND’S CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS)

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require congressional districts to conform to certain standards, to prohibit the accounting for certain information relating to the voting history and party affiliation of certain individuals, and to require that due regard be given to natural boundaries and boundaries of political subdivisions; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XX, § 1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 411 Delegate Williams, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a victim, witness, or suspect in an investigation during the course of an investigation that the officer is conducting, supervising, or assisting with, or with a certain person requesting assistance from or responding to the law enforcement officer in the course of the officer’s official duties; and establishing a certain exception to the prohibition under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 3-314 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 412 Delegate K. Young

TASK FORCE TO STUDY INCREASED VOTER PARTICIPATION

Establishing the Task Force to Study Increased Voter Participation to evaluate and identify policies that have the potential to increase voter participation, evaluate the impact of any policy changes on the integrity of the electoral process, and estimate the costs of implementing policy changes to the State and local boards of elections; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 413 Delegate Wells**JUDGES – IMPLICIT BIAS – TESTING, TRAINING, AND EVALUATION**

Requiring the State Court Administrator to ensure that each judge in the State receive tests, training, and evaluation for implicit bias; and requiring the Administrator to ensure that data on the tests, training, and evaluation required by the Act is made available to the public on a website or by request.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 13-101.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 414 Delegate D.M. Davis**SOUTHERN MARYLAND RAPID TRANSIT PROJECT – FUNDING**

Requiring the State Department of Transportation promptly to undertake all steps necessary to complete the design, engineering, and National Environmental Policy Act process and secure a record of decision for the Southern Maryland Rapid Transit Project; requiring the Governor to include in the annual State budget an appropriation of \$12,000,000 from the Transportation Trust Fund in fiscal year 2023 and \$15,000,000 in fiscal year 2024 for certain purposes related to the Project; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 415 Delegate Grammer**FIREARMS – RIGHT TO PURCHASE, OWN, POSSESS, AND CARRY – MEDICAL CANNABIS**

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized under certain provisions of law to use medical cannabis; establishing the intent of the General Assembly that medical cannabis should be treated as legal for purposes of State law and the State should not penalize a qualifying patient for using the drug legally; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

PS, § 5-701 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 416 Delegate Belcastro**HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS –
MEMORY CARE AND ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE UNIT REGULATIONS**

Requiring that the Maryland Department of Health adopt certain regulations that establish specific standards governing memory care and Alzheimer’s disease units in assisted living programs, including certain training requirements, certain staffing pattern requirements, certain activity requirements, certain admissions and discharge criteria, and certain other procedures, and that require compliance by assisted living programs with the standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-1805(c) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 417 Delegate Adams**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOLS – REQUIRED NUMBER OF SCHOOL
DAYS OR HOURS**

Altering the requirement that certain public schools be open for at least 180 days and a minimum of 1,080 hours during a 10-month period in each school year to require that the schools be open for at least 180 days or a minimum of 1,080 hours during a 10-month period in each school year; and providing that certain funding for schools may not be reduced if there are fewer than 1,080 school hours under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 418 Delegate Guyton**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – SYMBOLS OF HATE – POLICY**

Requiring, on or before December 31, 2021, each county board of education to adopt a policy prohibiting the use or display of a symbol of hate under certain circumstances; requiring the policy to prohibit the display of a symbol of hate on clothing, book bags, folders, or similar items; providing an exception to the policy to allow a symbol of hate to be used as an example in a course of study; and requiring a county board to develop and distribute certain educational materials regarding the policy to each public school.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-424.4 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 419 Delegate Qi**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – ADVANCED CLEAN ENERGY AND
CLEAN ENERGY INNOVATION INVESTMENTS AND INITIATIVES**

Altering references to the term “clean energy” to be “advanced clean energy” for purposes of certain provisions of law concerning the Maryland Clean Energy Center and the Maryland Energy Innovation Institute; altering certain findings of the General Assembly, the purposes of certain provisions of law concerning the development of clean energy industries in the State, and the purposes, powers, and duties of the Center and Institute to include certain actions supporting clean energy innovation; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, Various Sections - amended, added, & repealed & SG § 9-20B-05(f)(10) and (11) - amended & § 9-20B-05(f)(11) & (f-4) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 420 Delegate Wilson**EMPLOYERS OF EX-OFFENDERS – LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENT
HIRING OR INADEQUATE SUPERVISION – IMMUNITY**

Establishing that certain employers are not liable, under certain circumstances, for negligently hiring or failing to adequately supervise an employee based on evidence that the employee has received probation before judgment for an offense or has been convicted of an offense; providing that the Act does not limit or abrogate certain other immunities or defenses; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-427 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 421 Delegate Rosenberg**INCOME TAX DISTRIBUTION – TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS**

Requiring that each fiscal year the Comptroller distribute \$250,000 of income tax revenue from individuals to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund; establishing the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund to provide grants to the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low-income Marylanders; requiring the Secretary of Higher Education to administer the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 11-409 and TG, § 2-608.2 - added and TG, § 2-609 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED JANUARY 13, 2021**HJ 1 Delegate Stein****NATURAL RESOURCES – FISHING – WILD-CAUGHT BLUE CATFISH**

Opposing certain inspection rules promulgated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture that have drastically impeded the harvest and sale of blue catfish and thus rendered the State unable to adequately use the commercial harvest as a form of control over the invasive blue catfish species; urging the U.S. Congress to amend 21 U.S.C. § 601(w) to exempt the wild catch of domestic catfish from certain inspection requirements; and requiring a copy of the Resolution to be forwarded to certain elected officials.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HJ 2 Delegate Cox**RESOLUTION TO END THE STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Terminating the Governor's state of emergency and declaring the intent of the General Assembly to order the Governor to cease issuing renewals of the state of emergency.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations