



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 2, 2021
Schedule 10

PLEASE NOTE: All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Friday, February 5.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 2, 2021

HB 891 Delegate D.M. Davis

HIGHER EDUCATION – HUNGER–FREE CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAM
– ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Hunger–Free Campus Grant Program to address student hunger and basic food needs on campus; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program, develop a certain form, and designate certain campuses as hunger–free campuses; authorizing certain public institutions of higher education to develop certain procedures and make certain information publicly available; requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2023, to include in the annual budget bill a \$150,000 appropriation for the Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, §§ 11-1701 through 11-1706 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

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HB 892 Delegate Buckel**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Pilot Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support and incentivize advanced industry infrastructure and resources that build on the existing strengths of the Western Maryland economy; establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure authority; establishing the Maryland Technology Infrastructure Fund to award financial assistance to public and private entities to support projects in Western Maryland; requiring a certain report; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, §§ 10-4C-01 through 10-4C-10 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 893 Delegate Dumais**FOSTER PARENTS, KINSHIP PARENTS, PREADOPTIVE PARENTS, AND CAREGIVERS – RIGHT TO INTERVENE**

Requiring the local department of social services and the circuit court to provide notice to a child's foster parent, kinship parent, preadoptive parent, or caregiver of the right to intervene as a party in any child abuse or neglect, termination of parental rights, or adoption proceeding under certain circumstances; requiring the local department of social services and the circuit court to provide certain notice to a child's kinship parent; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 3-801(u) and 3-816.3 and FL, § 5-504 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 894 Delegate Haynes**EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Establishing collective bargaining rights for certain community college employees; establishing procedures for the selection and certification of an exclusive bargaining representative; establishing a cap of six on the number of bargaining units that may be within each community college; requiring certain contracts and agreements entered into before October 1, 2021, to remain in effect until the agreement or contract expires; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, §§ 16-403, 16-412, and 16-414.1 - repealed and §§ 16-701 through 16-715 - added and SP, §§ 3-2A-05, 3-2A-07, and 3-2A-08(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 895 Delegate Mangione**ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES AT CONTINUING CARE RETIREMENT COMMUNITIES**

Requiring local boards of elections to establish separate precincts in continuing care retirement communities of 200 or more individuals who are at least 60 years old specifically to serve at least the residents of those retirement communities if a continuing care retirement community requests a polling place be established on the premises; requiring continuing care retirement community providers to provide certain facilities and services to the local board if a certain polling place is established on the premises; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 2-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 896 Delegate Mangione**CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – DEFINITION**

Altering the list of crimes included within a certain definition of “crime of violence” to include sexual abuse of a minor if the victim is under the age of 16 instead of under the age of 13.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 14-101(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 897 Delegate Mangione

GAMING – SPORTS AND EVENT WAGERING LICENSE – MARYLAND STATE FAIR AND AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY, INC.

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue a sports and event wagering license to the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society, Inc. if the Commission issues a license to another entity.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SG, § 9-109(d) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 898 Delegate McIntosh

OPERATING BUDGET – UNANTICIPATED FEDERAL FUNDS – AUTHORIZED USES

Prohibiting the expenditure of certain money from the federal government by amendment of an appropriation in the fiscal year 2021 or 2022 State budget unless the money is used for certain purposes; providing that the prohibition does not apply to the amendment of an appropriation if the Board of Public Works determines that the amendment is essential to maintaining public safety, health, or welfare of the State, or protecting the environment or economic welfare of the state; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

SF, § 7-217 and Chapter 19 of the Acts of 2020, §§ 5, 7, and 27 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 899 Delegate Bartlett

COURTS – CIVIL JURY TRIALS – AMOUNT IN CONTROVERSY

Increasing from \$15,000 to \$30,000 the maximum amount in controversy in a civil action in which a party may not demand a jury trial; providing for the construction and application of the Act; and making the Act contingent on the passage and ratification of a certain constitutional amendment.

CONTINGENT

CJ, § 4-402(e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 900 Delegate Bartlett**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS**

Requiring the Governor to appoint five members, instead of three, to the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; requiring that members be appointed from each legislative district in Anne Arundel County; limiting the number of terms that a member of the Board may serve to four consecutive terms; staggering the terms of members of the Board; altering certain requirements for political diversity among members of the Board; authorizing the Board, rather than the Governor, to designate a chair of the Board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 11-202 and 11-203 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 901 Delegate Bartlett (By Request – Anne Arundel County Administration)**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – HOTEL TAX ALTERATIONS – DISTRIBUTION OF REVENUE**

Requiring 3% of the hotel tax revenue generated in the City of Annapolis to be distributed to a special fund to be used only to fund the Annapolis Art in Public Places Commission; requiring the Commission to report annually on its use of the hotel tax revenue during the preceding fiscal year to the Mayor, the City Council, and to certain committees of the General Assembly; authorizing Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis to withhold funds dedicated to certain organizations under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

LG, § 20-603 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 902 Delegate Bartlett**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CIVIL JURY TRIALS**

Increasing the amount in controversy in civil proceedings in which the right to a jury trial may be limited by legislation from more than \$15,000 to more than \$30,000; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 5 and 23 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 903 Delegate Bridges**TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE MARYLAND PUBLIC GUARDIANSHIP PROGRAM**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Maryland Public Guardianship Program; providing for the composition, co–chairs, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to assess and analyze the Maryland Public Guardianship Program and make recommendations about how to improve the guardianship program in Maryland; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 904 Delegate Bridges**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – EXCLUSIVE REPRESENTATIVE ACCESS TO NEW EMPLOYEES**

Altering the type of access and the circumstances under which certain access to new employees by exclusive representatives is required to be permitted by the State, a system institution, Morgan State University, St. Mary’s College of Maryland, and Baltimore City Community College; altering, from 20 minutes to 30 minutes, the period of time for which an exclusive representative is required to be permitted to address certain new employees under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SP, § 3-307 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 905 Delegate Bridges**EDUCATION – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE SCHOLARSHIPS – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering the definition of “eligible student” to include students enrolled directly in registered apprenticeship programs to be eligible for Workforce Development Sequence Scholarships.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 18-3301 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 906 Delegate Carey**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EARNED RATING RECORD – WAIVER OF BENEFIT CHARGES DUE TO COVID–19**

Requiring, except under certain circumstances, the Secretary of Labor to waive the charges of unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit for claims filed during a certain period of time that the Secretary determines to be related to COVID–19; authorizing the Secretary to charge certain unemployment insurance benefits against the earned rating record of an employing unit due to certain conduct related to separation notices; and terminating the Act at the end of June 30, 2025.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 8-611(k) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 907 Delegate Carey**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – STUDY ON SYSTEM REFORMS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, to study and make recommendations regarding reforms to the unemployment insurance system in the State; specifying the scope of the study; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to report monthly to the Department of Legislative Services and the co–chairs of the Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight on the status of the study and to consult with certain other agencies and stakeholders for certain purposes; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 908 Delegate Carey**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS – PAYMENT PLANS**

Requiring the Secretary of Labor to offer to employing units for certain calendar years a variety of payment plan options that spread certain contribution due dates through the end of a certain month; requiring the Secretary to offer a variety of additional payment plan options that mutually serve certain interests and, for plans offered in a calendar year in which a certain table of rates is applicable, provide more flexibility than certain plans offered under a certain provision of the Act; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 8-607(d) - amended and § 8-607.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 909 Delegate Carey**MARYLAND HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT – APPLICABILITY**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 3-1303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 910 Delegate Lisanti**HEALTH INSURANCE – HEARING AIDS FOR ADULTS – COVERAGE**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide certain health insurance benefits under certain insurance policies or contracts to provide coverage for all medically appropriate and necessary hearing aids for adults covered under the policies or contracts; authorizing insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to limit the benefit payable under the Act to \$750 per hearing aid for each hearing-impaired ear every 36 months; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022

IN, § 15-838 - amended and § 15-838.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 911 Delegate Lisanti**NATURAL RESOURCES – WATERFOWL HUNTING – SUSQUEHANNA FLATS**

Establishing that a person may hunt wild waterfowl in the waters of the Susquehanna Flats while standing in water on the natural bottom only in areas designated by the Department of Natural Resources; and prohibiting a person from hunting wild waterfowl in the Susquehanna Flats from a boat that is drifting, being sculled, or anchored in areas designated for hunting wild waterfowl while standing in water on the natural bottom.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, §§ 10-604 through 10-606 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 912 Delegate Lisanti**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – VIDEO TOLLS – COLLECTION**

Extending, from May 31, 2021, to May 31, 2024, the termination date for certain provisions of law relating to the authority of the Central Collection Unit to collect certain unpaid video tolls and associated penalties that are recalled by the Maryland Transportation Authority.

EMERGENCY BILL

Chapter 547 of the Acts of 2018, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 913 Delegate Bhandari**BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – FACULTY**

Expanding the scope of certain provisions of law governing collective bargaining to include faculty of Baltimore County community colleges; requiring the Board of the Community College Trustees for Baltimore County to establish certain procedures and recognize certain rights of faculty; requiring the Board to adopt certain rules and regulations; and providing that the Act does not authorize a strike by faculty.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 16-403 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 914 Delegate Bhandari**EDUCATION – HOME AND HOSPITAL TEACHING PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS – REPORT**

Requiring the State Department of Education to study certain matters relating to the Home and Hospital Teaching Program for Students and make recommendations regarding any statutory or regulatory changes to the Program; requiring, by December 31, 2021, the Department to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the State Board of Education, and the General Assembly; and terminating the Act after June 30, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 915 Delegate Amprey**WORKGROUP ON BLACK, LATINO, AND OTHER UNDERREPRESENTED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

Establishing the Workgroup on Black, Latino, and Other Underrepresented Mental Health Professionals; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain mental health professionals and certain students who are Black, Latino, or otherwise underrepresented in the mental health profession; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 916 Delegate Amprey**EDUCATION – PUBLIC MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLS – FINANCIAL LITERACY CURRICULUM AND GRADUATION REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the State Department of Education to update the Maryland State Curriculum for Personal Financial Literacy Education and financial literacy standards to include content related to student loans and taxes; requiring the State Board to develop curriculum content for middle and high school courses in financial literacy; requiring students to complete a financial literacy course in order to graduate from a public middle or high school; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 7-205.5 and 7-205.6 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 917 Delegate Amprey**CORRECTIONS – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the placement of an inmate of a State correctional facility in restrictive housing, with certain exceptions; requiring a certain facility to document the usage of restrictive housing in a certain manner; and requiring records concerning the use of restrictive housing, excluding any identifying information, to be posted promptly on the website of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 9-614.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 918 Delegate Amprey**HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND LOAN ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM – UNDERREPRESENTED TEACHERS**

Establishing the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Underrepresented Teachers; requiring the Office of Student Financial Assistance in the Maryland Higher Education Commission to assist in the repayment of a certain loan owed by certain eligible individuals; requiring the Office to determine the annual amount of certain assistance; requiring a certain amount of assistance to equal at least 12.5% of the higher education loan attributable to tuition, fees, books and materials; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 18-3701 through 18-3705 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 919 Delegate Bagnall**MARYLAND INSURANCE COMMISSIONER – SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND PAYMENT OF CLAIMS – ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to enforce a certain provision of law providing that the provisions of § 15–1005 of the Insurance Article apply to a certain delivery system for specialty mental health services and administered by an administrative services organization.

EMERGENCY BILL

IN, § 2-108 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 920 Delegate Carr**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – DEFINITION – ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTION**

Excluding the administration of certain personnel matters from the definition of “administrative function” as it relates to the Open Meetings Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 3-101(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 921 Delegate Long**BALTIMORE COUNTY – SEWER SERVICE CHARGE – ADJUSTMENT**

Authorizing, in Baltimore County, a property owner to request an adjustment to a sewer service charge in a certain manner if there is a water leak in the interior plumbing of the property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 9-726 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 922 Delegate Lierman (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – COVID–19–RELATED DEATH BENEFITS – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying the eligibility of certain members of the State Retirement and Pension System for certain death benefits when COVID–19 caused or contributed to the death of a member; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to accept the death of a member as arising out of or in the course of the actual performance of duty under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to accept certain information as proof of when a member contracted COVID–19; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 923 Delegate Pena–Melnyk**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKER SAFETY AND HEALTH – INJURY AND ILLNESS PREVENTION PROGRAM**

Requiring employers with 10 or more employees, or whose rate of work–related injury and illness exceeds the average incidence rate of all industries in the State to develop and implement a health and safety committee to promote health and safety in the workplace; providing for the membership, meetings, and duties of the committee; requiring that the committee maintain certain records and retain the records for a certain period of time; requiring each employer to establish and maintain an injury and illness prevention program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

LE, §§ 5-1301 through 5-1305 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 924 Delegate Arikan**REAL PROPERTY – MOBILE HOME PARKS – RENT INCREASES**

Requiring a certain owner of a mobile home park to provide written notice of any increase in the annual rent for a site to a certain resident, a certain homeowners association, and the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General at least 90 days before the effective date of the increase; authorizing an increase in annual rent to exceed an increase in a certain index only under certain circumstances; requiring a park owner to schedule a certain meeting and provide certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8A-203 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 925 Delegate Arikan**WORKGROUP ON MEDICAL CANNABIS USE BY PREGNANT AND NURSING WOMEN**

Establishing the Workgroup on Medical Cannabis Use by Pregnant and Nursing Women; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing reimbursement for certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to conduct a certain study and make certain recommendations; requiring the Workgroup to reporting its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 926 Delegate Arikan**CRIMINAL LAW – HOMICIDE BY VEHICLE OR VESSEL – PENALTIES (JOSETTE'S LAW)**

Increasing the maximum term of imprisonment for the offense of manslaughter by vehicle or vessel from 10 to 20 years, and from 15 to 30 years for an individual who has previously been convicted of certain other driving-related offenses, and the maximum term of imprisonment for the offense of homicide by motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or alcohol per se from 5 to 10 years, and from 10 to 15 years for an individual previously convicted of certain other driving-related offenses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, §§ 2-209 and 2-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 927 Delegate Arikan**DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – TESTING – WARRANTS
(DANSHAUN’S LAW)**

Establishing an exception to the prohibition on compelling a person to undergo a certain test of the person’s breath or blood for a test that is required by a valid warrant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 16-205.1(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 928 Delegate Arikan**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE**

Altering the size of the safety zone within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances in Baltimore County from 150 yards to 50 yards; and requiring an archery hunter in Baltimore County to use a tree stand when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of certain buildings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-410(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 929 Delegate Arikan**TEACHERS’ PENSION SYSTEM – VESTED ALLOWANCE – BREAK IN
SERVICE**

Providing that certain vested former members of the Teachers’ Pension System of the State Retirement and Pension System who meet certain criteria may commence receipt of a vested allowance while continuing certain employment with certain participating employers.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 930 Delegate Arikan**FAMILY LAW – REMOVAL OF CHILD FROM HOME – MEETINGS**

Specifying that, at any meeting of a local department of social services during which the removal of a child from the child's home is discussed, certain information is required to be redacted and is prohibited from being referenced; requiring the local department to keep minutes of certain meetings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 5-525.3 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 931 Delegate Arikan**CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – NOTICE OF ALLEGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE OR NEGLECT (AIDEN'S LAW)**

Requiring the designee of the State Superintendent of Schools, on receipt of a certain notification of a certain allegation of child abuse or neglect, to ensure that a certain notice is provided; requiring a certain family child care provider or child care center to provide a certain notice to certain parents and guardians within 24 hours after first having knowledge of a certain report or incident of suspected child abuse or neglect; prohibiting a person from providing the notice under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 9.5-309(a), 9.5-312, 9.5-418, and 9.5-419(a) - amended and §§ 9.5-309.1 and 9.5-419.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 932 Delegate Arikan**DRUGGED DRIVING – CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCE TESTING – AUTHORIZED POLICE OFFICERS**

Authorizing a police officer who has successfully completed a program of training in advanced roadside impaired driving enforcement to request, require, or direct that a person take a test for drug or controlled dangerous substance content under certain circumstances; repealing the authorization for a police officer who is a trainee or is in a program of training for certification as a drug recognition expert to request, require, or direct that a person take a test for drug or controlled dangerous substance content; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 16-205.1(j) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 933 Delegate Bartlett**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – HOUSING TRUST SPECIAL REVENUE FUND**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to increase the rate of the transfer tax imposed on certain written instruments conveying title to property or a leasehold interest in real property; requiring any revenue derived from a higher transfer tax rate to be distributed to a certain special fund; establishing a Housing Trust Special Revenue Fund and requiring that certain revenue attributable to certain transfer and recordation tax rates be paid into the fund; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

PLL of Anne Arundel Co, Art. 2, §§ 4-3A-102 and 4-11-111 - amended and § 4-11-122 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 934 Delegate Bartlett**PUBLIC HEALTH – CHIEF MEDICAL EXAMINER – AUTOPSY FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Clarifying the circumstances under which a person in interest may appeal to the Secretary of Health the denial by the Chief Medical Examiner to correct certain findings and conclusions recorded on a certificate of death.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 5-310(d)(1) and (2)(ii) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 935 Delegate Bartlett**EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SERVICES FUND**

Establishing the Emergency Community Services Fund for purposes of enabling the State to respond without undue delay to increased demand for community services during a state of emergency or during a period of increased unemployment; requiring the Governor to include a \$10,000,000 appropriation to the Fund in the annual budget bill; requiring the Department of Budget and Management to administer the Fund; requiring the State Treasurer to hold the Fund and the Comptroller to account for the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and §§ 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. and 7-332 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 936 Delegate Lisanti**HOSPITALS AND FREESTANDING MEDICAL FACILITIES – CLOSING OR PARTIAL CLOSING – PUBLIC NOTICE**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish a certain notice of the closing or partial closing of a certain hospital or freestanding medical facility within 15 days of having received a certain notice; requiring the Commission to ensure that a certain notice is available to the public for certain purposes and provided to a certain local governing body and certain members of the General Assembly; requiring the Commission to publish a notice of certain informational meetings; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-120(l) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 937 Delegate McIntosh**STATE LOTTERY FUND – MARYLAND HUMANITIES COUNCIL – FUNDING**

Repealing a requirement that the Comptroller pay an annual grant from the Racing Special Fund to the Maryland Humanities Council; and requiring the Comptroller to pay a grant of \$150,000 from the State Lottery Fund to the Maryland Humanities Council for Maryland History Day and other programming.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

BR, § 11-403(a)(9) and SG, § 9-120(b)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 938 Delegate Hill**REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER–ON–DEATH DEED TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Real Property Transfer–on–Death Deed Task Force to study other jurisdictions that have implemented the use of a transfer–on–death deed for real property; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the implementation of a transfer–on–death deed in the State; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 939 Delegate Arikan**EDUCATION – STUDENT EDUCATION GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Student Education Grant Program in the State Department of Education to provide grants to eligible students in the State to attend an open nonpublic school approved to operate in the State; providing for the renewal of a grant from the Program; requiring the Department to establish an application process for the Program; requiring the Department to distribute grants; providing for the amount of each grant under the Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 5-222 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 940 The Speaker**GAMING – REGULATION OF FANTASY GAMING COMPETITIONS AND IMPLEMENTATION OF SPORTS WAGERING**

Authorizing sports wagering license holders to accept wagers on sporting events by certain methods and in certain locations; requiring certain fantasy competition operators to register with the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission under certain circumstances; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to regulate sports wagering in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

ED, § 5-219(f) and SG, Various Sections - amended and SG, §§ 9-1D-03, 9-1D-04, and 9-1E-01 through 9-1E-15 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 941 Delegate Wells (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY – SPEED LIMITS – ESTABLISHMENT**

Authorizing Baltimore City to establish the maximum speed limit on a highway under its jurisdiction without performing an engineering and traffic study.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-803 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 942 Delegate Conaway**COMMERCIAL LEASES – GROUNDS FOR TERMINATION BY TENANT**

Prohibiting a certain landlord from charging a tenant or causing a tenant to be charged for electricity usage except in accordance with the terms of a written lease; authorizing a certain tenant to terminate a lease without penalty under certain circumstances; providing that the termination takes effect immediately upon the tenant providing written notice of the termination to the landlord; and providing that the Act applies only to certain nonresidential property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-119 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 943 Delegate Bridges**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION – LIVE NEAR YOUR SCHOOL PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the Community Development Administration in the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a home buyer assistance program that assists current students and recent graduates of public institutions of higher education to receive certain low-interest mortgages for the purchase of homes near their schools; requiring the Administration to administer community development projects known as the Live Near Your School program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HS, §§ 4-215.1 and 4-217(e) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 944 Delegate Solomon**GROWING FAMILY CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITIES PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Pilot Program in the Department of Education; authorizing the Department to provide grants to local jurisdictions or child care licensing regions to increase the supply and ensure the sustainability of family child care providers in areas with above average rates of poverty and unemployment; requiring the Department to report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2021, and each year thereafter, on the status of the program and an evaluation of local pilot programs; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 9.5-113 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

HB 945 Delegate Carey**HUMAN SERVICES – CRITICAL MEDICAL NEEDS PROGRAM – APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**

Prohibiting the Office of Home Energy Programs from requiring certain medical certification when a critical medically vulnerable individual applies for assistance from the Critical Medical Needs Program if the applicant is at least 60 years old and assisted by a navigator.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HU, § 5-5A-08 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 946 Delegate Wells**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – REDUCED FARE PROGRAM FOR OPIOID TREATMENT CENTER PATIENTS – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering requirements relating to participation in the Maryland Transit Administration's Disabled Reduced Fare Program by certain opioid treatment programs by requiring the Administration to allow opioid treatment programs to certify the eligibility of and issue identification cards and monthly transit passes to qualifying patients; requiring rather than authorizing participating opioid treatment programs to issue the identification cards and transit passes to patients on-site; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 7-712 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 947 Delegate Wells**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – DISABLED REDUCED FARE PROGRAM FOR OPIOID TREATMENT PROGRAM PATIENTS – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering requirements relating to participation in the Maryland Transit Administration's Disabled Reduced Fare Program by certain opioid treatment program by requiring the Administration to allow opioid treatment programs to certify eligibility for and issue identification cards and monthly transit passes to qualifying patients; requiring rather than authorizing participating opioid treatment programs to issue the identification cards and transit passes to patients on-site; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 7-712 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 948 Delegate Wells**MARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General and an Advisory Board for the Office; establishing that the Advisory Board has the powers to appoint and remove the Inspector General; providing for the position, term, qualifications, and authority of the Inspector General; providing that certain records are not subject to disclosure; providing that disclosure of a protected record is a misdemeanor; authorizing the Inspector General to adopt regulations to carry out the Act; requiring certain reports; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 7.5-101 through 7.5-112 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 949 Delegate Washington**CAMPAIGN FINANCE – COLLECTIONS BY MEMBERSHIP ENTITIES – NONCAMPAIGN POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

Authorizing a membership entity to require a member to donate to noncampaign political activity of the membership entity up to 25% of the total annual amount the member is required to pay as dues, fees, or other assessments as a condition of membership if the member exercises the right not to contribute to a political action committee affiliated with the membership entity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 13-243 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 950 Delegate Washington**JUDGES – COMMUNITY AND CULTURAL AWARENESS TRAINING**

Requiring the State Court Administrator to ensure that each judge in the State receives certain annual training to increase community and cultural awareness.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 13-101.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 951 Delegate Washington**INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Increasing to \$20,000 the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain military retirement income for individuals who are at least 55 years old; increasing to \$10,000 the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income attributable to a resident's employment as a correctional officer, a law enforcement officer, or a fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

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

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 952 Delegate Washington**REAL PROPERTY – SALE OF APARTMENT FACILITIES – RIGHTS OF QUALIFIED ORGANIZATIONS**

Prohibiting an owner of an apartment facility from taking certain actions with regard to the sale of an apartment facility unless the owner complies with the requirements of the Act; requiring an owner to send notice of the owner's intent to sell an apartment facility to the Department of Housing and Community Development; requiring the notice of intent to sell to contain certain information; requiring the Department to take certain actions upon receipt of the notice of intent to sell; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 10-801 through 10-806 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 953 Delegate Washington**LAW ENFORCEMENT – RACIAL EQUITY AUDITS AND COORDINATORS**

Requiring the chief of each law enforcement agency with a budget of or exceeding \$50,000,000 to perform an annual racial equity audit related to practices on hiring, discipline and use of force within the department and to hire a racial equity coordinator.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-523 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 954 Delegate Washington**PROPERTY TAX – SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

Establishing certain solar energy property as a subclass of personal property; providing that the county tax rate applicable to certain solar energy property may be a different rate from the county tax rate applicable to other personal property, subject to a certain limitation; exempting personal property that is a certain community solar energy generating system from a county or municipal corporation property tax under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, §§ 6-302(b)(1) and 8-101(c) - amended and §§ 7-402 and 8-105(a)(4) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 955 Delegate Washington**ELECTION LAW – ABSENTEE BALLOT DELIVERY AND MARKING**

Repealing a provision of law requiring a local board of elections to provide an absentee ballot by facsimile transmission if requested by a voter; altering a certain provision of law to require a local board to provide an absentee ballot by the Internet only if requested by certain voters, rather than to any voter on request; and authorizing the State Board to provide an accessible optional online ballot marking tool for use by certain voters, rather than by any voter, who request to have an absentee ballot sent by the Internet.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, §§ 9-306 and 9-308.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 956 Delegate Washington**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES – USE OF FORCE**

Providing that a certain police officer is justified in using force under certain circumstances; providing that a certain police officer is justified in using deadly force under certain circumstances; prohibiting a police officer from using a certain type of restraint, subject to a certain exception; requiring a certain police officer to make a certain attempt to intervene, to terminate, or to prevent a certain other officer's use of a certain type of restraint under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 2-109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 957 Delegate Conaway**BUSINESS REGULATION – PAWNBROKERS AND PAWN TRANSACTIONS – CONVERSION OF INTEREST INTO FEES**

Prohibiting a pawnbroker, or other lending agent acting on behalf of a pawnbroker, from converting interest charged on a pawn transaction into a fee collectible by the pawnbroker; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 12-105 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 958 Delegate Conaway**BUSINESS REGULATION – PAWNBROKERS AND PAWN TRANSACTIONS – LIMITATION ON CONVERSION OF INTEREST TO FEES**

Prohibiting a pawnbroker, or other lending agent acting on behalf of a pawnbroker, from converting more than 10% of interest charged on a pawn transaction into a fee collectible by the pawnbroker within a 30-day period of time, beginning on the date of the conversion, within the term of the pawn transaction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 12-105 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 959 Delegate Conaway**ABSOLUTE DIVORCE – MUTUAL CONSENT – DEADLINE FOR RULING**

Requiring a court to rule on an application for absolute divorce on the grounds of mutual consent within 7 days after the date on which the application is filed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 7-103(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 960 Delegate Conaway**LANDLORD AND TENANT – LEASE AGREEMENTS – ESTOPPEL CERTIFICATES AND SUBORDINATION, NON-DISTURBANCE, AND ATTORNMENT AGREEMENTS**

Prohibiting a landlord from using a lease containing an estoppel certificate or a subordination, non-disturbance, and attornment agreement or requiring a tenant to agree to sign an estoppel certificate or a subordination, non-disturbance, and attornment agreement as a provision of a lease; providing that the Act may not be construed to prohibit a landlord from requesting that a tenant sign a certain separate certificate or agreement; and providing that the Act may not impair an existing obligation or contract right.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 8-119 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 961 Delegate Parrott**LOCAL GOVERNMENT – LEMONADE STANDS – PROHIBITION ON REGULATION BY LOCAL LAW**

Prohibiting a municipality, a county, or any other political subdivision from adopting or enforcing a local law prohibiting or regulating the sale of lemonade or other nonalcoholic beverages by individuals under the age of 18 from a stand on private property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, § 1-1314 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 962 Delegate Parrott**WASHINGTON COUNTY – NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – ESSENTIAL CAREGIVERS**

Requiring each nursing home and assisted living program in Washington County to establish certain policies and procedures authorizing certain visitation from an essential caregiver and relating to the designation and use of an essential caregiver; authorizing nursing homes and assisted living programs to consult with the local health officer when establishing the policies and procedures; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-1416.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 963 Delegate Parrott**SALES AND USE TAX – EXEMPTION – FIREARM SAFETY DEVICES**

Providing an exemption under the sales and use tax for the first \$500 of the taxable price of certain firearm safety devices, including a firearm safe, firearm lockbox, trigger and barrel lock, or any other item designed for home firearm safety; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 11-241 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 964 Delegate Parrott**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVING IN RIGHT-HAND LANES – INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS IN RURAL AREAS**

Requiring the driver of a vehicle traveling slower than the general speed of traffic on interstate highways located in rural areas to drive the vehicle in the right-hand lanes; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include certain information in the State's driver education curriculum; requiring the State Highway Administration to inform drivers of certain requirements by posting certain signage and providing certain notice in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-301(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 965 Delegate Parrott**CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS – STANDARDS**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require congressional districts consist of adjoining territory, be compact in form, and be of substantially equal population and that due regard be given to natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions; and requiring the amendment be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2022 for adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. XX, § 1 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 966 Delegate Parrott**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN QUALIFICATION LICENSE – TRAINING EXEMPTION**

Exempting an applicant who is a law enforcement officer with a law enforcement agency in Delaware, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, or Washington, D.C. from the firearms safety training course requirement for a handgun qualification license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 5-117.1(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 967 Delegate Bridges (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – INTERSTATE 83**

Authorizing the placement and use of not more than two speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; requiring that fines collected by Baltimore City as a result of violations enforced by the speed monitoring systems on Interstate 83 be used to assist in covering the cost of certain roadway improvements on Interstate 83 in Baltimore City; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 7-302(e)(4) and TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(v) through (vii) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 968 Delegate Conaway**BUSINESS REGULATION – PAWNBROKERS AND PAWN TRANSACTIONS – INTEREST AND FEES**

Prohibiting a pawnbroker, or other lending agent acting on behalf of a pawnbroker, from converting interest charged on a pawn transaction into a fee collectible by the pawnbroker and concurrently assessing an additional interest charge on the pawn transaction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 12-105 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 969 Delegate Carey**HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE – CRITICAL MEDICAL NEEDS PROGRAM – POWER TO THE PEOPLE PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs, in coordination with the United Way of Central Maryland and the Fuel Fund of Maryland, to establish the Power to the People Pilot Program on or before July 1, 2022, to expand access to the Critical Medical Needs Program; requiring the Pilot Program to provide training for certain individuals to serve as navigators under the Critical Medical Needs Program; requiring the United Way of Central Maryland to develop a certain screening intake process; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HU, § 5-5A-08 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters