



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 26, 2021**  
**Schedule 8**

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**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.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 26, 2021**

### **HB 666 Delegate Barron**

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY – METRO TRANSIT POLICE – QUOTAS AND METRO TRANSIT POLICE COMPLAINTS BOARD

Altering the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact to require the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to prohibit the use of enforcement quotas to evaluate, incentivize, or discipline members of the Metro Transit Police, including with regard to the number of arrests made or citations or warnings issued; and providing for the establishment, composition, powers, and duties of a Police Complaints Board, subject to a certain concurrence in the Act by the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 10-204 Title III Article XVI Section 76(f) - amended and § 10-204 Title III Article XVI Section 76(i) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 667 Delegate Sample–Hughes**

## GENERAL PROVISIONS – STATE SONG – REPEAL

Repealing the State song.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

GP, § 7-318 - repealed

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 668 Delegate Szeliga**

## RECKLESS AND NEGLIGENT DRIVING – DEATH OF ANOTHER – MUST–APPEAR VIOLATION (SHERRY’S AND RYAN’S LAW)

Providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving that contributes to an accident that results in the death of another person must appear in court and may not prepay the fine.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-901.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 669 Delegate Attar**

## CRIMES – FIREARMS – STRAW PURCHASE PARTICIPANT PENALTY

Altering from a misdemeanor to a felony the crime of knowingly being a participant in a straw purchase of a regulated firearm under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 5-141 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 670 The Speaker (By Request – Workgroup to Address Police Reform and Accountability)****POLICE REFORM AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021**

Repealing the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; providing that the Police Department of Baltimore City is an agency and instrumentality of the City of Baltimore, instead of the State; authorizing a judge to issue a certain "no-knock" search warrant only under certain circumstances; providing that an individual attending a public institution of higher education is exempt from paying tuition if the individual intends to become a police officer under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, ED, PS, and PLL of Balt City, Art. 4, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 671 The Speaker****PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PERSONNEL AND INVESTIGATORY RECORDS – COMPLAINTS AGAINST POLICE OFFICERS**

Requiring a custodian to grant inspection of certain personnel records by the United States Attorney, the Attorney General, the State Prosecutor, or a State's Attorney; establishing that a record relating to a formal complaint of job-related misconduct made against a police officer is not a personnel record under certain provisions of the Public Information Act under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland police Training and Standards Commission to post on its website and submit to the General Assembly certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

GP, § 4-101(i) - added and §§ 4-311 and 4-351 - amended and PS, § 3-514 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 672 Delegate Attar**

## DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – JUVENILE OFFENSE DATABASE

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services, in coordination with the Administrative Office of the Courts, to develop, maintain, regularly update, and publish a searchable database of all offenses involving juveniles on its website; prohibiting the database from containing certain information; providing that certain provisions of law mandating the confidentiality of certain juvenile records do not prohibit the publication of, or access to or use of, certain information concerning certain juveniles in a certain database; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-8A-27(i) and HU, § 9-224 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 673 Delegate Valentino–Smith**

## STATE HEALTH CARE FACILITIES – EMPLOYEES – ALTERNATIVE WORKWEEKS

Authorizing the Secretary of Health to authorize an employee of a State facility to work according to an “alternative workweek”, which means a work schedule under which a certain employee works atypical shifts and may work less than 40 hours in a week; requiring that a certain employee be considered a full-time employee of the State; providing that certain provisions of law governing the payment for overtime work apply to employees of a State facility who are authorized to work according to a certain alternative workweek; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

HG, § 2-104(p) - added and SP, § 8-305 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 674 Delegate Valentino–Smith**

## NURSING HOMES – TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP – SITE VISITS AND SURVEYS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct site visits and conduct full surveys, within 1, 3, and 6 months after the date of transfer, of a licensed nursing home if the ownership of the nursing home is transferred to a person that does not own or operate another nursing home in the State at the time of the transfer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-1408 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 675 Delegate Valentino-Smith**

DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING – PRIOR CONVICTIONS – CONVICTION FOR THE DRUNK OR DRUGGED OPERATION OF A VESSEL

Establishing that a conviction for the drunk or drugged operation of a vessel under the Natural Resources Article constitutes a prior conviction for the purpose of calculating enhanced penalties for second or subsequent violations for drunk or drugged driving under State vehicle laws.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-902(a)(1), (b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1), (e), (h), and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 676 Delegate Bhandari**

GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – DASHAIN DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim October 14 as Dashain Day, which is a festival originating in parts of South Asia that celebrates and symbolizes the victory of good over evil.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

GP, § 7-415 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 677 Delegate Bhandari**

BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – QUALIFICATIONS

Requiring that each member of the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County be a resident and voter of Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 13-202 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 678 Delegate Buckel**

CRIMES OF VIOLENCE – PAROLE (STOPPING DANGEROUS AND VIOLENT CRIMINALS ACT OF 2021)

Altering the portion of a sentence that must be served before a certain inmate convicted of a certain violent crime committed on or after October 1, 2021, can be paroled.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 7-301(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 679 Delegate Rogers****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS MT LICENSE**

Establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer and wine license in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a crowd control training certification; authorizing a license holder to sell beer and wine to certain patrons at retail at a certain place for on-premises consumption; specifying that the license holder is subject to certain alcohol awareness requirements; providing an annual license fee of \$1,200; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 11-1006.2 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 680 Delegate Rogers****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – CHIEF INSPECTOR**

Requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to employ a chief inspector; and providing for the salary of the chief inspector.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 11-204 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 681 Delegate Buckel****TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE MARYLAND ORPHANS' COURTS**

Establishing the Task Force to Study the Maryland Orphans' Courts; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to examine the composition and purpose of the orphans' courts in Maryland and make recommendations about how to improve the orphans' courts in Maryland; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 682 Delegate Buckel****RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – THERMAL BIOMASS SYSTEMS**

Authorizing certain biomass systems primarily fueled with qualifying biomass other than animal manure to be eligible for renewable energy credits; and altering the definition of “thermal biomass system”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-701(r) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 683 Delegate Valderrama****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – MEDICAL CANNABIS – COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS**

Providing that, under certain circumstances, a covered employee or a dependent of a covered employee is not entitled to workers’ compensation or benefits if a certain accidental personal injury, compensable hernia, or occupational disease was caused solely by the effect of medical cannabis on the employee and the medical cannabis was not administered or taken with the written certification of a certifying provider or the written instructions of a physician; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, §§ 9-506(b) and 9-660(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Health and Government Operations

**HB 684 Delegate Valderrama****PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS – SURVEYING PRACTICE – DEFINITION AND LICENSING EXCEPTION**

Altering the definition of “practice land surveying” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing professional land surveyors; and exempting certain individuals who utilize measurement devices or systems, regardless of the technology or methods used, for the exclusive purpose of determining topography and contours and are certified by certain entities approved by the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors from certain licensing requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, §§ 15-101(k) and 15-301 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 685 Delegate Valderrama****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – SECURE MARYLAND WAGE ACT**

Requiring that certain employees working at a heightened security interest location be paid a certain wage or combination of wages and benefits; declaring findings of the General Assembly; specifying that certain provisions of the Act do not diminish certain collective bargaining rights of certain covered employees; specifying that a certain agreement to work for less than a certain wage is void under certain circumstances; requiring an employer to keep certain records for at least 3 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, §§ 3-102 and 3-403(13) and (14) and SF, § 18-102 - amended and LE, §§ 3-103(m), 3-403(15), and 3-1501 through 3-1511 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 686 Delegate McComas****COURT OFFICIALS – PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Authorizing certain judges and prosecutors and certain immediate family members to make a written request that certain personal information be removed from the Internet or from certain other publications; requiring a person who receives a request under the Act to remove the information within 72 hours; authorizing certain civil actions for violations of the Act; prohibiting the inspection without permission of public records containing certain personal information about certain current and former judges and prosecutors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 3-2201 and 3-2202 and GP, § 4-357 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary



**HB 687 Delegate McComas****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS – UNIFORM DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES**

Providing that a law enforcement agency and the agency's superior governmental authority and a collective bargaining unit may not enter into an agreement that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Law Enforcement Officers' Bill of Rights; repealing a certain authorization for a law enforcement agency or the agency's superior governmental authority to negotiate with a certain representative, under certain circumstances, an alternative method of forming a certain hearing board; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 3-102, 3-107(c), and 3-108(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 688 Delegate McComas****CRIMINAL LAW – SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT – SPORTS OFFICIAL**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an official, an umpire, a referee, or a judge officiating at a sporting event; authorizing a police officer to arrest a person without a warrant if the police officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a certain assault; and establishing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to 10 years in prison or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 3-203 and CP, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 689 Delegate McComas****CERTIFICATES FOR INVOLUNTARY ADMISSION – LICENSED CERTIFIED SOCIAL WORKER–CLINICAL**

Altering a requirement that a certain certificate accompany an application for involuntary admission to certain facilities by providing that the certificate may be of a physician and a licensed certified social worker–clinical; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 10-615, 10-616, and 10-619 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 690 Delegate Hornberger**

## ELECTION INTEGRITY ACT

Requiring a certain agent of a voter to be a family member or member of the voter's household to pick up and deliver the voter's absentee ballot; prohibiting a certain campaign volunteer from being designated by a voter as a certain agent to pick up and deliver an absentee ballot; and prohibiting a certain agent of a voter from picking up and delivering more than three absentee ballots during each election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 9-307 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 691 Delegate Hornberger**

## ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTORS – DISCLOSURE OF OWNING OR CONTROLLING INDIVIDUAL OR BUSINESS ENTITY

Requiring, to the extent practicable, the treasurer of a campaign finance entity to record the name of the owning or controlling individual or business entity of certain contributors; requiring campaign finance reports to include information regarding the owning or controlling individual or business entity of certain contributors; and defining "business entity".

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, § 13-221(a)(4) - added and §§ 13-221(a)(4) and 13-304(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 692 Cecil County Delegation**

## CECIL COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER TERMS AND COMPENSATION

Increasing to three the number of terms a voting member of the Cecil County Board of Education may serve; requiring the County Council of Cecil County to set the amount of compensation for members of the county board; altering the minimum amount of compensation the president and other voting members of the county board are entitled to receive; and providing that the Act does not apply to the compensation of the president or other voting members of the county board during a certain term of office.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 3-4A-01 and 3-4A-04 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 693 Cecil County Delegation****CECIL COUNTY – FISHING – RESTRICTIONS**

Establishing that a certain riparian right of first refusal to set commercial fishing nets in certain waters of the Chesapeake Bay and a certain process through which another person may set commercial fishing nets in front of the property of the riparian property owner do not apply in Cecil County; and repealing certain fishing restrictions that apply in Cecil County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 4-712 - amended and § 4-717 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 694 Delegate Hornberger****ELECTION LAW – OFFENSES RELATED TO VOTING – PENALTIES**

Altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter to include if the individual has been convicted of a certain violation of the election law and less than 4 years have elapsed since the date of the conviction; and providing that a person who is convicted of a certain violation of the election law is ineligible to vote for a period of 4 years after the date of the conviction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 3-102(b) and 16-201 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 695 Delegate Hornberger****STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING DATABASE – STUDY**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to study and make recommendations regarding certain requirements that need to be met to implement a system that provides the public with real-time access to the contributions made to and expenditures made by a campaign finance entity; requiring the State Board to research certain options and make certain recommendations; authorizing the State Board to work in coordination with the Maryland Bankers Association in conducting the study; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 696 Delegate Hornberger****PUBLIC SAFETY – CONSUMER AND DISPLAY FIREWORKS**

Authorizing a person who is at least 18 years old and meets certain requirements to purchase, possess, and use certain consumer fireworks; prohibiting a person from intentionally igniting or discharging certain consumer fireworks in certain circumstances; altering certain provisions to establish that certain provisions authorizing the State Fire Marshal to issue a certain permit relating to fireworks apply only to certain display fireworks; applying certain penalties to a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, §§ 10-101, 10-103, 10-104, and 10-110 - amended and §§ 10-102.1 and 10-114 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 697 Delegate Williams****RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY – EVICTION PROCEEDINGS – SHIELDING OF COURT RECORDS**

Requiring a court to shield certain court records relating to an action involving certain residential property on the commencement of the action; requiring a court to cease shielding certain records if the court issues a warrant of restitution or warrant of possession to a certain party, except under certain circumstances; authorizing the release of shielded records under certain circumstances; requiring a summons issued for a certain cause of action to contain a certain statement in a certain form; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 8-406 and 8-807(m) - added and § 8A-1703 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 698 Delegate Crutchfield****MARYLAND MODEL PRISONS STUDY WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Maryland Model Prisons Study Workgroup to develop a plan to bring about fundamental changes to the culture and practices of State prisons and to consult with certain social justice organizations as part of the process; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Workgroup to report and make recommendations the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 699 Delegate D.M. Davis****MOTOR VEHICLES – DRIVER’S LICENSE AND INSURANCE  
OFFENSES – PENALTIES**

Altering and repealing certain penalties for certain motor vehicle offenses related to driver’s licenses or the privilege to drive in the State; altering and repealing certain penalties for driving, or knowingly allowing another person to drive, under certain circumstances, a motor vehicle that is not covered by the required security; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 16-303 and 17-107 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 700 Delegate Ruth****EDUCATION – DISRUPTION OF SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – REPEAL OF  
PROHIBITION**

Repealing a provision of law prohibiting a person from willfully disturbing or otherwise willfully preventing the orderly conduct of activities, administration, or classes of any institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 26-101 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 701 Delegate McComas****CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – TRAINING OF HEALTH CARE  
PROFESSIONALS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide certain boards that are authorized to take actions against persons who knowingly fail to report suspected child abuse with a list of courses relating to the obligation to report child abuse and neglect and the identification of abused and neglected children; requiring certain boards to post certain information on each board’s website, provide information about recommended courses to certain health care professionals, or advertise the availability of certain courses; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 1-225 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 702 Delegate Ivey****HIGHER EDUCATION – STANDARDIZED TESTS – PROHIBITION OF USE IN STUDENT ADMISSIONS**

Prohibiting a public institution of higher education from requiring an applicant to submit a standardized test score as part of the admissions process; and specifying that the prohibition does not apply to a public medical school in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 12-109(e), 14-104(e), and 15-101 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 703 Delegate Ivey****TRANSPORTATION – I-270 AND I-495 – PROHIBITION ON ADDING NEW LANES**

Prohibiting the State Highway Administration from adding any new lanes to Interstate 270 or Interstate 495.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 8-609.4 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 704 Delegate Ivey****LAND USE – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM SITING (MARYLAND STOP THE MAGLEV ACT OF 2021)**

Prohibiting a person from constructing a magnetic levitation transportation system within 2 miles of certain property; prohibiting units of State and local government from taking certain actions related to the construction of a Maglev within 2 miles of certain property; establishing that the prohibitions under the Act do not apply if certain approvals have been obtained; authorizing counties to adopt local laws for the use of certain land under certain circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LU, §§ 1-401(b)(16) and 4-215 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 705 Delegate Ivey****TRANSPORTATION – I-270 AND I-495 – PROHIBITION ON TOLL LANES (STOP UNNECESSARY TOLL LANES ACT OF 2021)**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority, or a private entity participating in a public-private partnership, from imposing a toll for the use of Interstate 495 or Interstate 270.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TR, § 4-312(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 706 Delegate Ivey****MEDICAL CANNABIS – DISPENSARY GROWER-PROCESSOR LICENSE**

Requiring the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to license medical cannabis dispensary grower-processors to grow, process, and dispense medical cannabis if certain requirements are met; providing that an applicant for a dispensary grower-processor license may not have received certain disciplinary action from the Commission or have failed to meet certain deadlines; requiring the Commission to establish a certain application review process; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 707 Delegate Bhandari****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT REFORM**

Providing that the Police Department of Baltimore City is an agency and instrumentality of the City of Baltimore, instead of the State; providing that police officers of the department have the authority conferred under Title 2 of the Criminal Procedure Article; requiring that a certain “no-knock” search warrant be preapproved by a certain supervisor and the State’s Attorney; altering the required frequency of certain police training; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, §§ 16-2(a) and 16-3 - amended, CP, § 1-203(a)(2)(vi) - amended, & PS, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 708 Delegate Krebs****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DISPOSITIONS AND SUMMARY SUSPENSIONS – TIME PERIODS**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to dispose of certain disciplinary matters within 90 days after a certain hearing; authorizing a certain licensee to provide certain written notice that a decision is due; establishing that a certain decision shall be construed in a certain manner under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board to issue a final, appealable order on a certain summary suspension within 30 days after the date of the summary suspension.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 4-318.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 709 Delegate Krebs****PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DRUG REIMBURSEMENT – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring pharmacy benefits managers to file with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner, beginning January 1, 2022, and every 3 months thereafter, a certain report of all drugs appearing on the National Average Drug Acquisition Cost list that were reimbursed during a certain period at an amount below a certain cost plus a certain fee; requiring that the report be made available to the public by the Commissioner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-102.3(j) - added and IN, § 15-1612 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 710 Delegate Krebs****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – DENTAL PROVIDERS AND DENTAL STUDENTS – REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, to reimburse a dental provider for services rendered by a student of dentistry who is engaged in an educational program at a school of dentistry that meets certain requirements and is providing services under the supervision of a licensed dentist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-114.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 711 Delegate D. Jones****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – DONATIONS TO DIAPER BANKS AND OTHER CHARITABLE ENTITIES**

Allowing a subtraction under the Maryland income tax for up to \$1,000 of donations of certain disposable diapers, certain hygiene products, and certain monetary gifts made by a taxpayer during the taxable year to certain qualified charitable entities; requiring the taxpayer to file certain information with the taxpayer's income tax return in order to claim the subtraction; requiring the Department of Human Services to adopt certain regulations; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 712 Delegate D. Jones****BUREAU OF REVENUE ESTIMATES – TAX INCIDENCE STUDY – SCOPE**

Altering the scope of certain tax incidence studies submitted by the Bureau of Revenue Estimates; and applying the Act to studies submitted after September 30, 2021.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 6-104(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Appropriations

**HB 713 Delegate Guyton****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – THERAPY DOGS – POLICY FOR HANDLING AND USE IN SCHOOLS**

Requiring a county board of education to allow the use of therapy dogs in public schools in the county; requiring each therapy dog used in a public school to be accompanied by a handler; and requiring each county board to adopt a policy with certain guidelines for the use and handling of therapy dogs in public schools in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 4-138 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 714 Delegate Guyton****SPECIAL EDUCATION – LEARNING CONTINUITY PLAN – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring an individualized education program to include a learning continuity plan to be implemented for students with disabilities during emergency conditions beginning October 1, 2021; requiring an individualized education program team to develop a learning continuity plan at certain times and to consider certain risks for a certain purpose; providing for the contents of a learning continuity plan; authorizing a local school system to provide certain services by certain learning models; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 8-405 - amended and § 8-405.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 715 Delegate Guyton****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SELF-CONTAINED SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS – USE OF VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES**

Requiring each county board of education, beginning in the 2021–2022 school year, to install at least one video recording device in each self-contained special education classroom; requiring video recording devices to record self-contained 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 716 Delegate Griffith****SPECIAL EDUCATION – INDIVIDUALIZED EDUCATION PROGRAMS  
– EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS**

Altering the circumstances under which a parent may request an independent educational evaluation of a child with a disability at public expense to include a parent who submits a certain request to a local school system and the local school system does not respond within 30 days after the date the request was received or, on approval and under certain circumstances, the educational evaluation meeting does not occur within 60 days after the date the request was received.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 8-405 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 717 Delegate Guyton****EDUCATION – TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES – FUNDING (ENDING THE  
DIGITAL DIVIDE ACT)**

Providing for the target per pupil foundation amount in fiscal year 2022; requiring each county board of education to use not less than 7% of the target per pupil foundation amount to provide certain technology resources to students; authorizing a local school system, at the end of each fiscal year, to hold unused funds in a special fund to be used in a subsequent fiscal year; requiring a county board that allocates certain funding to follow certain information technology security standards; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 5-202(a)(13) - amended and § 5-202(m) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

**HB 718 Delegate Guyton****STATE COORDINATOR FOR AUTISM STRATEGY AND ADVISORY  
STAKEHOLDER GROUP ON AUTISM-RELATED NEEDS –  
MANDATED APPROPRIATION**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, for fiscal year 2023 and each fiscal year thereafter, an appropriation of at least \$86,100 to fund the position of State Coordinator for Autism Strategy and the Advisory Stakeholder Group on Autism-Related Needs within the Department of Disabilities; and requiring the appropriation to be increased in subsequent fiscal years to reflect annualization and ongoing costs.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HU, § 7-111(e) - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 719 Delegate Moon****COMMERCIAL TENANTS – PERSONAL LIABILITY CLAUSES –  
ENFORCEABILITY**

Providing that a certain personal liability clause in a commercial lease or associated document is unenforceable if, as the result of certain proclamations relating to the outbreak of COVID-19, a commercial tenant was required to cease certain operations or close to the public and the commercial tenant's default occurred between March 23, 2020, and September 30, 2020, inclusive; making the Act an emergency measure; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 720 Delegate Moon****INTERCEPTED COMMUNICATIONS – PENALTIES AND  
ADMISSIBILITY OF EVIDENCE**

Reclassifying, as a misdemeanor instead of a felony, a certain offense relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing certain communications; altering certain penalties relating to the prohibition against intercepting and disclosing certain communications; providing that a certain communication that was intercepted in violation of certain provisions of law may be admissible in certain proceedings under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 10-402(b) and (e) and 10-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 721 Delegate Moon****TORT CLAIMS ACTS – LIMITS ON LIABILITY**

Increasing the limits on liability of a local government, from \$400,000 for an individual claim and \$800,000 for total claims to \$600,000 for an individual claim and \$1,200,000 for total claims, and the State and its units, from \$400,000 to a single claimant to \$600,000 to a single claimant, for claims arising from tortious acts or omissions committed by an employee within the scope of employment with the local government or the State or its units; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, §§ 5-303 and 12-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 722 Delegate Ivey****PROCUREMENT – DISPARITY STUDIES – AFRICAN AMERICAN–OWNED BUSINESSES**

Requiring a certain certification agency, in consultation with the Office of the Attorney General, to contract with an independent consultant to conduct a review of the “Business Disparities in the Maryland Market Area” study completed on February 8, 2017 to evaluate, on or before October 1, 2021, whether the data in the study demonstrates a compelling interest to implement certain remedial measures specifically to assist African American–owned businesses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 723 Delegate Ivey****PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – INCARCERATED AND FORMERLY INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – ACADEMIC AND EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in consultation with public institutions of higher education and Maryland Correctional Enterprises, to establish a process to increase access to academic and employment opportunities at public institutions of higher education for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals who are or were employed by Maryland Correctional Enterprises during their incarceration; and specifying the requirements for the process.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ED, § 11-409 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Judiciary

**HB 724 Delegate Guyton****SPECIAL EDUCATION – EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL SERVICES  
– PROLONGED SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Requiring a county board of education to offer and provide to certain disabled and special education students whose schools are subject to a prolonged school closure an option to continue attending school or receiving education services after the student's anticipated graduation date; requiring a county board to provide a notice to the parents or guardians of eligible students about a student's option to continue attending school or receiving certain education services; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 8-404.1 - added and § 21-305 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 725 Delegate Ivey****CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to add two thirty-day sessions of the General Assembly to the legislative calendar in June and October of each year.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, §§ 14 and 15 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 726 Delegate Ivey****LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING  
COUNCIL – REPRESENTATION**

Requiring the Apprenticeship and Training Council to include representation by individuals who are Black and Latino.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 11-403(b) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 727 Delegate Moon****LAW ENFORCEMENT – BODY–WORN CAMERAS – CAPABILITIES**

Requiring a policy for the issuance and use of a body–worn camera by a law enforcement officer developed and published by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to require that a body–worn camera purchased or otherwise procured for use by a law enforcement officer on or after January 1, 2022, automatically record and save 2 minutes of audio and video footage immediately prior to the officer activating the record button on the device.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 3-511 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 728 Delegate Moon****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – COMMITTED PERSONS – RELEASE PROCEEDINGS**

Providing that a certain committed person may file exceptions to a certain report of the Office of Administrative Hearings only if that person appeared at a certain release hearing; altering a provision of law to require a court to hold a certain hearing unless all parties that appeared at a certain prior hearing waive the hearing, rather than requiring the court to hold a certain hearing unless a certain committed person and the State’s Attorney waive the hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, §§ 3-116, 3-117, 3-119, 3-121(a) through (d), and 3-122 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 729 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****LANDLORD AND TENANT – EVICTION ACTIONS – FILING SURCHARGE AND PROHIBITED LEASE PROVISIONS**

Increasing, from not more than \$18 to not less than \$120, the surcharge that the District Court is required to assess per civil case for summary ejectment, tenant holding over, and breach of lease that seeks a judgment for possession of residential property against a residential tenant; requiring the District Court to assess the surcharge against a landlord and prohibiting the court from awarding or assigning the surcharge against a residential tenant; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

CJ, § 7-301(c) and RP, §§ 8-208(d)(7) and (8) and 8-401(b)(1) - amended and § 8-208(d)(9) - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 730 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****DRIVER’S LICENSES, LEARNER’S INSTRUCTIONAL PERMITS, AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS – APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to extend the period of time that an identification card remains effective by 90 days under certain circumstances; altering the documentation that applicants for a learner’s permit who are under the age of 16 years are required to present to the Administration; altering the time period before expiration within which a driver’s license is renewable; altering the standards for determining whether an individual is required to appear in person to renew the individual’s driver’s license; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TR, §§ 12-301(i), 16-105(a), and 16-115(a)(3) and (4) and (i)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 731 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****TELEHEALTH SERVICES – EXPANSION**

Altering the health care services the Maryland Medical Assistance Program is required to provide through telehealth; altering the circumstances under which the Program is required to provide health care services through telehealth; altering a provision of law requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to reimburse certain health care services provided through telehealth to require reimbursement to be provided in a certain manner and at a certain rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, HO, IN, Chapter 17 of the Acts of 2020, and Chapter 18 of the Acts of 2020, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations



**HB 732 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS – TELEHEALTH – OUT-OF-STATE  
HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS**

Authorizing an out-of-state health care practitioner to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State in accordance with certain provisions of the Act; requiring a certain health occupations board to register an out-of-state health care practitioner, under certain circumstances, to provide telehealth services to a patient located in the State; prohibiting an out-of-state health care practitioner who is registered under certain provisions of the Act from taking certain actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 733 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****RETIREMENT TAX REDUCTION ACT OF 2021**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 734 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY  
RETIREMENT INCOME**

Phasing out, over 2 taxable years, a certain limitation on the amount of certain military retirement income that may be included in a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, 10-207(q) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 735 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL (HOMETOWN HEROES ACT)

Altering, from 55 years old to 50 years old, the age at which a resident is eligible for a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to employment as a correctional officer, law enforcement officer, or fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel of the United States, the State, or a political subdivision of the State; altering the amount of certain retirement income that may be included under a certain subtraction modification; applying the Act to certain taxable years; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 736 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

INTERSTATE LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS COMPACT

Entering the Interstate Licensed Professional Counselors Compact; stating the purpose of the Compact; requiring that a state meet certain requirements to participate in the Compact; establishing duties of member states; authorizing a certain state to charge a certain fee for granting a certain privilege; requiring certain professional counselors to meet certain eligibility requirements to receive certain licensure and exercise a certain privilege; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HO, § 17-6B-01 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 737 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****EMERGENCY SERVICES – EXPOSURE TO CONTAGIOUS DISEASES AND VIRUSES – NOTIFICATION AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the definition of “contagious disease or virus” for the purposes of certain provisions of law governing the notification of a possible exposure of certain emergency services personnel to include 2019–nCoV; extending certain notification requirements regarding possible exposure to a contagious disease or virus to certain emergency medical services clinicians; requiring that certain emergency medical services clinicians receive certain training and certain equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, §§ 18-213, 18-213.1, and 18-213.2 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 738 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)****ELECTION LAW – CERTIFICATES OF CANDIDACY AND BALLOT QUESTIONS – REVISIONS**

Altering the deadlines by which a certificate of candidacy for a successor candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor must be filed under certain circumstances; altering the day by which a certain statement regarding certain statewide questions to appear on a ballot is required to be submitted to the State Board of Elections; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 5-903, 5-904, 5-1005, 5-1101, and 7-105 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 739 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****ENVIRONMENT – MULTIDEFENDANT OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE POLLUTION CASES – EFFECT OF SETTLEMENT**

Exempting certain types of pollution cases from the Maryland Uniform Contribution Among Joint Tort–Feasors Act; requiring the factfinder in certain legal actions to make a determination of the total liability and assign comparative responsibility to certain parties; authorizing the State to continue to pursue certain legal actions or bring new legal actions if the State has obtained less than complete relief from a certain person who has resolved the person’s liability with the State in a settlement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EN, § 4-421 - added and § 7-221 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 740 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****BUILDING OPPORTUNITY ACT OF 2021**

Requiring or authorizing, under certain circumstances, the Maryland Stadium Authority to contract for, manage, and oversee certain public school facility projects; authorizing the Prince George’s County government and Board of Education to enter into a certain public–private partnership to enhance the delivery of public school construction projects in the county; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

**CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

EC, ED, SF, SG, TG, Chapter 14 of the Acts of 2018, and PLL of Balt Co, Art. 3, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 741 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – OFFICERS, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES – ALTERATIONS**

Removing the Deputy Director of the Maryland Environmental Service as a designated officer of the Service and instead authorizing the Board of Directors of the Service to appoint a Deputy Director to assist the Director in a certain manner; providing that the Deputy Director and certain officers of the Service serve at the pleasure of the Board; altering the size and membership of the Board; requiring Board members to file a certain financial statement; providing that the Director serves as a nonvoting member of the Board; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

GP, § 5-601(d) and NR, §§ 3-103 and 3-126(d) and (h) - amended and NR, §§ 3-103.3 and 3-103.4 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations