



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2021 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 5, 2021**  
**Schedule 11**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** For the bill introduction deadline, all bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8. As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 5, 2021**

**SB 721**     **Senator Hester**

PROCUREMENT – SMALL BUSINESS RESERVE PROGRAM –  
ADMINISTRATION AND APPLICATION

Requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to establish certain guidelines for the administration of the Small Business Reserve Program; requiring that certain guidelines for the Program be developed in partnership with certain persons; requiring that a unit assess certain procurements with a total dollar value of \$500,000 or less under the guidelines for the Program and either designate the procurement for the Program or request a certain waiver; etc.

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SF, §§ 11-203(e)(5), 14-503, and 14-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**SB 722**     **Senator Hester****DEPARTMENT OF SMALL BUSINESS, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND INNOVATION – ESTABLISHED**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 723**     **Senator Hester****MARYLAND FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL**

Establishing the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council; providing the goals of the Council are to address the food insecurity crisis in the State due to the pandemic, develop recommendations to increase the long-term resiliency of the food system, and develop by November 1, 2021, a plan to increase the production and procurement of Maryland certified food; requiring the Council to submit an interim report by November 1, 2021, and recommendations on a statewide food policy council to the General Assembly by November 1, 2022; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

PS, §§ 14-1101 through 14-1103 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 724**     **Senator Carter**

MORTGAGE SERVICERS – REQUIREMENTS AND PROHIBITIONS DURING AND AFTER A STATE OF EMERGENCY AND CATASTROPHIC HEALTH EMERGENCY (FORECLOSURE RELIEF ACT OF 2021)

Prohibiting a certain mortgage servicer from commencing or completing an action to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust during a state of emergency and catastrophic health emergency; requiring a servicer to grant a forbearance to a borrower under certain circumstances; prohibiting a period of forbearance from lasting more than 180 days except under certain circumstances; requiring a servicer to notify a borrower of a certain right to mediation under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 7-105 - amended and §§ 7-601 through 7-611 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 725**     **Senator Peters**

WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – COVID-19

Providing that certain covered employees who are suffering from the effects of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable in a certain manner.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 726**     **Senator Feldman, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – PERSONAL DELIVERY DEVICES – STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing an exception to motor vehicle registration requirements for personal delivery devices; authorizing a personal delivery device to operate on any highway, sidewalk, or crosswalk in the State; prohibiting a personal delivery device from being operated in certain manners; creating certain marking, equipment, and insurance requirements for personal delivery devices being operated on highways, sidewalks, or crosswalks; and excluding personal delivery devices from the defined terms “motor vehicle” and “vehicle”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 11-135, 11-176, and 13-402(c)(13) and (14) - amended and §§ 13-402(c)(15) and 21-104.5 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 727**     **Senator Feldman****MARYLAND HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT – REVISIONS AND PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY LEAVE**

Repealing the exemption from the Maryland Healthy Working Families Act for certain on-call employees; requiring employers to allow employees to use earned sick and safe leave during a public health emergency; requiring certain employers to provide employees certain earned sick and safe leave on the date that a public health emergency is declared or proclaimed for a jurisdiction; requiring an employer to provide certain earned sick and safe leave regardless of the employee’s length of employment with the employer; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

**EMERGENCY BILL**

LE, §§ 3-1301, 3-1303, 3-1304(c), 3-1305(a), 3-1306, 3-1309, and 3-1310 - amended and § 3-1306 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 728**     **Senator Feldman****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: Finance

**SB 729**     **Senator Feldman****MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – STATE-BASED  
YOUNG ADULT HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDIES PILOT PROGRAM**

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to establish and implement a State-Based Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program to provide a means for young adults to reduce the amount they pay for health benefit plans in the individual health insurance market; requiring the Exchange, in consultation with the Maryland Insurance Commissioner and as approved by the Board of Trustees of the Exchange, to establish certain subsidy eligibility and payment parameters for calendar years 2022 and 2023; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

IN, § 31-107 - amended and § 31-122 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 730**     **Senators Edwards and Carozza****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR TRAVEL, HOSPITALITY, AND ENTERTAINMENT EXPENSES**

Allowing an individual to claim a credit against the State income tax for certain travel, hospitality, and entertainment expenses paid or incurred by the individual during taxable years 2021 and 2022 under certain circumstances; providing that the credit may not be allowed for certain travel expenses for which the individual claimed a certain federal deduction; requiring the Department of Commerce, on application by an individual, to issue a tax credit certificate in a certain amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 731**     **Senator Edwards****ALLEGANY AND GARRETT COUNTIES – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GIFT BASKET PERMITS**

Establishing, in Allegany County and Garrett County, gift basket permits; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County to issue a gift basket permit to certain persons; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to issue a gift basket permit to certain persons; prohibiting each of the Boards from issuing the permit for certain uses; providing that the permit authorizes a permit holder to sell and deliver gift baskets containing beer, wine, or liquor to certain individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 9-1001.2 and 21-1001.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 732 Senator Patterson****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND INNOVATION INITIATIVE UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Innovation Initiative University Partnership Pilot Program within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to expand opportunities for technology validation, entrepreneurial development, and industry engagement at eligible universities; requiring the Maryland Innovation Initiative within the Corporation to implement and administer the Pilot Program; authorizing Bowie State University and Salisbury University to participate in the Pilot Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 10-457(b) and (d) - amended and § 10-461 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 733 Senator Lee****EDUCATION – STUDENT DATA PRIVACY – REPORTS AND STUDENT DATA PRIVACY COUNCIL SUNSET EXTENSION**

Requiring each county board of education to provide a certain list of digital tools to the State Department of Education on or before July 1 each year; requiring the Department to publish certain information on digital tools provided by each county board on or before September 1 each year; requiring the Student Data Privacy Council to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024; and extending the termination date for the Council to September 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

ED, § 4-131(a) - amended and § 4-131(p) - added and Chapter 398 of the Acts of 2019, §§ 1(h) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 734**     **Senator Lee**

## STATE PROCUREMENT – INTERNET OF THINGS DEVICES – GUIDELINES, STANDARDS, AND PURCHASING RESTRICTIONS

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to issue certain standards and guidelines for units of State government for the appropriate use and management of certain Internet of Things devices under certain circumstances; requiring the Department to review and revise its standards and guidelines at least once every 5 years to ensure that they are at least as comprehensive as the standards and guidelines adopted by the Director of NIST; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 11-203(e)(5) - amended and §§ 12-601 through 12-605 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 735**     **Senator West**

## STATE GOVERNMENT – NOTARIAL ACTS – REMOTE NOTARIZATIONS

Expanding the availability of remote notarial acts to include certain wills and trust documents; clarifying the application of certain provisions of law regarding identity proofing and credential analysis; and affirming the validity of the notarization of certain documents in conformance with certain executive orders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 18-214(a) and (h) and 18-223 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 736**     **Senator Augustine**

## HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PHARMACISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINATIONS

Authorizing a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations to an individual who is at least 3 years old but under the age of 18 years; altering the age of an individual to whom a pharmacist may administer certain vaccinations; requiring a pharmacist to administer certain vaccinations under a written protocol; repealing the requirement that individuals in a certain age group have a certain prescription in order for a pharmacist to be allowed to administer a certain vaccination to the individual; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, § 12-508 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 737 Senator Rosapepe****COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION FINANCE ACT**

Providing that Department of Agriculture, the Department of Natural Resources, and the Maryland Environmental Trust must allow participants in certain programs to participate in and receive compensation from certain markets, credits, or programs under certain circumstances; authorizing certain units to enter into pay-for-success contracts with certain aggregators to procure certain environmental outcomes projects or already certified environmental outcomes; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AG, NR, EN, and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 738 Senator Rosapepe****INCOME TAX – MECHANICAL INSULATION INSTALLATION TAX CREDIT**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain qualified expenses paid or incurred by a taxpayer for the installation of certain mechanical insulation in a certain manner on a certain property and for which the taxpayer obtains a tax credit certificate from the Maryland Energy Administration; prohibiting the Administration from issuing tax credit certificates for credit amounts in aggregate totaling more than \$5,000,000; requiring that the tax credits be issued on a first-come, first-served basis; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 739 Senator Rosapepe****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BLX LICENSE**

Providing that the requirement to obtain a certain entertainment permit does not apply to the holder of a certain license under certain circumstances; authorizing a certain license holder to offer entertainment when persons under the age of 21 years are on the licensed premises if the license holder enters into a certain agreement with certain persons and the lease of the property on which the licensed premises is located contains certain provisions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 26-1103(a) and 26-1616 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 740**     **Senator Rosapepe**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – COVID–19 SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM (COVID–19 CRISIS SMALL BUSINESS SURVIVAL PROGRAM ACT OF 2021)

Establishing the Maryland COVID–19 Small Business Grant Program in the Department of Commerce; requiring the Department, subject to certain circumstances, to distribute to each county certain funds for the purpose of providing grants to certain eligible small businesses; authorizing a county to apply to the Department for a distribution of funds in accordance with the Act; authorizing a county to designate a certain entity to receive and distribute certain funds; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

EC, §§ 5-1701 through 5-1704 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 741**     **Senator Rosapepe, et al**

COVID–19 TESTING, CONTACT TRACING, AND VACCINATION ACT OF 2021

Requiring, on or before April 1, 2021, the Maryland Department of Health, in collaboration with local health departments of the State, to adopt and implement a certain plan to respond to the outbreak of COVID–19; requiring, for calendar year 2021, institutions of higher education in the State to adopt and implement a certain COVID–19 testing plan; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for certain COVID–19 tests and associated costs; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, Various Sections, ED, §§ 11-1701 and 11-1702, and IN, § 15-856 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

**SB 742 Senator Smith****MARYLAND MODEL PRISONS FOR YOUTHFUL OFFENDERS STUDY ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Model Prisons Study Workgroup to develop a plan for fundamental changes to the culture and practices of State prisons with emphasis on reduction of recidivism for all incarcerated individuals, prioritizing the classification of incarcerated individuals who committed offenses when under the age of 25 years; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 743 Senator Eckardt****NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL TRUST – APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES**

Altering the manner in which certain trustees are chosen to serve on the board of the Maryland Environmental Trust by requiring certain ex officio members of the Trust to appoint the remaining trustees.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

NR, §§ 3-202(a), 3-203(4), and 3-204(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 744 Senator Eckardt****STATE BOARD OF NURSING – CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

Increasing the number of alternates that the State Board of Nursing is required to appoint for certain members of the Certified Nursing Assistant Advisory Committee; establishing certain qualifications for members of the advisory committee; prohibiting a member of the advisory committee from serving more than 2 consecutive full terms; requiring the State Board to fill a certain vacancy within 60 days after the date of the vacancy, to the extent practicable; altering the meeting requirements for the advisory committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, § 8-6A-13 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 745**     **Senator Elfreth****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Altering a certain requirement for certain State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners members who are licensed massage therapists; altering the education requirements for applicants to qualify for a certain license or registration by requiring that certain curriculums and programs be endorsed by the Commission on Massage Therapy or a certain equivalent entity; requiring the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository to provide the Board with a certain revised statement under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, §§ 6-101, 6-202(b)(1)(iii), 6-302, 6-303, and 6-308(a)(16) - amended, § 6-306.2 - added, and § 6-403 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 746**     **Senator Guzzone, et al****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 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: Finance

**SB 747**     **Senator Kagan**

## STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP, CONTRACT MANAGEMENT, BALLOT DROP BOXES, AND VOTING SYSTEM FINANCING

Altering the membership of the State Board of Elections; requiring certain members of the State Board to have expertise or experience in certain areas; providing for a nonvoting, ex officio member of the State Board; altering the duties of the State Board to include reviewing and voting on certain contracts and ensuring the cost effectiveness of the use of certain funds; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to report contracts, contract renewals, and change orders to the State Board; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

EL, Various Sections - amended and added and Chapter 564 of the Acts of 2001, §§ 4, 5, and 6 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 748**     **Senator Beidle**

## PUBLIC HEALTH – STATE DESIGNATED EXCHANGE – CLINICAL INFORMATION

Requiring a nursing home, on request of the Maryland Department of Health, to electronically submit clinical information to the State designated exchange; authorizing the State designated exchange to provide certain information to certain individuals and entities; providing that information submitted under a certain provision of this Act may be combined with other data maintained by the State designated exchange to facilitate a state health improvement program, mitigate a public health emergency, and improve patient safety; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, § 4-302.3 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 749**     **Senator Ellis****CHARLES COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP ALTERATIONS**

Altering the manner of election for certain members of the Charles County Board of Education by specifying that members be elected from six school board districts and one from the county at-large; requiring the Board of Charles County Commissioners to establish six school board districts in a certain manner; providing for the ballot requirements for a certain election; requiring the State Board of Elections to declare the election of certain candidates; providing for the qualifications of the elected members of the county board; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 3-501 and 3-502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 750**     **Charles County Senators****CHARLES COUNTY – COMMUNITY SERVICE AND PRETRIAL RELEASE PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the Charles County Board of County Commissioners to establish a community service program and a pretrial release program in Charles County; authorizing the Board to enact certain local laws and ordinances; providing that a court may order a person to participate in the community service program; providing for a fee of up to \$40 for each 8-hour period of community service; providing a person is eligible for the pretrial release program if not being held for a certain crime of violence or escape; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 11-710 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 751 Charles County Senators****SOUTHERN MARYLAND – HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION**

Authorizing the county commissioners of a code home rule county of the Southern Maryland class to establish a Human Relations Commission for the county; specifying the purpose of the Commission is to use its influence to direct the efforts of the community to solving problems that are often the basic reasons for racial tensions and to encourage and ensure equal treatment of all people; making certain provisions of law governing a certain county human relations commission applicable to a Human Relations Commission established under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LG, §§ 29-101 through 29-109 - amended and § 29-101.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 752 Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – POLICE OFFICERS – PROMOTIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

Altering the procedures used by the Police Commissioner of Baltimore City to award promotional appointments; and authorizing the Commissioner to remove certain applicants from the list of eligible appointees if the Civilian Review Board has sustained a certain misconduct complaint against the applicant between the time the applicant applied for the promotion and the time in which the applicant is to be selected for the promotion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, § 16-10(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 753 Senator Hayes****DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE – COVID–19 BUSINESS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION – REPORTING**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Commerce to submit to the House Appropriations and the Senate Budget and Taxations Committees a report containing demographic information, including race, age, gender, and socioeconomic status, of each recipient of COVID–19 business relief in the State such as small business relief and other financial assistance intended to address the economic impact of COVID–19 within 30 days after enactment of the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 754**     **Senator Hayes****PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – DAMAGED, OBSOLETE, OR EXCESSIVE LINES – FINES**

Requiring the Public Service Commission to promptly notify the owner of a utility pole about damaged, dangling, obsolete, or redundant lines or blight or public nuisance caused by an excessive number of lines on a utility pole under certain circumstances; requiring the owner of a utility pole to require the person that controls the line or lines to investigate and repair or remove offending lines within 30 days after receiving a certain notice from the Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 5-107 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 755**     **Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH DISTRICT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in certain areas of the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City; prohibiting certain license holders in the 40th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City from selling alcoholic beverages before 10 a.m. or after 10 p.m., with certain exceptions; and making technical corrections.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 12-1603 and 12-2005 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 756**     **Senator Carter****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE PRESUMPTIONS – COVID-19**

Providing that certain covered employees who are suffering from the effects of severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 are presumed, under certain circumstances, to have an occupational disease that was suffered in the line of duty or course of employment and is compensable in a certain manner; requiring an individual who is eligible for benefits under certain provisions of the Act to provide a copy of a certain test or written documentation to the employer or insurer; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Finance



**SB 757**     **Senator Carter**

## STATE PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT SYSTEM – OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER – PLACEMENT

Establishing that, within the Office of the Public Defender, the deputy public defender, district public defenders, assistant public defenders, and other employees are placed in certain employment categories in the State Personnel Management System; authorizing the Public Defender to employ, rather than appoint, assistant public defenders and other employees; authorizing assistant public defenders and other employees to be terminated or disciplined only for cause in accordance with certain provisions of law; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 16-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 758**     **Senator Beidle**

## HEALTH INSURANCE – INCENTIVE ARRANGEMENTS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing certain bonus or incentive–based compensation to include a certain two–sided incentive arrangement; authorizing a certain carrier to recoup funds paid to an eligible provider under a two–sided incentive arrangement that meets certain requirements and criteria; providing that a certain primary care provider is not engaged in certain acts of an insurance business if certain requirements are met solely because the primary care provider enters into a certain contract that includes certain capitated payments; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

IN, §§ 4-205(a), 15-113(a), (c), and (e), and 15-1008(b) - amended and §§ 15-113(f), 15-2101, and 15-2102 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 759**     **Senator Ready, et al**

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS ELIGIBILITY WAIVER – GRADUATE ATHLETES

Requiring the State Department of Education to waive certain eligibility requirements for participation in interscholastic athletics in order to allow certain graduate athletes to participate in certain interscholastic athletics under certain circumstances; providing that certain graduate athletes may participate in an interscholastic athletic program only at the high school from which they graduated; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 760**     **Senator Ready****CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL CRUELTY – PETITION FOR COSTS FOR CARE OF SEIZED ANIMAL**

Authorizing, if an animal is seized under a certain provision of law, certain individuals to file a petition for certain costs against a certain owner or custodian for reasonable costs of caring for the animal, including the provision of food, water, shelter, and medical care; requiring that a certain petition be filed within 7 days after criminal charges are filed; providing for the service of the petition; requiring the court to set and hold a certain hearing; requiring a certain petitioner to present certain evidence at the hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CR, § 10-615.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 761**     **Senator Elfreth****ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMMISSION – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – CLARIFICATION**

Requiring the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to be a sworn police officer with the powers granted to an officer or employee of the Field Enforcement Division; specifying that the Executive Director is a member of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System as a condition of employment; requiring the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer certain service earned under certain circumstances; and requiring the Board of Trustees to transfer certain contributions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

AB, § 1-309(c) - amended and SP, §§ 26-201(a)(20) and (21) - amended and § 26-201(a)(22) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 762**     **Senator McCray****MARYLAND ELECTRICIANS ACT – REVISIONS**

Altering the powers and duties of the State Board of Master Electricians; changing the name of the State Board of Master Electricians to the State Board of Electricians; requiring the Department, by December 1, 2024, to adopt regulations necessary for the regulation and licensing of low-voltage electricians if certain legislation establishing a certain licensing program is not enacted by July 1, 2024; prohibiting, beginning on a certain date, local jurisdictions from issuing certain licenses; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

BOP, Various Sections - amended, §§ 6-104, 6-307.1, and 6-605 through 6-608 - added, and § 6-605 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 763**     **Senator McCray****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A LICENSES – RETAIL GROCERY ESTABLISHMENTS (HEALTHY FOOD ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2021)**

Establishing a certain exception to the prohibition against issuing certain retail alcoholic beverages licenses for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain establishments; requiring a local licensing board to issue a Class A beer or beer and wine license for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain self-service or delivery-based grocery establishments located in certain priority funding areas; prohibiting a local licensing authority from transferring a Class A license under the authority of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 4-205, 4-507, 20-1603, 22-1603, and 26-1509 and HS, § 6-211 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 764**     **Senator Washington (Chair, Joint Committee on Ending Homelessness)**  
WORKGROUP ON ADAPTIVE REUSE OF VACANT COMMERCIAL SPACES

Establishing the Workgroup on Adaptive Reuse of Vacant Commercial Spaces to study the potential for conversion of vacant or underutilized commercial spaces into residential, mix-use, and commercial spaces in order to increase the affordable housing stock in the State; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before November 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 765**     **Senator Washington**  
MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES – SEXUAL AND GENDER MINORITIES (IMARI’S BUSINESS PRIDE ACT)

Altering the definition of “socially and economically disadvantaged individual” for purposes of certifying certain minority business enterprises to include certain sexual and gender minorities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 14-301 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 766**     **Senator Washington**  
STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS – MEMBERSHIP AND STAFF

Requiring each member of the State Board of Elections to have at least 5 years of experience in administering elections and have extensive knowledge of State election laws; establishing the position of Racial Equity Coordinator within the State Board to ensure that all registered voters across the State receive the same treatment and access to resources, investigate racial disparities in ballot access and voter turnout, and make recommendations on ways to improve racial equity in the administration of elections in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 2-101 and 2-201 - amended and § 2-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 767**     **Senator Washington****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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 768**     **Senator Washington****NONDISCRIMINATION AND LGBTQ+ INDIVIDUALS**

Stating that it is the policy of the State to provide equal access to various courts, agencies, programs, departments, and services for LGBTQ+ individuals, improve safety, well–being, and stability for LGBTQ+ individuals, ensure LGBTQ+ individuals are protected from discrimination on the basis of certain nonmerit factors, prohibit discrimination on the basis of certain nonmerit factors, and provide appropriate training to employees and contractors of various State agencies and departments; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 1-801, FL, § 1-204, HS, § 2-401, and HU, § 1-301 - added and HU, § 8-707(b) and SG, § 20-901 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 769**     **Senators Hester and Bailey****INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR VENISON DONATION – ALTERATIONS, EXTENSION, AND TESTING FOR CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE**

Increasing from \$50 to \$75 the maximum amount of qualified expenses an individual may claim as a credit against the State income tax for a certain donation of processed deer meat; increasing from \$200 to \$600 the maximum aggregate credit amount the individual may claim in a taxable year; extending for 5 years the termination date of the credit; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2021, on testing of deer for chronic wasting disease; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-746 and Chapters 172 and 173 of the Acts of 2018, §3 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 770**     **Senators Hester and Rosapepe****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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 771**     **Senators Hester and Rosapepe****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – WORK SHARING (WORK SHARE EXPANSION ACT OF 2021)**

Altering the definition of “affected employee” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing work sharing under the unemployment insurance law to include certain interns and apprentices and certain individuals who were rehired by an affected unit following a temporary closure or layoff due to the COVID–19 pandemic; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to undertake any actions necessary to achieve the goal of having 4% work sharing claims as a percentage of total unemployment claims by June 1, 2021; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

LE, §§ 8-1201(b) and 8-1204(a)(1) - amended and § 8-1202.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 772**     **Senator Hester****SMALL BUSINESS COVID–19 RELIEF ACT OF 2021**

Establishing the Maryland COVID–19 Emergency Loan Program in the Department of Commerce to provide working capital to assist Maryland for–profit small businesses, the operators of which have been disrupted due to COVID–19, and offer interim relief complementing actions with those of businesses’ banks, business interruption insurance, and financial partners; authorizing the Department of Commerce to issue loans to certain eligible small businesses under certain circumstances; etc.

**EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT**

EC and TG, Various Sections - added and TG, § 10-307(g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 773**     **Senator Simonaire****CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – GENERAL ASSEMBLY – STANDING COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require each chamber of the General Assembly to designate its highest elected member within each party to appoint their party’s members to standing committees in a manner that reflects the diversity of each House; and submitting this amendment to the qualified voters of the State of Maryland for their adoption or rejection.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 19 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 774**     **Senator Lee**

## FAMILY LAW – CUSTODY AND VISITATION – CHILD’S PREFERENCE

Requiring a court in a custody or visitation proceeding to hear and consider a child’s custody or visitation preference; requiring a court to explain the court’s reasoning for issuing a custody or visitation order that is inconsistent with a child’s stated preference; requiring a court to allow a child who is at least 8 years old to testify to the child’s custody or visitation preference in open court; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 775**     **Senator Lee**

## FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY AND VISITATION – ABUSE

Requiring a court that approves an arrangement for custody or visitation with a party who has committed abuse against the other parent of the party’s child, the party’s spouse, or any child residing within the party’s household, to impose certain conditions on the custody arrangement; creating a rebuttable presumption that it is not in the best interest of a child for a court to grant custody to a party who has committed abuse against certain individuals; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

FL, § 9-101.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 776**     **Senator Lee**

## CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – OUT OF COURT STATEMENTS – CHILD AND VULNERABLE ADULT VICTIMS

Authorizing the court to admit into evidence in certain criminal proceedings certain out of court statements made by a child victim or vulnerable adult victim subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CP, § 11-304 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings



**SB 777**     **Senator Elfreth, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – MARYLAND PRENATAL AND INFANT CARE GRANT PROGRAM FUND**

Renaming the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Coordination Services Grant Program Fund to be the Maryland Prenatal and Infant Care Grant Program Fund; altering the purpose of the Fund to include making grants to federally qualified health centers, hospitals, and certain providers to increase access to prenatal care; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill certain appropriations for the Fund; requiring that priority for awarding grants under certain provisions of the Act be given to certain proposals; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 24-1501, 24-1502, and 24-1504 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)106. - amended and HG, § 24-1506 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 778**     **Senator Elfreth****REGIONAL INSTITUTION STRATEGIC ENTERPRISE ZONE PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the purposes of the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Program; establishing the Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise Zone Fund in the Department of Commerce for certain purposes; prohibiting the Secretary of Commerce from approving a Regional Institution Strategic Enterprise (RISE) zone the geographic area of which exceeds 500 acres; altering eligibility for tax incentives that a business entity that locates in a RISE zone may receive under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EC, SF, TG, and TP, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 779**     **Senator Elfreth, et al****MARYLAND 529 PROGRAM – BOARD AUTHORITY AND STATE CONTRIBUTION – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing the Maryland 529 Board to distribute certain fees in a certain manner; requiring an account holder of the Maryland Senator Edward J. Kasemeyer College Investment Plan to be a State resident and file taxes before July 15 each year to qualify for a State contribution; requiring a qualified beneficiary to be under 26 years of age to receive a State contribution; prohibiting an account holder from qualifying for more than \$9,000 of State contributions through a certain time period; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, §§ 18-1901(n), 18-1905(f)(8), 18-19A-01(g) and (h), and 18-19A-04.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 780**     **Senator Pinsky****STATES OF EMERGENCY – EMERGENCY PROCUREMENT AND BUDGET AMENDMENTS – NOTICE AND AUTHORIZATION**

Requiring the Governor or the head of a certain unit to provide certain notice to the Legislative Policy Committee within 72 hours after the earlier of the execution of the contract or the expenditure of the funds when authorizing a certain emergency procurement during a state of emergency under certain circumstances; requiring the Office of Legislative Audits to perform a certain audit within 8 months after an emergency procurement is executed under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 14-117 and SF, § 7-214 - added

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

**SB 781**     **Senator Hayes****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL CONTRACT OF SALE – BUYER IDENTIFICATION**

Authorizing a buyer who executes a residential contract of sale for a single family residential real property with a real estate broker to make a certain election; requiring a buyer who makes a certain election to sign and initial a residential contract of sale in a certain manner; requiring a buyer who makes a certain election to identify the buyer's real estate broker in the residential contract of sale and to execute a separate document with the buyer's real estate broker; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, § 10-711 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 782**     **Senator Hayes****STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – REAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS AND APPEALS**

Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to publish on the Department's website certain information in plain language relating to the assessment process and methodology used by the Department in determining the value of real property; requiring the Department and certain assessors employed by the Department, when determining the value of real property, to conform to certain federal guidelines, consider certain matters, and provide certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TP, § 2-218.1 - added and §§ 8-104(a) and (c)(1) and 14-516 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 783 Senator Hayes****BALTIMORE CITY – WEST NORTH AVENUE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Establishing the West North Avenue Development Authority in Baltimore City to support the development and approval of a comprehensive neighborhood revitalization plan in the target area and the buffer zone; requiring the Authority to work in coordination with residents of the target area to develop the comprehensive plan; prohibiting a member of the Authority from receiving certain compensation; requiring a report by the Authority to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by October 1, 2023; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, §§ 12-701 through 12-706 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 784 Senator Hayes****STATE ANATOMY BOARD – CLAIMED CREMATED REMAINS – PROVISION WITHOUT PAYMENT OF COSTS**

Requiring the State Anatomy Board to provide the cremains of a decedent cremated through the State cremation process in a suitable container to a relative of the decedent without requiring the relative to pay any costs if the cremains have not been buried at the State burial grounds and the relative can show hardship.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 5-406(d) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 785 Senators Ferguson and Pinsky****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS – CAPABILITY AND CAPACITY STUDY OF EDUCATION AGENCIES**

Requiring the Governor to appoint or reappoint a member of the State Board of Education on or before January 1 of the year in which the member's term expires; establishing qualifications for members of the State Board; requiring a member's term to begin on the July 1 after appointment; requiring the Accountability and Implementation Board to contract with a consultant to study the capability and capacity of the State Department of Education, the Maryland Higher Education Commission, and other entities, to carry out their duties; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 2-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

