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.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 5, 2021

SB 786  Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – CONTROL OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE CITY

Providing that the Police Department of Baltimore City is an agency and instrumentality of the City of Baltimore, instead of the State; providing that certain police officers have the authority conferred under a certain provision of law; establishing an Advisory Board on the Transfer of Control of the Police Department of Baltimore City; providing for the membership, chair, staffing, and duties of the Advisory Board; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021
PLL of Baltimore City, Art. 4, §§ 16-2(a) and 16-3 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 787  Senator Ferguson
DIGITAL ADVERTISING GROSS REVENUES TAX – EXEMPTION AND RESTRICTION
Exempting, from a certain tax on certain annual gross revenues derived from certain digital advertising services in the State, certain advertisement services on certain digital interfaces owned or operated by or operated on behalf of certain broadcast entities and news media entities; prohibiting a person who derives gross revenues from digital advertising services in the State from passing on the cost of the tax to a certain customer in a certain manner; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020; etc.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
TG, § 7.5-101 - amended and § 7.5-102(c) - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED February 5, 2021

SB 720  Senator Zucker
EDUCATION – MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – PAY PLAN
Requiring a single, uniform pay plan for teachers and professional personnel at the Maryland School for the Blind; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to establish the pay plan after considering recommendations by the Board of Directors of the School; requiring the Board to review certain salaries in determining the pay plan recommendations; requiring the Board to submit the recommendations to the Secretary by June 1 prior to the July 1 of the first fiscal year in which the pay plan will take effect; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
ED, § 8-308 - amended
Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation
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
Reassigned 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
Reassigned to: Finance