



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 9, 2021

SB 788 Senator Hester, et al

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL BUSINESS FINANCING –
LOAN LOSS RESERVE (MARYLAND CAPITAL ACCESS PROGRAM)

Establishing a Capital Access Program in the Department of Commerce for the purpose of stimulating opportunities for small businesses that may have difficulty in obtaining business financing to have access to credit by establishing a loan loss reserve program; specifying that certain loans qualify under the Program; requiring a lender to enroll a qualifying loan not more than 30 days after the date of the first disbursement; authorizing a lender to enroll all or a portion of a qualifying loan in an amount not more than \$250,000; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, §§ 5-1701 through 5-1708 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 789 Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – VISIT BALTIMORE – APPROPRIATION
CALCULATION

Altering the method by which a certain annual appropriation in the Baltimore City budget to Visit Baltimore is calculated; and extending to 2027 the termination date of the appropriation for Visit Baltimore.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (40)(e) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 790 Senator Kagan**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – REIMBURSING EMPLOYERS – DEFERRAL OF PAYMENT DURING A STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR COVID-19**

Extending the time in which a certain bill must be paid by a nonprofit organization or governmental entity that has elected to reimburse the Unemployment Insurance Fund to within 30 days after a certain bill is mailed or within 1 year after the date on which the state of emergency declared by the Governor due to the COVID-19 pandemic ends under certain circumstances; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 8-620(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 791 Senator Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B LICENSES – OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Authorizing the holders of certain Class B licenses that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant in Frederick County to sell certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption or delivery in a sealed or closed container under certain circumstances; altering the application of a certain provision on delivery of alcoholic beverages in the county; establishing certain requirements for the sale and delivery of alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

AB, §§ 20-902, 20-904, and 20-1901 - amended and § 20-1904 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 792 Senator Young**FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALCOHOL BY VOLUME – WINE**

Altering the percentage of alcohol by volume that establishments holding certain alcoholic beverages licenses may serve in Frederick County to 22%.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 20-701 and 20-904(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 793 **Senator Young****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CONSUMPTION PERMITS**

Establishing a beer and wine consumption permit and a beer, wine, and liquor consumption permit in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the permits to holders of Class A alcoholic beverages licenses to allow for on-premises consumption of beer and wine; requiring an applicant for a permit to submit an application to the Board; authorizing the Board to issue a permit under certain circumstances; providing for the renewal of a permit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, §§ 20-1102.1 and 20-1102.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 794 **Wicomico County Senators****WICOMICO COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – HOTEL OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT**

Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Wicomico County to grant a property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects that add substantially to the assessed value of the property; authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County or the governing body of a municipal corporation in Wicomico County to provide for certain matters relating to the property tax credit; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-324(d) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 795 Senator Eckardt**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON QUALITY CARE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES – MEMBERSHIP AND COCHAIRS**

Altering the membership of the Oversight Committee on Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities; requiring that the Oversight Committee be chaired by two cochairs elected from among its members, rather than by the Secretary of Aging; requiring that at least 80% of the Oversight Committee positions be filled before a cochair is elected; and specifying that the term of a cochair is one year and a cochair may not serve more than 2 terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 19-1409 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 796 Senator Eckardt**MARYLAND OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES AND MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Altering a certain provision of law requiring the Maryland Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities to collaborate with the Maryland Health Care Commission to publish and provide a certain report card to require the report card to include the racial and ethnic composition of all individuals who hold a certain license or certificate, rather than only physicians; requiring the report card to include a comparison of certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 20-1004 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 797 Senators Gallion and Hershey**CECIL COUNTY – VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS – DISTRIBUTION OF PROCEEDS**

Increasing from 33% to 40% the percentage of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the Cecil County video lottery facility that are paid to the video lottery operation licensee of the facility; and requiring that 7% of the proceeds from video lottery terminals at the facility be spent on specified marketing, advertising, and promotional costs and capital improvements at the facility as a condition of receiving the additional proceeds.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SG, § 9-1A-27(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 798 **Senator Gallion****PROHIBITION ON SALE OF WILDLIFE – LOCAL VENISON DONATION PROGRAMS – APPLICATION**

Establishing that the prohibition against selling, offering for sale, bartering, or exchanging a game bird or game mammal taken from the wild does not apply to venison from a lawfully-harvested white-tailed deer that is donated to certain local venison donation programs for processing and distribution to certain nonprofit entities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

NR, § 10-404(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 799 **Senator Gallion****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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 800 **Senator Patterson****INMATE TRAINING AND JOB ACT OF 2021**

Establishing the Inmate Training and Job Pilot Program at certain institutions of postsecondary education to provide educational and vocational training opportunities for inmates in the 9 months preceding the inmate's date of release; requiring the Pilot Program to be administered by the Maryland Higher Education Commission and the governing entity of each institution; requiring the Governor to include certain appropriations for the Pilot Program in the annual budget bills for fiscal years 2023–2026; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CS, § 3-611 and ED, §§ 24-1301 through 24-1306 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 801 Senator Griffith**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – ECONOMIC STABILIZATION ACT – ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting an employee from counting in the determination of a reduction in operations if the employers offers to transfer the employee to certain other sites of employment, for the purposes of certain provisions of law; altering the persons to whom an employer is required to provide certain notice of a reduction in operations; altering the information required to be included in a certain notice of a reduction in operations; exempting an employer from a certain notice requirement under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, §§ 11-301, 11-302, and 11-305 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 802 Senators Edwards and Corderman**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND INNOVATION INITIATIVE UNIVERSITY EXPANSION PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Innovation Initiative University Expansion Pilot Program within the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to expand opportunities for technology validation, entrepreneurial development, and industry engagement at Frostburg State University; requiring the Maryland Innovation Initiative within the Corporation to implement the Program; authorizing Frostburg State University to participate in the Program; requiring the university to pay an annual contribution of \$50,000 to participate in the 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 and Budget and Taxation

SB 803 **Senators Edwards and Corderman****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – WESTERN MARYLAND ECONOMIC FUTURE INVESTMENT BOARD AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Board; prohibiting a member of the Board from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; establishing the Western Maryland Economic Future Investment Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide grant funding to capital infrastructure projects and business development projects that improve the economic conditions in the region; requiring the Tri-County Council for Western Maryland to administer the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC, §§ 13-736 through 13-741 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 804 **Senator Edwards****GARRETT COUNTY – MEMORIAL HOSPITAL – BOARD MEMBERSHIP AND MEETINGS**

Altering the membership of the Board of Governors of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital; altering the terms of the members of the Board; and reducing the mandatory number of Board meetings from 10 to 6.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PLL of Garrett Co, Art. 12, § 36.03 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 805 Senator Peters**MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – RATE FILINGS – DISCRIMINATION, TRADE SECRETS, AND STATES OF EMERGENCY**

Authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to require an insurer to reduce certain rates for certain private passenger automobile insurance policies and file certain changes and amendments or rates under certain circumstances; repealing certain confidentiality protections for certain proprietary rate-related information; exempting private passenger motor vehicle insurance from certain provisions of law governing the use of territory as a factor in establishing certain automobile insurance rates; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

IN, §§ 11-216, 11-307, 11-319, and 27-501(e-2) - amended and § 11-320 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 806 Senator Peters**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – WORKPLACE FRAUD ACT – REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF THE EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP**

Establishing that an employer may overcome the presumption of an employer-employee relationship under the Workplace Fraud Act and establish that a certain individual is acting as an independent contractor on a certain showing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, § 3-903.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 807 Senator Salling**COMMISSION ON MEN AND FATHERHOOD (FATHERHOOD PROTECTION ACT)**

Establishing the Commission on Men and Fatherhood; providing for the composition and chair of the Commission; authorizing the secretaries of certain departments to serve as ex officio nonvoting members; providing for the terms of members of the Commission; providing that a majority of the members serving on the Commission is a quorum; requiring the Commission to elect annually a chair; requiring the Commission to meet a certain amount of times per year; authorizing the Commission to make advisory committees on certain subjects; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HU, §§ 2-601 through 2-606 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 808 **Senator West****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED DENTISTS – ADMINISTRATION OF VACCINES**

Authorizing a licensed dentist to administer certain vaccines to certain individuals under certain circumstances; authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to adopt certain regulations regarding the administration of vaccines; requiring a licensed dentist who administers a vaccine to administer the vaccine under a certain protocol and report the vaccination to the ImmuNet Program; requiring a licensed dentist, before administering certain vaccines, to complete a certain Board–approved course; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, §§ 4-101(l) and 4-205(a)(1)(xii) and (xiii) - amended and §§4-205(a)(1)(xii) and 4-206.5 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 809 **Senator Hettleman****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – CORRECTIONAL OMBUDSMAN**

Establishing the Correctional Ombudsman in the Office of the Attorney General; providing for the appointment, qualifications, term, salary, and removal of the Ombudsman; establishing the powers and duties of the Ombudsman; requiring the Ombudsman to conduct certain investigations, conduct certain reviews and assessments, cooperate with a certain agency for a certain purpose, inspect certain facilities, and seek to resolve certain complaints through certain methods; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

CS, §§ 8-114 and 8-117 - amended and SG, §§ 6-601 through 6-608 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 810 Senator Feldman**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD AND GEOTHERMAL HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS**

Altering the renewable energy portfolio standard in certain years to require a certain percentage of energy from Tier 1 renewable sources each year to be derived from certain geothermal heating and cooling systems; requiring that a certain percentage of energy required to be derived from certain geothermal heating and cooling systems be from systems installed on certain property; clarifying that energy from certain geothermal heating and cooling systems is eligible for inclusion in meeting the renewable energy portfolio standard; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, Various Sections - added and amended and SG, § 9-20B-05(i-1) - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 811 Senator Hershey**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – COMPUTATION OF EARNED RATE OF CONTRIBUTION – APPLICABLE TABLE OF RATES**

Requiring that the earned rate of contribution be calculated using certain tables of unemployment insurance rates for calendar years 2021, 2022, and 2023, except under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 8-612 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 812 Senator Klausmeier (Chairman, Wrkrs' Comp Bnft & Ins Com)**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 certain written documentation to the employer or insurer; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 813 **Senator Klausmeier (Chair, Workers' Compensation Benefit and Insurance Oversight Committee)**

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 the 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 certain benefits to provide a copy of the positive test or written documentation confirming the diagnosis to the employer or insurer; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 814 **Senator Klausmeier (Chair, Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EARNED RATING RECORD – WAIVER OF BENEFIT CHARGES DUE TO COVID-19

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

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 8-611(k) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 815 **Senator Klausmeier****MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES – SEXUAL ABUSE AND HARASSMENT – REPORTING AND PREVENTION**

Requiring residential treatment facilities to report complaints of sexual abuse and sexual harassment to the Behavioral Health Administration, the Office of Health Care Quality, or in the case of a minor, to Child Protective Services; requiring facilities to develop and implement policies and procedures for responding to complaints of sexual abuse and harassment, ensure that staff provide assistance, and develop and oversee training; requiring the Administration to ensure that policies and procedures are uniform in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 10-705 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 816 **Senator Klausmeier (Chair, Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight)****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS – PAYMENT PLANS**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 817 **Senator Klausmeier (Chair, Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – STUDY ON SYSTEM REFORMS

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

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Finance

SB 818 **Senator Klausmeier (Chair, Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – ACCOUNTABILITY AND OVERSIGHT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to submit a report on the administration and operation of the State’s unemployment insurance laws to certain persons on or before the first day of each month; requiring the Department to monitor the Unemployment Insurance Fund for a disaster; requiring the Department, when a certain determination is made, to initiate a certain plan and to comply with certain reporting requirements; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, §§ 8-101(m-2), 8-311.1, and 8-311.2 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 819 **Senator Klausmeier (Chair, Joint Committee on Unemployment Insurance Oversight)**

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – WEEKLY BENEFIT AMOUNT – INCOME DISREGARD

Increasing to \$300 the maximum amount of wages disregarded when computing the weekly benefit amount to be paid to an unemployment insurance benefits claimant; and terminating the Act on the date that the COVID–19 pandemic ends under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 8-803(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 820 **Senator West****WILLS, POWERS OF ATTORNEY, AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES –
ELECTRONIC EXECUTION**

Altering certain provisions of law related to the execution of wills, powers of attorney, and advance directives to authorize the electronic execution and remote witnessing of those documents under certain circumstances; providing that a will, a power of attorney, a notarization of a power of attorney, or an advance directive executed in conformance with the provisions of certain executive orders shall be deemed to satisfy certain requirements under the Act; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

ET, §§ 1-101(w), 4-102, 4-104, 17-101, and 17-110 and HG, §§ 5-601 and 5-602(c) - amended and ET, § 4-101 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 821 **Senators Hester and Gallion****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MANUFACTURER’S LICENSES AND
OFF-SITE PERMITS**

Repealing certain provisions relating to brewing company, winery, and distillery off-site permits; establishing a manufacturer’s off-site permit with certain privileges; authorizing the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to issue a brewery special event permit; altering the volumes of beer that the holders of certain licenses may produce and distribute annually; authorizing holders of certain manufacturer’s licenses to sell and deliver products produced under the holder’s license to individuals located in the State; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

AB, §§ 2-130, 2-132.2, 2-133, and 2-210(j) - repealed and Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 822 **Senator Hester****PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – OFFICE OF RESILIENCE**

Establishing the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to be responsible for guiding State resilience initiatives, leveraging federal and private emergency response funding resources, and building partnerships with public, private, and non-governmental organizations in all stages of emergency planning and management; providing for the duties of the Office; and requiring the Maryland Department of the Environment to coordinate with the Office to administer the national flood insurance program.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, § 5-803(f) - amended and PS, § 14-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 823 **Senators Gallion and Hershey****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: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 824 **Senator Hester (Chair, Joint Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology Committee)**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BROADBAND PROVIDERS – JOINT TRENCHING AND FEE (BUILDING OUT BROADBAND ACT OF 2021)

Declaring certain findings and the intent of the General Assembly; renaming the Rural Broadband Assistance Fund to be the Maryland Digital Connectivity Fund; altering the purpose of the Fund to include expansion of affordable broadband services; providing that the Fund consists of certain fees; altering the use of the Fund to include providing certain financial assistance to authorities to expand high-speed Internet access in certain areas of the State; authorizing a county or municipal corporation to adopt certain policies; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, § 5-1101 - repealed, §§ 5-1101 and 5-1103 - added and EC, §§ 5-1102 and 13-504 and TR, § 8-654 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 825 **Senator Hester**

DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES – STUDY – CAPACITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY OF STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Requiring the Department of Legislative Services to contract with a consultant to study and make recommendations regarding the capacity and accountability of the State Department of Education to carry out certain responsibilities and duties; requiring the consultant to be independent and have certain expertise; requiring the consultant to collect certain data, account for certain spending, and review certain mitigation plans and corrective actions taken with regard to student learning loss during the COVID-19 pandemic; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 826 **Senators Carozza and Ready**

HANDGUN PERMITS – QUALIFICATIONS – HIGH-RISK OCCUPATIONS

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to issue a certain permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun to a person who meets certain requirements and is employed in a certain profession.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 5-306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 827 **Senators Waldstreicher and Hettleman****NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS – ADEQUATE HEALTH SERVICES – ELIGIBILITY FOR REIMBURSEMENT**

Providing that a nonpublic school that provides adequate health services to certain students through a designated school health services professional is eligible for reimbursement from the county government for up to 50% of the total costs of the provision of adequate health services under certain circumstances; establishing qualifications for certain nonpublic schools to qualify for certain reimbursement; providing that a nonpublic school that does not meet certain qualifications is ineligible for certain reimbursement; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 7-401.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 828 **Senator Lam****HIV PREVENTION DRUGS – DISPENSING BY PHARMACISTS AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS**

Authorizing pharmacists to dispense a 30–day supply, but no more than a 60–day supply, of preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention to a patient without a prescription under certain circumstances; requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide certain drugs for HIV prevention subject to certain conditions; prohibiting certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for certain drugs for HIV prevention; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HO, § 12-513, HG, §§ 15-102.3(j) and 15-103(a)(2)(xvii), and IN, § 15-856 - added and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xv) and (xvi) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs and Finance

SB 829 **Senator Lam****EMERGENCY AND EXPEDITED PROCUREMENTS – REFORM**

Altering the circumstances under which a procurement officer may make an emergency procurement; requiring a procurement officer to make reasonable efforts to solicit at least three oral quotes for an emergency procurement contract; requiring a procurement officer to evaluate a certain contractor’s ability to perform the requirements of an emergency procurement based on certain criteria under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 13-108 and 15-111 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 830 Senator Lam**SECRETARY OF HEALTH – SCHOOL–BASED HEALTH CENTERS – GUIDELINES AND ADMINISTRATION OF GRANTS**

Requiring the Secretary of Health, in consultation with the State Department of Education and other stakeholders, to develop certain guidelines for school–based health centers; requiring the Governor to transfer the administration of school–based health center grants from the State Department of Education to the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health within the Maryland Department of Health on or before July 1, 2022; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HG, § 19-22A-01 - added and §§ 19-22A-01 through 19-22A-05 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 831 Senator Kagan**ELECTION REFORM ACT OF 2021**

Altering certain provisions of law to require the State Board of Elections to make all open meeting materials publicly available on its website before a certain meeting; altering the method by which a political party is determined for the purpose of determining the composition of the local boards of elections; requiring a local board to designate the locations of ballot drop boxes; establishing a Maryland Debate Commission to develop guidelines for conducting debates before certain elections for certain candidates; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, Various Sections - amended and §§ 1-101(d-1), 2-202(b)(12) and (c), 5-206, 8-104, 8-206, 9-210(b-1), 9-310.1, and 16-602 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 832 Charles County Senators**SOUTHERN MARYLAND – MULTIFAMILY DWELLING REGISTRATION – FEES AND FINES**

Authorizing the code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to require a certain property owner to register certain property with the county in order to offer the property for lease; authorizing the code home rule counties of the Southern Maryland class to charge a fee on a certain property owner for registering certain property with the county and to impose a fine on a property owner who leases a dwelling that is not registered with the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 12-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 833 Charles County Senators**CHARLES COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSE**

Exempting a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license from a certain restriction on interactions with retailers in Charles County; and authorizing a holder of a Class 4 limited winery license to have a financial interest in a certain other license in Charles County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 18-401 - amended and § 18-403 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 834 Senator Smith**HARASSMENT AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT – DEFINITIONS – EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION AND SEXUAL HARASSMENT PREVENTION TRAINING**

Altering the definition of “harassment” and defining “sexual harassment” for purposes of certain provisions relating to discrimination in employment to include oral, written, or physical conduct, whether or not the conduct would be considered sufficiently severe or pervasive under precedent applied to harassment or sexual harassment claims; altering the definition of “sexual harassment” for certain provisions relating to State government sexual harassment prevention training; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, § 20-601(h) and SP, § 2-203.1(a) - amended and SG, § 20-601(k) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 835 Senator Rosapepe**FACILITATING UNIVERSITY TRANSFORMATIONS BY UNIFYING REDUCTIONS IN EMISSIONS (FUTURE) ACT**

Requiring each public senior higher education institution to be carbon neutral for certain emissions on or before certain dates; specifying certain requirements that a certain public senior higher education institution must meet in order to achieve the carbon neutral requirements under the Act; authorizing a certain public senior higher education institution to use carbon offsets that do not meet the requirements of the Act under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-126 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 836 **Senators Beidle and Elfreth****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DISCIPLINARY ACTION – DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENTS AND LICENSEE PROFILES**

Requiring the State Board of Dental Examiners to disclose certain information contained in a certain record to certain committees of certain facilities and entities under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to notify certain facilities or entities of certain complaints under certain circumstances; requiring the Board to notify certain facilities where a licensee practices or entities that employ the licensee of disciplinary action taken by the Board within 10 days after the action is taken; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HO, §§ 4-322 and 4-323 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 837 **Senator Kramer****HEALTH – ADVANCE CARE PLANNING AND ADVANCE DIRECTIVES**

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to coordinate the implementation of advance care planning programs in the State; requiring each health insurance carrier to offer electronic advance directives to its members and enrollees during open enrollment and periodically thereafter; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HG, § 19-145 - added and IN, § 15-122.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 838 **Senator Ready, et al****ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACES – PROOF OF IDENTITY**

Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present certain proof of identity; requiring the election judge to read the voter's name aloud; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide certain proof of identity; and prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EL, §§ 10-310 and 16-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 839 **Carroll County Senators****MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – WARFIELD COMPLEX IN CARROLL COUNTY – EXTINGUISHMENT OR TERMINATION OF EASEMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Historical Trust, on or before July 1, 2021, to extinguish or terminate a certain easement the Trust holds in the parcel of land known as the Warfield Complex located in Carroll County; and requiring the Trust to complete certain necessary recordings and filings to complete the extinguishment or termination of the easement.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 840 **Senator Ready****GENERAL PROVISIONS – FULL YEAR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME**

Altering the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time year-round.
CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

GP, § 1-301 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 841 **Senator Hershey, et al****PROPERTY TAX – SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS**

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

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 842 Senator Benson**WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE ASSESSMENT, TREATMENT, AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES FOR FEMALE YOUTH IN CONTACT WITH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Assessment, Treatment, and Available Resources for Female Youth in Contact with the Justice System to review how well programs in the Department of Juvenile Services meet the needs of female youth and to make recommendations for improving outcomes for females in the system; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 843 Senator Benson**I-495 AND I-270 PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP – PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PROMISES ACT OF 2021)**

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

EMERGENCY BILL

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 844 **Senator Benson****ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – VULNERABLE ADULTS REGISTRY
– INVESTIGATIONS AND RECORDS OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT AND
WORKGROUP STUDY**

Authorizing the Social Services Administration to establish and maintain a centralized confidential database for abused and neglected vulnerable adults; authorizing the Department of Human Services or a local department of social services to identify in the database an individual as responsible for abuse and neglect of a vulnerable adult in certain circumstances; establishing a Workgroup to Study Best Practices for a Vulnerable Adult Registry in Maryland; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

FL, § 14-101 - amended and FL, §§ 14-305.1, 14-306, and 14-306.1 and HU, §§ 1-202.1 and 1-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 845 **Senator Benson****EDUCATION – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT SEQUENCE
SCHOLARSHIPS – ELIGIBILITY**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 18-3301 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 846 **Senator Benson****HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE – CRITICAL MEDICAL NEEDS PROGRAM – POWER TO THE PEOPLE PILOT PROGRAM**

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HU, § 5-5A-08 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 847 **Senator Benson****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – VEHICLE LITTER REPORTING PROGRAM**

Establishing the Vehicle Litter Reporting Program in the Department of Transportation with the intent of deterring littering from motor vehicles; requiring the Program to operate a hotline to receive certain complaints of littering and to send a certain letter to certain motor vehicle owners; and generally relating to the Vehicle Litter Reporting Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 2-113 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 848 **Senators Benson and Lee****MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW AND MARYLAND WAGE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION LAW – REVISIONS (MARYLAND WAGE PROTECTION ACT)**

Requiring that a certain summary that certain employers are required to keep conspicuously posted in certain places of employment include certain antiretaliation provisions; prohibiting certain employers from taking certain actions under the Maryland Wage and Hour Law and the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law; prohibiting certain employers from discriminating against certain employees under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, §§ 3-103, 3-403(13) and (14), 3-423, 3-428, 3-504, 3-507.2(a) and (b), and 3-508 - amended and §§ 3-403(15) and 3-501.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 849 **Senator Lam, et al****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – AIRPORT NOISE ZONES – ELIGIBILITY**

Altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain residential real property located within a certain airport noise zone; clarifying that the governing body of a county or municipal corporation may provide, by law, for a tiered system that varies the amount and duration of the credit based on where the property is situated within the airport noise zone; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-216 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 850 **Senator Hough****GAMING – SPORTS AND EVENT WAGERING LICENSE – LONG SHOT’S**

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, under certain circumstances, to issue a sports and event wagering license to 5400 Holiday Entertainment, LLC trading as Long Shot’s; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SG, § 9-109(d) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 851 Senator Hough**FREDERICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – VACANCIES**

Altering the method for filling a vacancy on the Frederick County Board of Education; specifying that an individual appointed to fill a vacancy serves for the remainder of a certain term and until a successor is appointed and qualifies except that, under certain circumstances, the individual serves only until a successor is elected at the next general election; specifying how certain positions are to be filled at a general election; establishing the manner for nominating candidates for vacated offices; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 3-5B-01(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 852 Senator Hough, et al**CRIMES – PENALTIES AND PROCEDURES (VIOLENT FIREARMS OFFENDER ACT OF 2021)**

Requiring the Commissioner of Correction to provide a certain inmate with a reentry kit that includes clothing, an identification card, contact information on reentry services, information on Medicaid and the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and public transportation; providing that a person who uses a firearm in the commission of a crime of violence is guilty of a felony and establishing certain penalties; establishing that a person found guilty of the theft of a firearm is guilty of a felony; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CS, CJ, CR, CP, and PS, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 853 Senator Carter (By Request – Juvenile Justice Reform Council)**JUVENILE LAW – JUVENILE JUSTICE REFORM**

Altering provisions of law relating to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court; providing that a child who is under 13 years of age is not subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court and may not be charged with a crime; establishing an exception to the requirement that a certain intake officer must forward a complaint alleging the commission of an act that would be a felony if committed by an adult and copy of a certain intake case file to the State's Attorney under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

CJ, ED, PS, and SG, Various Sections - added and amended and Chapter 253 of the Acts of 2019, § 1(g)(2) and (3) and 2 - added and amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 854 **Senator Hershey**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
UNANNOUNCED VISITS BY INSPECTORS

Decreasing the frequency, from 60 to 180 days, for when an alcoholic beverages inspector is required to make an unannounced visit to licensed premises in Queen Anne's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 27-205(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 855 **Senator Hershey**QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REPEAL OF
PLACE OF WORSHIP PROHIBITION

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

AB, § 27-1601 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 856 **Senator Hershey**

ELECTRIC COMPANIES – BILLING INFORMATION

Requiring an electric company to provide to a retail electricity customer on request the historic usage and billing information for not less than the preceding 12 months; and providing that the electric company must make the information available, as requested by the customer, either on the company's website, electronically to the customer in a PDF format, or sent to the customer's billing address.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PU, § 7-312 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 857 **Senators Hester and Smith****HEALTH – MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY
CENTER OF EXCELLENCE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Community Health and Public Safety Center of Excellence within the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services; authorizing the Center to enter into contracts with the University of Maryland System or other entities for the purposes of carrying out its mission; requiring the activities of the Center to include certain planning, assistance, and coordination; requiring the Center to provide technical assistance to local governments for certain purposes; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HG, §§ 13-4201 through 13-4206 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 858 **Senator Hayes****HIGHER EDUCATION – COPPIN STATE UNIVERSITY – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$3,000,000 in the annual operating or capital budget bills for fiscal years 2023 through 2026 for Coppin State University to establish a new student union and two new student dormitories; and requiring the University System of Maryland to prioritize using public–private partnership agreements to build these facilities.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 15-126 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 859 **Senator Hayes****DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT –
APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to make financial assistance available to affordable housing developers working in low-income census tracts in order to help close appraisal gaps that occur in historically redlined neighborhoods; providing for the calculation of the financial assistance as equal to the appraisal gap; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, §§ 4-2801 through 4-2806 - added

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

SB 860 **Senators Zucker and Guzzone****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – COVID-19 OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE
PRESUMPTION – PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES**

Establishing that, under certain circumstances, public elementary and secondary school employees in the State are presumed to have an occupational disease that is compensable under workers' compensation law after a certain positive test or diagnosis for COVID-19; providing that a certain presumption may be rebutted with certain evidence; and terminating the Act after July 31, 2022.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Finance

SB 861 **Senator Bailey****ST. MARY'S COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BOND**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of St. Mary's County to borrow not more than \$30,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in St. Mary's County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 862 Senator Waldstreicher**ARREST WARRANTS ISSUED BY DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS – RECALL BY JUDGE**

Authorizing a judge of the District Court or judge of a circuit court, on a finding of good cause, to recall an arrest warrant issued by a District Court commissioner and issue a summons in its place.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 2-607(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 863 Senator Waldstreicher**VEHICLE LAWS – ENFORCEMENT AND USE OF REAL-TIME DIGITAL SPOTTERS**

Authorizing the use of a real-time digital spotter by law enforcement agencies to detect and enforce vehicle laws governing speeding, the use of wireless communications devices, and the use of seat belts; prohibiting the use of a real-time digital spotter in a local jurisdiction unless authorized by the governing body by local law adopted after reasonable notice and a public hearing; reducing certain fines for violations of the vehicle laws governing the use of wireless communications devices and seat belts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 21-1124.1(d), 21-1124.2(e), 22-412.3(k), and 25-113 - amended and §§ 21-1124.1(d) and 21-1133 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 864 Senator Hettleman**PUBLIC SAFETY – TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING AND COUNTERING DOMESTIC TERRORISM**

Establishing the Task Force on Preventing and Countering Domestic Terrorism to consider optimal policies and practices for preventing and countering domestic terrorism; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation; requiring the Task Force to make recommendations based on the role of the State, the level of resources needed, public transparency, and online extremism; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 865 **Senator Corderman, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – EMERGENCY SERVICE TRANSPORTERS – REIMBURSEMENT**

Altering the transportation services provided by an emergency service transporter for which the Maryland Department of Health is required to reimburse the emergency service transporter under certain circumstances; and altering the medical services provided by an emergency service transporter for which the Department is required to reimburse the emergency service transporter under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 15-114.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 866 **Senator Corderman****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PAYMENT BY STATE – INMATE HOUSING COSTS**

Authorizing a county to enter into a binding memorandum of understanding with the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to determine the total cost to house certain inmates; and altering the amount the State is required to reimburse a county for certain inmate housing costs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 9-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 867 **Senator Corderman, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – HATE CRIMES – FIRST RESPONDERS**

Prohibiting a person, with certain motivation, from willfully intimidating, harassing, or terrorizing another person, causing certain damage to certain property of another person without permission, or causing death or serious bodily harm to another person based on the person's actual or perceived employment as a first responder; establishing a that a violation of the Act is a felony and establishing a penalty of imprisonment not less than 1 year and not exceeding 5 years and a fine not exceeding \$5,000 on conviction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CL, § 10-306 - added and §§ 10-306 through 10-308 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 868 **Senator Corderman, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – INMATE RELEASE**

Authorizing the Division of Correction and a local correctional facility to establish, through a memorandum of understanding, a rate of reimbursement for an inmate sentenced to the Division and confined in a local correctional facility under certain circumstances; requiring the Division to transport a certain inmate from a certain correctional facility to a certain local correctional facility at least 5 days before the inmate is scheduled to be released from a State correctional facility; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CS, § 9-402 - amended and § 9-609.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 869 **Senator Corderman, et al****STATEWIDE TRANSIT PLAN – WESTERN MARYLAND MARC RAIL EXTENSION STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct a study and make recommendations on extending Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) rail service to western Maryland; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to incorporate the recommendations of the study into the Statewide Transportation Plan; requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2023; defining “Statewide Transit Plan”; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Assigned to: Finance

SB 870 **Senator Corderman****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – COVID-19-RELATED DISTRIBUTION OF RETIREMENT INCOME**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for taxable years 2020, 2021, and 2022 for income that is the result of certain COVID-19-related distributions of retirement income during certain taxable years; prohibiting the subtraction from exceeding \$100,000 in a taxable year; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

TG, § 10-207(jj) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 871 **Senators Corderman and Edwards****GAMING – SPORTS AND EVENT WAGERING LICENSE – WASHINGTON COUNTY MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM**

Requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission, under certain circumstances, to issue a sports and event wagering license to the owner of a professional Major League Baseball (MLB) Partner League/Atlantic League team located in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

SG, § 9-109(d) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 872 **Senator Jackson****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**

Increasing, from \$6,500 to \$7,000, the amount of a subtraction modification allowed for taxable year 2021 under the Maryland income tax for certain qualifying volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services members.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-208(i-1)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 873 **Senator Jackson (By Request – Joint Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology Committee)****DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS – CYBERSECURITY TRAINING**

Requiring the Department of Information Technology, in coordination with the Maryland Cybersecurity Council, to develop criteria for the certification of certain cybersecurity training programs for use by State and local government employees required to complete cybersecurity training each year, certify at least 20 programs, review and update certain certification standards at certain times, and maintain a list of all certified programs on its website; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, §§ 3A-801 through 3A-805 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 874 **Senator Jackson****WORKGROUP TO STUDY PARTIAL EXPUNGEMENT**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Partial Expungement; requiring the Workgroup to study and develop a plan and legislative recommendations for enabling the expungement of criminal charges that are currently not eligible for expungement because of the requirements of §10–107 of the Criminal Procedure Article; requiring the Workgroup to submit a report to the General Assembly on or before January 5, 2022; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 875 **Senator Jackson****JUVENILE LAW – DISPOSITIONS – PLACEMENT GUIDANCE**

Modifying the circumstances under which the juvenile court is prohibited from committing a child to the Department of Juvenile Services for out-of-home placement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 3-8A-19(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 876 **Senator Jackson****BUSINESS REGULATION – INNKEEPERS – RECORDS AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS TRAINING**

Requiring an innkeeper to maintain a computerized record-keeping system of all guest transactions and receipts; requiring that certain records be kept for not less than 6 months from the date of the creation of the record; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services and the Maryland Department of Labor to approve an educational training program and a refresher training program for identification and reporting of suspected human trafficking; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BR, § 15-209 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 877 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**ANNUAL CORRECTIVE BILL**

Correcting certain errors or omissions in certain articles of the Annotated Code; clarifying language; correcting certain obsolete references; reorganizing certain sections of the Annotate Code; providing that the Act is not intended to affect any law other than to correct technical errors; providing for the correction of certain errors and obsolete provisions by the publishers of the Annotated Code; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

Various Sections of Various Articles - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 878 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services)**ANNUAL CURATIVE BILL**

Generally curing previous Acts of the General Assembly with possible title defects.

EMERGENCY BILL

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 879 Senator Guzzone**VEHICLE LAWS – DRIVER’S LICENSES – DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATIONS**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to allow certain drivers’ schools to administer the driver skills examination required for an individual to obtain a driver’s license; requiring a drivers’ school that administers the driver skills examination to use certain methods in administering the examination and to enter into a certain memorandum of understanding with the Administration and that memorandum has not been terminated by either party; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, §§ 15-707 and 16-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 880 **Senator Guzzone****INCOME TAX – PASS–THROUGH ENTITIES – STATE AND LOCAL TAXES**

Clarifying certain provisions of law concerning the State income tax imposed on certain pass–through entities; authorizing a pass–through entity to elect to pay that tax imposed with respect to certain shares of all members of the pass–through entity, rather than only resident members; requiring certain taxpayers to add the amount of the credit back to federal adjusted gross income to determine Maryland adjusted gross income; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

TG, §§ 10-102.1, 10-306(b), and 10-701.1 - amended and § 10-205(m) - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 881 **Senator Guzzone****INCOME TAX – WORK OPPORTUNITY TAX CREDIT**

Allowing certain employers to claim a credit against the State income tax in a certain amount for certain wages paid to certain individuals with barriers to employment; providing that the credit may not exceed 100% of the Federal Work Opportunity Credit claimed by an employer on the employer’s federal income tax return, or the State income tax imposed for that taxable year, and may not be carried over to any other taxable year; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2020.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 882 **Senator Guzzone****OPERATING BUDGET – EDUCATION PROGRAMS – MANDATED FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2023 an appropriation to each program under Funding for Educational Organizations equal to the greater of the funding the program received in fiscal year 2021 or 2022 and an additional \$150,000.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 883 **Senator Guzzone****TOBACCO TAX – OUT-OF-STATE SALES OF PREMIUM CIGARS AND PIPE TOBACCO**

Requiring a person located outside the State to have a certain license in order to sell premium cigars or pipe tobacco to a consumer in the State; requiring the Executive Director of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission to issue a certain license; authorizing the holder of a remote tobacco seller license to sell premium cigars and pipe tobacco to consumers in the State; establishing the requirements for an applicant for a remote tobacco seller license; altering the price used to calculate the tobacco tax for certain products; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

BR, §§ 16.9-101 through 16.9-214 - added and TG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 884 **Senator Klausmeier****MEDICAL CANNABIS – VISITING QUALIFYING PATIENTS**

Prohibiting a visiting qualifying patient from being required to have a certain written certification or identification card; including a visiting qualifying patient among the individuals with respect to whom the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission is required to allow a licensed dispensary or registered dispensary agent to take certain actions related to medical cannabis; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 13-3301(f) and (p), 13-3304, 13-3307(f) and (g), and 13-3313(a) - amended and § 13-3301(p) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 885 Senator Hester**ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CATALYTIC REVITALIZATION PROJECTS**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain rehabilitation expenses for certain catalytic revitalization projects; requiring the Secretary of Housing and Community Development to issue tax credit certificates in an amount equal to 20% of certain rehabilitation expenses, subject to certain limitations; prohibiting the Secretary from issuing tax credit certificates for credit amounts in the aggregate totaling more than \$10,000,000; providing for the allocation of the credit among business partners or shareholders; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

HS, §§ 6-801 through 6-805 and TG, § 10-751 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 886 Senator Elfreth**TRANSFER WITH SUCCESS ACT**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to establish certain procedures that require a public institution of higher education that denies the transfer of a credit or course to an enrolled student to report the denial to the student and the institution from which the student originates and submit to the Commission a report each year listing the denials and the reasons for the denials; and requiring the procedures to direct a certain institution to review a denial of the transfer of a credit or course.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 11-207 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 887 Senators Elfreth and Simonaire**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – BUSINESS ENTITIES – STATE OF EMERGENCY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real or personal property owned or leased by a business entity affected by a state of emergency declared under Title 14 of the Public Safety Article; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2021; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

TP, § 9-266 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 888 **Senator Beidle**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS –
MARYLAND ROUTE 175 (JESSUP ROAD)

Authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 175 (Jessup Road) in Anne Arundel County between the Maryland Route 175/295 interchange and the Anne Arundel County–Howard County line, subject to certain placement and signage requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(v) and (vi) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 889 **Senator Jennings**CONTROLLED HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE FACILITY PERMIT –
RESEARCH FACILITIES – CHEMICAL WARFARE MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS

Providing that certain provisions of law regarding chemical warfare material requirements under a controlled hazardous substance facility permit do not apply to the incineration of chemical warfare materials at a research facility if the incineration is done for research, development, or demonstration purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EN, §§ 7-239.2, 7-239.3, and 7-239.4 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 890 **Senator King**EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – CHILD CARE PROVIDER
SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM (THE CHILD CARE PROVIDER
SUPPORT ACT)

Establishing the Child Care Provider Support Grant Program to provide funds to eligible grantees to help support the operations of child care centers; requiring the Department of Commerce, in consultation with the State Department of Education, to implement and administer the Grant Program and, in consultation with certain industry leaders or advisory groups, to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$25,000,000 for the Grant Program; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 9.5-421 - added

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

SB 891 **Senator Carozza****PUBLIC HEALTH – MATERNAL AND CHILD MORTALITY – REVIEW AND PERINATAL HOSPICE SERVICES**

Authorizing the State Child Fatality Review Team to enter into a certain agreement for secure storage of data and requiring the agreement to provide certain protection and address certain issues; requiring a certain entity to comply with certain confidentiality requirements; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a certain list of certain perinatal hospice programs; authorizing a perinatal hospice program to request that the Department include certain information on the Department's website; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, §§ 5-709 and 13-1204 - amended and § 20-2001 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 892 **Senator Augustine, et al****REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL LEASES – FEE IN LIEU OF SECURITY DEPOSIT**

Authorizing the payment of a fee in lieu of a security deposit in a residential lease, subject to certain requirements; prohibiting a landlord from requiring a tenant to pay a fee in lieu of a security deposit and providing that a landlord is not required to consent to the payment of a fee in lieu of a security deposit by a tenant; providing that a fee in lieu of a security deposit may be paid in any amount and at any frequency agreed on by the landlord and the tenant; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

RP, §§ 8-203(j) through (l) and 8A-1001(h) - amended and § 8-203(j) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 893 **Senator Rosapepe****UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – REVISIONS AND REQUIRED STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to take certain actions to carry out the State's unemployment insurance law; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to begin implementing a system through which certain individuals may consent to the sharing of relevant collected information with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange and the Maryland Department of Health for the purpose of determining eligibility for free or low-cost health insurance; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 8-109 - added and §§ 8-611(k), 8-626, 8-628, and 8-803(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 894 **Senator Rosapepe**

POST-CRISIS JOBS ACT OF 2021

Authorizing certain applicants to complete certain education or training requirements through a digital learning program under certain circumstances; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2023 through 2025, to allocate 75% of any increase in total State operating funds for community colleges for workforce training; establishing the Digital Learning Conversion Grant Program, the Basic Numeracy and Literacy Skills Grant Program, and the Recruitment of High Growth Industries Workers Grant Program; etc.

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

EMERGENCY BILL

BOP, § 1-209, BR, § 1-211, ED, §§ 1-203 and 16-305(g), HO, § 1-225, and LE, §§ 11-1401 through 11-1404 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 895 **Senator Rosapepe**

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – STUDENT FEES – REVIEW AND RETENTION

Requiring the presidents of University System of Maryland institutions to ensure that a student committee is presented with any proposed fees for their review; requiring the amount of the fee, the students who will be charged the fee, and the proposed use of the revenues generated to be provided to the student committee; and requiring certain revenues to be retained by a certain campus unit or department unless the student committee approves an exception to the use of the fee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 12-109(e)(7) - amended and § 12-109(h) - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 896 **Senator Rosapepe**

WORKGROUP ON THE COVID-19 CRISIS ECONOMIC RECOVERY

Establishing the Workgroup on the COVID-19 Economic Recovery; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding the challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic; requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2021 and a final report on or before December 31, 2022; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 897 **Senators Zucker and Griffith****EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – INDIVIDUALS WITHOUT QUALIFYING CHILDREN – CALCULATION AND REFUNDABILITY**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 10-704 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 898 **Senator Carter****MARYLAND CRIMINAL JUSTICE DEBT ELIMINATION AND PREVENTION ACT OF 2021**

Altering who may be charged by certain licensed businesses for providing home monitoring services under certain circumstances; repealing certain fees and costs to certain inmates in certain counties; prohibiting the assessment of fees against a defendant for home monitoring under certain circumstances; prohibiting the court from imposing a monthly fee on a person under the supervision of the Division of Parole and Probation; prohibiting the court from charging certain fees under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

BOP, CS, CJ, CP, FL, SF, and TR, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 899 **Senator Bailey****NATURAL RESOURCES – CANADA GEESE – BAG LIMITS**

Requiring, during the migratory Canada goose (Atlantic population) hunting season, the bag limit for all Canada geese in the State to conform to the bag limit adopted annually by the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for Atlantic population Canada geese.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 10-409 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 900 **Senator Peters****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – EXPENSES OF MEDICAL CANNABIS GROWER, PROCESSOR, DISPENSARY, OR INDEPENDENT TESTING LABORATORY**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 901 **Senator Hester****PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – RESILIENT MARYLAND REVOLVING LOAN FUND**

Establishing the Resilient Maryland Revolving Loan Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund; establishing the purpose of the Fund; authorizing uses for the Fund; requiring certain loans to be for a fixed period; requiring the Maryland Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) to administer the Fund; requiring MEMA to prioritize making loans to certain projects; exempting the Fund from a certain provision of law; requiring the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill beginning in fiscal year 2023 for the fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

PS, § 14-110.4 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)122. and 123. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added

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

SB 902 Senator Hester**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – CYBER WORKFORCE PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Cyber Workforce Program in the Partnership for Workforce Quality Program; providing for the purpose of the Cyber Program; requiring the Secretary of Commerce to direct the Cyber Program; requiring the Secretary to establish certain criteria and priorities for assistance under the Cyber Program; requiring the Secretary to submit a certain report on the operation and performance of the Cyber Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

EC, ED, and SF, Various Sections - amended and EC, §§ 3-413 through 3-418 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)124. - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 903 Senator Hester**LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – TRADITIONAL TRADE APPRENTICESHIP FUND**

Establishing the Traditional Trade Apprenticeship Fund in the Maryland Department of Labor as a special, nonlapsing fund; specifying the purpose of the Fund; requiring the Secretary of Labor to administer the Fund; specifying the contents of the Fund; requiring the Director of Apprenticeship and Training to distribute grants of up to \$50,000 per participant for a certain purpose; requiring the Director to establish application criteria for programs receiving grants from the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

LE, § 11-606 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 904 **Senator Salling****SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE PERIODS – UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE TEXTBOOKS**

Designating, beginning in calendar year 2021, the last 7 days of August each year to be a tax-free period during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for the sale of certain textbooks purchased by individuals enrolled full or part-time at a certain community college, nonprofit institution of higher education, public senior higher education institution or regional higher education center; designating, beginning in calendar year 2022, an additional 7-day sales and use tax-free period in February; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

TG, § 11-241 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 905 **Senator Sydnor****JUVENILE SERVICES – WORKGROUP TO DEVELOP EVIDENCE-BASED, RESEARCH-BASED, AND CULTURALLY COMPETENT PRACTICES**

Requiring the Department of Juvenile Services and the Department of Human Services to convene a certain workgroup to increase accountability for prevention and intervention services delivered to children by the Department of Juvenile Services through evidence-based, research-based, and culturally competent practices; requiring the workgroup to complete a certain assessment and prepare and publish a certain inventory; requiring the workgroup to consider and identify certain factors in assessing certain practices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 906 **Senator Sydnor****BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS –
ALTERATIONS**

Altering the membership of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to require 8 members to be elected and 4 members to be appointed; altering and establishing certain qualifications for members of the board; requiring one member of the board to be elected by Baltimore City voters from the city at-large; requiring 7 members of the board to be elected by the voters of each of the 7 school board districts; requiring the Baltimore City Council to establish 7 school board districts that are substantially equal in population; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 3-108.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 907 **Senator Benson****HUMAN SERVICES – CRITICAL MEDICAL NEEDS PROGRAM –
APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE**

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021

HU, § 5-5A-08 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 908 **Senator Benson****BUDGET BILL – APPROPRIATIONS STATEMENT – MEMORANDUM
OF UNDERSTANDING FOR STATE PERSONNEL**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to require the Governor to include with the budget bill a statement showing the appropriations necessary to implement and fund each memorandum of understanding that incorporates wages and terms and conditions of employment for Executive Department, higher education, and other State personnel; and submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 52 - amended

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 909 Senator Smith**CAPITAL PROJECTS – MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE GOALS**

Requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, prior to the release of State funds for a certain capital project that receives at least \$500,000 in a single fiscal year, to review the project for subcontracting opportunities under the State Minority Business Enterprise Program and, if practicable, establish minority business enterprise subgoals for the project; requiring the recipient of the State funds to make a certain certification or request a certain waiver under certain circumstances; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SF, § 3-610 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 910 Senator Smith**COVID-19 EVICTION AND HOUSING RELIEF ACT OF 2021**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, in consultation with the Maryland Judiciary and local sheriffs and constables, to collect, maintain, and provide certain access to certain information on eviction actions; requiring certain information be reported to the Department monthly; requiring certain local sheriffs and constables to provide at least 48 hours notice before executing a warrant; prohibiting a landlord from filing a complaint if a tenant owes less than \$600 of unpaid rent; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HS and RP, Various Sections - added and RP, § 8-401(a), (b)(1), and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 911 Senator Smith**UNLAWFUL EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND REMEDIES**

Repealing the limitations on the amount of compensatory damages and punitive damages that may be awarded to a complainant in a certain unlawful employment case; increasing the period of time, from 2 years to 3 years, for which a claimant may recover back pay in a certain unlawful employment case; and increasing the period of time, from 2 years to 3 years, during which a complainant may file a civil action that alleges an unlawful employment practice that does not allege harassment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 20-1009 and 20-1013 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 912 **Senator Smith****MARYLAND WAGE AND HOUR LAW AND MARYLAND WAGE PAYMENT AND COLLECTION LAW – ANTIRETALIATION PROVISIONS**

Prohibiting certain employers from taking certain actions under the Maryland Wage and Hour Law and the Maryland Wage Payment and Collection Law; prohibiting certain employers from discriminating against certain employees under certain circumstances; altering the list of acts that constitute adverse action under a certain provision of law to include a reduction in work hours or other unfavorable schedule changes and the reporting of the suspected citizenship or immigration status of an employee; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

LE, §§ 3-428 and 3-508 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 913 **Senator McCray, et al****HUMAN SERVICES – SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – HEAT AND EAT PROGRAM**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 914 **Senator McCray****SHERIFF OF BALTIMORE CITY**

Authorizing all full-time sworn law enforcement officers who are deputy sheriffs at the rank of lieutenant or below and court security officers in Baltimore City to collectively bargain with the Secretary of Budget and Management and the Sheriff of Baltimore City; requiring the Sheriff and the Secretary to recognize an exclusive representative for the purpose of collective bargaining; authorizing the Sheriff, the Secretary, and the exclusive representative to select the number of individuals designated to represent the respective parties; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 2-316 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 915 **Senator McCray****THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND'S FUTURE – PERFORMANCE STANDARDS – CLARIFICATIONS**

Clarifying that the performance standards referred to in The Blueprint for Maryland's Future are the standards required in Title 13A of COMAR; and clarifying that the accountability system for The Blueprint for Maryland's Future ensures adequate funds are provided by State and local jurisdictions to local education agencies to achieve the performance standards required in Title 13A of COMAR.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 1-303 (8) and (9) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 916 **Senator McCray****TAXES – WHISTLEBLOWER REWARD PROGRAM AND STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR TAX COLLECTIONS**

Establishing a certain whistleblower reward program within the Office of the Comptroller; providing that a certain whistleblower who voluntarily provides certain information to the Comptroller shall be entitled to receive a certain monetary award under certain circumstances; providing that the determination of the amount of the award shall be solely in the discretion of the Comptroller; requiring the Comptroller to consider certain factors in determining the amount of the award; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

TG, §§ 1-401 through 1-408 - added and § 13-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 917 **Senator Hester (By Request – Joint Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Biotechnology Committee)**

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – STATUS OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CYBERSECURITY IN STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES

Requiring each unit of State government and certain local agencies to submit a certain report related to information technology and cybersecurity to the Department of Information Technology on or before September 1 each year; establishing the required contents of certain reports; and requiring the Department to compile and analyze certain information and report to each unit of State government and the General Assembly certain information and recommendations by December 31 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SF, § 3A-315 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 918 **Senator Jackson**

COURTS – PROSECUTION FOR ELECTION LAW VIOLATIONS – LIMITATION

Extending the period of time after an offense was committed, from 3 to 4 years, during which a prosecution is required to be instituted for certain violations of State election law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

CJ, § 5-106(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 919 **Senator Gallion**

HORSE RACING – FAIR HILL NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT AREA

Altering the amount of money to be credited to the Fair Hill Improvement Fund; requiring the Governor to include \$1,300,000 in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2023 through 2027 for the Fair Hill Improvement Fund; and requiring the money appropriated to be spent on the operation and maintenance of the physical facilities within the special event area of the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

SG, § 9-1A-28(f), BR, §§ 11-702 and 11-704, and NR, § 5-908 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 920 **Senator Ready****COUNTY HEALTH OFFICERS – PROCEDURES AND OVERSIGHT**

Requiring each county board of health and the Baltimore City Health Department to establish certain requirements regarding the manner in which and circumstances under which the health officer for the county, or the health officer's staff, may perform an inspection of, issue a citation to, or issue an order to cease the operation of a business or place of employment in the county; requiring the governing body of each county to establish a certain oversight board; establishing duties of the oversight board; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

HG, § 3-101 - amended and § 3-311 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 921 **Senator Lam****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS – DIGITAL TOOLS (NONVISUAL ACCESS ACCOUNTABILITY ACT FOR GRADES K–12 EDUCATION)**

Requiring digital tools developed or purchased by a county board of education to include specifications for access by students with disabilities, including nonvisual access; requiring a county board to provide a student with disabilities access to digital tools that enable students with disabilities to acquire the same information and access the same services as students without disabilities; requiring each invitation for bids or request for proposals for a digital tool to require submission of an accessibility conformance report; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

ED, § 8-317 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 922 Senator Lam (Chair, Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee)**OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE AUDITS – ACCEPTANCE AND INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGATIONS OF FRAUD, WASTE, AND ABUSE**

Authorizing the Office of Legislative Audits to compel by subpoena or otherwise certain records and the appearance of a person under oath as a witness; authorizing the Office to coordinate an investigation with certain law enforcement units; requiring certain law enforcement units to cooperate and share information as needed to further an investigation; providing that, except under certain circumstances, certain information obtained in relation to an act or allegation of fraud, waste, or abuse is confidential and may not be disclosed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

SG, §§ 2-1223 and 2-1226 - amended and § 2-1228 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 923 Senator Washington**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY AND DISENROLLMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive medical and other health care services for a pregnant Program recipient for the duration of the pregnancy and for 1 year immediately following the end of the woman's pregnancy; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop certain written materials and provide the materials to certain Program recipients at a certain time; and requiring the Department to adopt certain regulations.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(ii) - amended and § 15-103(g) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 924 Senators Jennings and Hester**PROCUREMENT – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – CLOUD-BASED VIRTUAL DESKTOP INFRASTRUCTURE**

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to issue a request for proposals for or make a certain determination on the implementation and ongoing maintenance of cloud-based virtual desktop infrastructure to be used by each unit of State government as desktop support and management systems; requiring the Department to review certain contracts entered into by other states and consider participating in certain agreements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 925 Senator Elfreth**WORKGROUP ON PUBLIC WATER ACCESS**

Establishing the Workgroup on Public Water Access; requiring the Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding certain matters; requiring the Workgroup to submit an interim report and a final report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before certain dates; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2023 an appropriation of \$60,000 to the Chesapeake Bay Trust to support the duties of the Workgroup; providing for the termination of the Act; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 926 Senators Corderman and Edwards**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY –
HAGERSTOWN MULTI–USE SPORTS AND EVENTS FACILITY**

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to review certain matters and make certain recommendations relating to the Hagerstown Multi–Use Sports and Events Facility; authorizing the Authority to acquire by certain means a Hagerstown Multi–Use Sports and Events Facility site or an interest in the site; requiring the Authority to transfer certain lease payments to the Hagerstown Multi–Use Sports and Events Facility Fund under certain circumstances; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

EC and SF, Various Sections - amended and added and SG, § 9-120 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation