SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 21, 2021

**SB 959**  
Senator Lam  
EDUCATION – RESIDENTIAL BOARDING PROGRAMS FOR AT–RISK YOUTH – EXPANSION  

Authorizing the State Department of Education to contract with an operator to provide at–risk youth in the State with the opportunity to participate in a program providing a student with the opportunity to attend a multiweek accelerated learning residential boarding education program; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an amount to cover the transportation, boarding, and other costs associated with the program; requiring the Governor in fiscal years 2023 and beyond to include $4,300,000 in budget for the program; etc.  

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate  
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021  
ED, § 8-704(a) - amended and § 8-711 - added  
Assigned to: Senate Rules
SB 960  Senator Lee
HIGHWAYS – PUBLIC–PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS – CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Transportation from acquiring a right–of–way or exercising eminent domain, and prohibiting a person from acquiring a right–of–way, for a highway project that encroaches on or adversely affects certain cultural and historic sites and properties unless the General Assembly approves the development of the project by a majority vote in each of the two Houses.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
SF, § 5A-325 - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 961  Senator Corderman
CONSORTIUM ON COLLECTIVE IMPACT FOR STUDENT AND FAMILY WELL–BEING – RENAMING AND REVISIONS

Renaming the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to be the Consortium on Collective Impact for Student and Family Well–Being; requiring the Consortium to dedicate staff to coordinate with behavioral health services coordinators and local education agency staff; altering the duties of behavioral health services coordinators; requiring the Department of Human Services to designate a primary contact for school services; requiring the Governor’s Office for Children to provide staff for the Consortium; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2021
ED, §§ 7-446.1 and 7-446.2 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)129. - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 962  Senator Jackson
REAL PROPERTY – SATISFACTION OF A MORTGAGE – REQUIRED HOMEOWNER’S INSURANCE (CASSIDY’S LAW)

Requiring an owner of residential real property in the State that is not subject to a mortgage to maintain homeowner’s insurance coverage on the property with liability coverage of at least $100,000 for bodily or personal injury occurring on the property.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
RP, § 14-133 - added
Assigned to: Senate Rules
SB 963  Senator Klausmeier
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – CLOSED AGAINST ENTRY

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain records based on a conviction of a closed against entry offense under the Natural Resources Article or regulations adopted by the Department of Natural Resources.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
CP, § 10-110(a) - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 964  Senator Jennings
PHARMACY BENEFITS MANAGERS – DEFINITION OF PURCHASER AND ERISA

Altering the definition of “purchaser” for the purposes of certain provisions of State insurance law governing pharmacy benefits managers to repeal the exclusion of certain persons that provide prescription drug coverage or benefits through plans subject to ERISA; and repealing the definition of “ERISA”.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021
IN, § 15-1601 - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 965  The President
BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE – REVISIONS

Altering certain policy and funding provisions relating to the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future; altering certain dates for the implementation of the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future; requiring the State Department of Education to submit certain data to the Department of Budget and Management and the Department of Legislative Services; specifying that the target per pupil foundation amount includes educational technology costs; altering the amount of a certain personnel grant; etc.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EMERGENCY BILL
ED, LE, TP, and Chapter 36 of the Acts of 2021, Various Sections - added and amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules
SB 966  Senator Hester

VIRTUAL SCHOOLS – STATEWIDE EDUCATION PLATFORM – PROCUREMENT AND ESTABLISHMENT

Authorizing the State Department of Education to make a procurement on an expedited basis with the approval of the State Board of Education; authorizing virtual schools to operate on a year-round basis; requiring the Department, in accordance with the expedited procurement process, to issue a request for proposals for a statewide platform to provide virtual education on or before May 1, 2021; requiring the Department to award a contract for the virtual education platform on or before June 1, 2021; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, §§ 7-103(e), 7-1401 through 7-1403, 7-1405, and 7-1407 - amended and §§ 7-211 and 7-212 - added and SF, § 13-108(c) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules