



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2022 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 28, 2022**  
**Schedule 13**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 7.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 28, 2022**

### **SB 504 Senator Salling**

#### **EQUAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN HUMAN BEINGS ACT OF 2022**

Repealing provisions of law providing for the prosecution for murder or manslaughter of a viable fetus under certain circumstances; requiring certain executive, legislative, and judicial officers in the State to fulfill a certain duty to support the United States Constitution and the Maryland Constitution to protect the life of each unborn human being within their jurisdiction; prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program from providing any device, procedure or drug to cause or attempt to cause an abortion; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022**

CR, § 2-103 and HG, §§ 20-103, 20-208, and 20-209 - repealed, CR, §§ 2.5-101 through 2.5-103 - added, and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(iv) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

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**SB 505**     **Senator King****DEPARTMENT OF AGING – DEMENTIA CARE COORDINATOR AND  
DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATORS**

Establishing the position of Dementia Care Coordinator in the Department of Aging to manage the work of dementia care navigators; requiring each area agency to employ a dementia care navigator; authorizing dementia care navigators to provide support services for caregivers, increase community awareness, offer technical assistance, and establish relationships with health care providers; requiring the Governors to include \$1,600,000 in the annual budget bill to employ the Dementia Care Coordinator and dementia care navigators; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HU, §§ 10-1301 through 10-1303 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 506**     **Senator King****CHILDREN – THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Establishing the Therapeutic Child Care Program to provide specialized child care and early childhood education by educators, early intervention providers, mental health providers, and health care providers to children under the age of 6 years who have delays in development, physical disabilities, or delays in social, emotional, or behavioral functioning.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 8-420 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 507**     **Senator Salling, et al****PROCUREMENT – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – CONTRACT  
MODIFICATION CLAUSE**

Requiring a procurement contract for construction to include a clause providing for contract modification when there is a substantial increase in the price of materials required to complete the contract, as determined by the unit, due to certain factors.

EMERGENCY BILL

SF, § 13-218 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 508 Senator West**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – GUARDIANSHIP OF MINORS –  
APPOINTMENT BY COURT

Altering the circumstances under which a court may appoint a guardian of the person of a minor if the court finds, by a preponderance of the evidence that the appointment is in the best interests of the minor, no testamentary appointment has been made, no parent is willing or able to serve as the minor's guardian, each parent consents to the appointment, or no parent files an objection to the appointment; and providing that the appointment of a guardian of the person of a minor does not require the termination of parental rights.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

ET, § 13-702(a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 509 Senator Carter**DRUG PARAPHERNALIA FOR ADMINISTRATION –  
DECRIMINALIZATION

Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; altering a prohibition against a person possessing or distributing controlled paraphernalia under circumstances which reasonably indicate an intention to use the controlled paraphernalia for certain purposes; altering a list of items that indicate intent to use certain controlled paraphernalia; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CR, §§ 5-101(h), 5-619(c) and (d), and 5-620(a), (b), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 510 Senators Beidle and Elfreth**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER  
COMPENSATION

Increasing by \$10,000 the compensation of the president, vice president, and other members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 3-2A-07 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 511**     **Senator Hettleman****HUMAN SERVICES – SECRETARY OF AGING – QUALIFICATIONS**

Establishing certain qualifications for an individual appointed as the Secretary of Aging; and requiring an individual appointed as the Secretary to have extensive experience and knowledge of laws, legislation, and regulations relating to aging, programs for aging individuals, a demonstrated commitment to the mission of both the Federal Older Americans Act and the Department, and hold at least a bachelor's degree.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 20, 2023

HU, § 10-202 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 512**     **Senator Hettleman****OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – CORRECTIONAL OMBUDSMAN**

Establishing the Correctional Ombudsman in the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Ombudsman to conduct investigations, reviews, and assessments of administrative acts taken by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or in relation to individuals confined by the Department; requiring the Ombudsman to refer matters for criminal charges or disciplinary proceedings when appropriate; establishing the Correctional Ombudsman Advisory Board; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 513**     **Senator Eckardt****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL NURSE SPECIALISTS –  
PRESCRIBING AUTHORITY**

Defining “clinical nurse specialist” and “practice as a clinical nurse specialist” for the purpose of authorizing clinical nurse specialists to prescribe drugs and durable medical equipment under regulations adopted by the State Board of Nursing; altering the definition of “authorized prescriber” for purposes of the Maryland Pharmacy Act to include clinical nurse specialists; and authorizing a licensed physician to personally prepare and dispense a prescription written by a clinical nurse specialist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HO, §§ 8-508(a)(2)(ii), 12-101(b), and 12-102(c)(2)(iv)2. - amended and § 8-514 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 514**     **Senator Beidle, et al****TRANSPORTATION – INVESTMENT PROGRAM – MARC RAIL  
SERVICE (MARYLAND REGIONAL RAIL TRANSFORMATION ACT)**

Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to establish certain investment programs for enhancing certain rail lines and services operated by the Maryland Area Regional Commuter rail service; requiring the Administration to advance certain rail projects in fiscal year 2023; and requiring the Administration to conduct a certain study.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TR, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 515 Senator Young****STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – PARK SERVICES ASSOCIATES – CERTIFICATION AS EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS**

Requiring the State Emergency Medical Services Board to credit certain training and education completed by a certain park services associate toward certification as an emergency medical responder; prohibiting the EMS Board from charging certain fees to any individual who is a certain park services associate; and providing for the issuance of temporary certification as an emergency medical responder to certain park services associates and a process for issuing permanent certification to certain park services associates.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

ED, § 13-516(b-2) - added and § 13-516(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 516 Senator Augustine****EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT**

Altering the More Jobs for Marylanders Program to allow certain businesses located in certain transit-oriented developments to qualify for certain Program benefits; extending the deadline after which the Department of Commerce may not certify certain businesses to participate in the Program; establishing the Transit-Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use the Fund to provide financial assistance related to transit-oriented development; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

EC, TR, and SF, Various Sections - amended and TR, §§ 7-103 and 7-1201 through 7-1205 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)146. - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 517 Senator Bailey****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – LOCATION INFORMATION – EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES (KELSEY SMITH ACT FOR MARYLAND)**

Requiring certain service providers to provide the location information for an electronic device to a law enforcement agency or public safety answering point in certain circumstances for a certain period of time; prohibiting a person from being held civilly liable for making certain required disclosures; and requiring the Department of State Police to collect and disseminate certain information under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CP, § 1-203.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 518 Senator Augustine****CAREER PATHWAYS FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS PROGRAM**

Establishing the Career Pathways for Health Care Workers Program in the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of providing grants to eligible employers for training programs attended by health care workers.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

LE, §§ 11-1501 through 11-1507 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 519 Senator Washington****EDUCATION – STUDENT-ORGANIZED PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATIONS – STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND POLICY**

Prohibiting a public school from prohibiting a student from organizing or participating in a student-organized peaceful demonstration, imposing certain limits on a student's right to free speech while participating in a student-organized peaceful demonstration, or disciplining a student for organizing or participating in a student-organized peaceful demonstration under certain circumstances; requiring each county board to develop a written policy regarding student-organized peaceful demonstrations; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 7-311 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 520 Senator Washington****MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED LIMITS – ESTABLISHMENT AND ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing Baltimore City to decrease or raise to a previously established level the maximum speed limit on a highway under its jurisdiction without performing an engineering and traffic investigation; and prohibiting a local jurisdiction from implementing a new speed monitoring system to enforce speed limits on any portion of a highway for which the speed limit has been decreased without performing an engineering and traffic investigation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

TR, § 21-803 - amended and § 21-809(b)(1)(xi) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 521 Senator Hettleman, et al****LANDLORD AND TENANT – ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS SPECIAL FUND – MANDATORY APPROPRIATION**

Requiring the Governor to appropriate a certain amount of federal rental assistance money to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; and requiring certain excess federal rental assistance funds to be appropriated to the Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

RP, § 8-909 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 522 Senators Hettleman and Elfreth****STATE AND LOCAL PARKS – CHILD SAFE ZONE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT (EQUITABLE ACCESS TO SAFE PARKS ACT)**

Establishing the Child Safe Zone Program in the Department of Natural Resources to improve public safety at State and local parks, install signage in prominent areas of each State park identifying the parks as Child Safe Zones, and facilitate coordination with local jurisdictions to designate local parks as Child Safe Zones; and establishing the Child Safe Zone Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide funding for capital and operating expenses associated with enhancing public safety in State and local parks.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

NR, §§ 5-2001 through 5-2003 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs



**SB 523 Senator Kagan****OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND REGISTRATION – IMMIGRANTS**

Prohibiting a State occupational or professional licensing board or other government agency in the State from denying an occupational or professional license, certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual meets certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

SG, § 8-506 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 524 Senator Feldman****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS – ENERGY PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND LOW-INCOME HOUSING**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers energy efficiency and conservation programs and services designed to achieve an annual incremental gross energy savings of at least 0.4% starting in 2023; requiring the Department to develop a plan to coordinate and leverage funding sources to support certain energy efficiency and other home upgrades and a plan to provide energy efficiency retrofits to all low-income households by 2030; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

PU, § 7-211(k) - amended and §§ 7-211.1 and 7-211.2 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 525 Senator Feldman****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY DISTRIBUTION PLANNING AND REQUIRED LABOR STANDARDS**

Establishing the Distribution System Planning Workgroup to study issues related to energy distribution planning and implementation; requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations on or before January 1, 2024, related to energy distribution planning and implementation; requiring the Commission and the Maryland Energy Administration to coordinate efforts with utilities to apply for certain federal funds; and establishing labor standards for contractors and subcontractors participating in certain projects.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PU, §§ 7-801 through 7-805 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 526**     **Senator Feldman****ELECTRICITY – OFFSHORE WIND RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS**

Altering the process for purchasing offshore wind renewable energy credits to satisfy the offshore wind energy component of the renewable energy portfolio standard; and requiring the Public Service Commission to adopt regulations establishing a certain cost recovery mechanism.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PU, § 7-704.2(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 527**     **Senator Feldman****ELDERLY INDIVIDUALS – HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY ADULT DAY HEALTH CARE SERVICES PILOT PROGRAM AND TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Howard County and Montgomery County Adult Day Health Care Services Pilot Program in Howard County and Montgomery County to integrate the provision of medical adult day care services, home health care services, and medical services provided under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program; authorizing Howard County and Montgomery County to jointly authorize the operation of one or more integrator entities to coordinate services provided under the pilot program; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, §§ 14-2A-01 through 14-2A-03 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 528**     **Senator Pinsky, et al****CLIMATE SOLUTIONS NOW ACT OF 2022**

Requiring the State to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions through the use of various measures, including the alteration of statewide greenhouse gas emissions goals, the establishment of a net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions goal, the development of certain energy efficiency and electrification requirements for certain buildings, and requiring electric companies to increase their annual incremental gross energy savings through certain programs and services; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

EC, ED, EN, NR, PS, PU, SF, SG, and TP, Various Sections - amended and added

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

**SB 529**     **Senator Benson, et al****REAL PROPERTY – LANDLORD AND TENANT – BEDBUGS**

Requiring a tenant to promptly notify the landlord in a certain manner when the tenant knows or reasonably suspects that the tenant's dwelling unit contains bed bugs; requiring a landlord notified of the presence or suspected presence of bed bugs to obtain an inspection within 96 hours; authorizing a landlord to enter a dwelling unit for purposes of a certain inspection; establishing that a landlord is responsible for costs associated with inspection of and treatment for bedbugs; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

RP, §§ 8-1001 through 8-1007 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 530**     **Senator Benson, et al**

## MARYLAND FAIR SCHEDULING ACT

Requiring an employer who employs individuals in a food service facility or retail establishment to pay certain employees at a certain rate of pay for certain shifts of work, except under certain circumstances; and providing that certain employees employed in a food service facility or retail establishment have the right to decline to work hours that occur during the 11 hours following the end of a shift; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, §§ 2-106(b) and 3-102(a) - amended and §§ 3-103(n) and 3-1801 through 3-1811 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 531**     **Senator Beidle, et al**

## MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – ASSISTED LIVING PROGRAMS – STUDY

Requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission, in consultation with the Office of Health Care Quality, the Maryland Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program, the Medicaid Administration, the Governor’s Workforce Development Board, and interested stakeholders, to conduct a study regarding the quality of care by assisted living programs with nine or fewer beds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 532**     **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 a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide proof of identity; and prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023

EL, §§ 10-310 and 16-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 533**     **Senator Ready, et al**

## CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT OF A HANDGUN

Establishing the felony of theft of a handgun; and establishing a penalty for theft of a handgun of, for a first conviction, 2 to 5 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1,000 or both and, for a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment for 5 to 10 years and a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 534**     **Senator Ready, et al**

## GENERAL PROVISIONS – FULL-YEAR DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Altering the standard time in the State to be Eastern Daylight Time year-round; making the Act contingent on a change to federal law; and requiring the Secretary of State to monitor action by the federal government.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

GP, § 1-301 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 535**     **Senator Ready, et al**

## UNBORN CHILD PROTECTION FROM DISMEMBERMENT ABORTION ACT

Prohibiting, except under certain circumstances, the performance of or the attempt to perform a dismemberment abortion that kills an unborn child on a pregnant woman; providing for certain hearing proceedings before the State Board of Physicians; and authorizing certain individuals to bring certain legal actions against an individual who has performed or attempted to perform a dismemberment abortion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

HG, §§ 20-217 through 20-223 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 536**     **Senator McCray**INCOME TAX – FILM PRODUCTION ACTIVITY TAX CREDIT –  
DIGITAL ANIMATION PROJECTS

Expanding eligibility for the credit against the State income tax for certain film production activities to include certain digital animation projects; defining “digital animation project” as the creation, development, and production of computer-generated animation content for distribution or exhibition to the general public; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TG, § 10-730 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 537**     **Senator Carozza, et al**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SHRIMP FISHERY  
REGULATIONS – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the authority of the Department of Natural Resources to, notwithstanding certain provisions of law, adopt regulations governing any aspect of the shrimp fishery and establishing and implementing a pilot program related to fishing for shrimp.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

NR, § 4-904 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 538**     **Senator Carozza, et al**

## LAND USE – AGRITOURISM – DEFINITION

Altering the definition of “agritourism” to include special events and occasions conducted on a farm that generates income from an agricultural activity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

LU, § 4-212 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 539**     **Senators Elfreth and Beidle**

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – SPECIAL TAXING DISTRICTS – EXEMPTIONS

Providing that certain taxes, assessments, fees, or charges imposed by Anne Arundel County in certain special taxing districts do not apply to certain property that is exempt from taxation.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

LG, §§ 21-306 and 21-519 and NR, § 8-708(c) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 540**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

## HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSFER PLATFORM – ESTABLISHED (TRANSFER WITH SUCCESS ACT 2.0)

Requiring each community college and 4–year institution that receives State funds to participate in a transfer platform that the Maryland Higher Education Commission establishes to facilitate the transfer of students from community colleges to 4–year institutions of higher education; and altering a certain report that public institutions of higher education must submit.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 11-207 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**SB 541**     **Senator Elfreth, et al**

## NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND PARK SERVICE AND STATE PARKS – ALTERATIONS (GREAT MARYLAND OUTDOORS ACT)

Addressing infrastructure, capacity, and accessibility needs within the Maryland Park Service and State parks, including establishing systems and processes for surveying infrastructure and critical maintenance needs, increasing the number of Maryland Park Service full–time employees, requiring the Department of Budget and Management to conduct certain staff reviews, and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a certain capital improvement plan and a comprehensive long–range strategic plan; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

NR, AG, EC, SF, TP, LE, and TG, Various Sections - added and amended

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

**SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED January 28, 2022**

**SJ 7**      **Senator Ready, et al**

**SUPPORT OF PARENTS' RIGHTS TO BRING GRIEVANCES TO  
COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION**

Supporting parents' rights to peacefully assemble, speak freely, and petition the government, including county boards of education, on any topic; and condemning intimidation of a parent who is expressing these rights.

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs