



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
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## SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 13, 2022*

### **SB 936**     **Senator Gallion**

#### **PUBLIC UTILITIES – NET ENERGY METERING – ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting the Public Service Commission from setting eligibility requirements for an electric generating system used by an eligible customer-generator that are based on the eligible customer-generator's baseline annual usage.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

PU, § 7-306(g) - amended and § 7-306(j) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

### **SB 937**     **Senator Eckardt**

#### **MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within the Maryland Higher Education Commission to study the policies and procedures regarding access to mental health services for students, examine the challenges for certain institutions in meeting the demand for mental health services, review best practices for accessing services and identify the best models for providing services; requiring the Committee to make recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly and the Governor by December 1, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 11-108 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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**SB 938**     **Senator Eckardt****EMPLOYEES' PENSION SYSTEM – PURCHASE OF SERVICE**

Allowing certain former members of the Employees' Pension System to purchase credit for eligibility service for certain employment with the State for which the former members are not entitled to credit; and providing for the manner in which to purchase the service credit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 939**     **Senator Edwards****TAX SALES – PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND NUISANCE  
CONDITION VIOLATION JUDGMENTS**

Authorizing a tax sale for real property for certain unpaid judgments for property maintenance and nuisance condition violations of local law; establishing that certain judgments are a first lien on real property; establishing the priority of certain liens on real property; and authorizing a municipal corporation to institute a tax sale under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TP, §§ 14-801, 14-805(a), and 14-809(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 940**     **Senator Hough****COUNTY SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS – POWERS – APPROVAL  
OF LEGAL SETTLEMENTS**

Providing that a legal settlement agreement made by a county board of education must be approved in writing by the county superintendent of schools to be valid.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 4-205 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 941 Senator Hough**

## STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATIONS – LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS

Authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to investigate a local school system for certain violations of law under certain circumstances; and authorizing the State Superintendent to take certain actions relating to an investigation of a local school system.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022

ED, § 2-303(1) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 942 Senators Griffith and Hayes**

## AGRICULTURE – URBAN AGRICULTURE WATER AND POWER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to increase the viability of urban farming and community gardens and improve access to urban-grown foods; and establishing the Urban Agriculture Water and Power Infrastructure Grant Fund to provide grants to urban agricultural producers and qualified nonprofit organizations for the purchase and installation of agricultural equipment associated with water supply and irrigation and electric power access; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

AG, §§ 2-2101 through 2-2104 and TP, § 13-209(g)(4)(i)5. - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 943 Senator Salling**

## PUBLIC HEALTH – COVID-19 AND OTHER INFLUENZA-LIKE ILLNESSES – ANTIBODY TESTS

Authorizing an individual to use proof of a positive antibody test to satisfy a vaccination requirement for COVID-19 or other influenza-like illnesses.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 18-405 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 944**     **Senator Hayes****HOSPITALS – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – MEDICAL BILL REIMBURSEMENT**

Establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the reimbursement of out-of-pocket costs paid by hospital patients who were eligible for free care, including a requirement that the Health Services Cost Review Commission, the Office of the Comptroller, and the Department of Human Services develop a process for identifying and informing patients who qualify for reimbursement and that hospitals reimburse patients who paid bills and were not disqualified from free care; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

HG, § 19-214.1(b)(1) - amended and § 19-214.4 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 945**     **Senator Gallion****WETLANDS AND WATERWAYS PROGRAM – AUTHORIZATIONS FOR ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION PROJECTS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment to establish a certain process for reviewing and evaluating applications for wetlands and waterways authorizations for ecological restoration projects on or before October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

EN, § 5-203.2 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 946**     **Senator Washington****TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES – DISTRIBUTION**

Altering the purposes for which certain county transportation bonds may be issued to include providing local participating funds for State-aided transportation projects and to provide for certain local capital improvement projects; altering the amount of revenue credited to the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account that may be used for certain purposes; altering the percentage of highway user revenues required to be distributed to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TR, §§ 3-302, 8-401(d), 8-402, and 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 947**     **Senator Hershey****TRANSPORTATION – ELECTRONIC TOLL COLLECTION BACKLOG –  
FEE PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the Maryland Transportation Authority from charging an administrative fee or a civil penalty for failure to pay video tolls for which processing or billing was delayed due to COVID-19 related factors until 180 days after the Authority has eliminated the toll charge backlog; requiring the Authority to reimburse the registered owner of a motor vehicle that incurred a certain video toll the amount of any administrative fees or civil penalties paid; and applying the Act to certain video tolls incurred on or after March 5, 2020.  
**EMERGENCY BILL**

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 948**     **Senator Kramer****PUBLIC UTILITIES – ELECTRIC SCHOOL BUS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing an electric school bus pilot program; requiring the Public Service Commission to implement and administer the pilot program; authorizing investor-owned electric companies to apply to the Commission to implement an electric school bus pilot program with a participating school system if the pilot program meets certain standards; and authorizing investor-owned electric companies to recover certain costs under the pilot program, subject to the approval of the Commission.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022**

PU, § 7-217 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 949**     **Senator Smith****POLICE OFFICERS – EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS –  
CERTIFICATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Establishing certain degree requirements for certification and recertification as a police officer; requiring law enforcement agencies to provide reasonable work-related administrative leave to police officers attempting to satisfy certain degree requirements and to develop and implement certain recruitment policies; and establishing the Continuing Education for Police Officers Scholarship, the Police Officers Educational Benefit Scholarship I, and the Police Officers Educational Benefit Scholarship II.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

PS, §§ 3-207(a)(20) and 3-209(a)(3) and (4) and (b) - amended and PS, §§ 3-209(a)(4) and 3-209.3 and ED, §§ 18-3901 through 18-3905 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 950**     **Senators Eckardt and Carozza****WICOMICO COUNTY – ORPHANS’ COURT – SALARY OF ORPHANS’  
COURT JUDGES**

Increasing the salary of a judge of the Orphans’ Court of Wicomico County from \$9,500 to \$11,600.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022

ET, § 2-108(v) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 951**     **Senator Hettleman****EDUCATION – STUDENT ATHLETES – UNIFORM MODIFICATIONS FOR MODESTY (INCLUSIVE ATHLETIC ATTIRE ACT)**

Requiring county boards of education, the Maryland Public Secondary Schools Athletic Association, governing bodies of public institutions of higher education, and boards of community college trustees to allow student athletes to modify an athletic or team uniform to make the attire more modest to conform to the requirements or preferences of the student athlete's religion or culture; and authorizing a modification to an athletic uniform to include the wearing of a head covering worn for religious reasons, an undershirt, or leggings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, §§ 7-129, 15-134, and 16-110 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

**SB 952**     **Senators Hough and Young****FREDERICK COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – VACANCIES**

Altering the method for filling a vacancy on the Frederick County Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

ED, § 3-5B-01(d) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules