SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 14, 2022*

**SB 953**  Senator McCray  
COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE – ALTERATIONS (SENATOR VERDA WELCOME ACT)  
Requiring the Maryland Historical Trust to provide certain support to capital projects that receive funding from the African American Heritage Preservation Program; increasing the amount of the appropriation the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill for the Trust; establishing the Commission on African American History and Culture as an independent agency; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $1,600,000 to the Commission; etc.  
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.  
**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**  
SF, § 5A-330(b) and (c)(6) and SG, §§ 9.5-101(b), 9-3502, 9-3506(c), and 9-3508 - amended  
Assigned to: Senate Rules
SB 954  Senator Benson

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – USE OF MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (DIVERSITY AMONG ASSET MANAGERS ACT OF 2022)

Requiring the Investment Committee of the State Retirement Agency to use minority business enterprises to provide at least 20% of the brokerage and investment management services to the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and to manage at least 20% of the assets of the several systems; and requiring the Investment Committee to assess the use of minority business enterprises beginning July 1, 2022, and each fiscal year thereafter.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SP, § 21-116(d) - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 955  Senator Benson

MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – PROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL AND STAFF – SERVICE DESIGNATION, ASSIGNMENT, AND PLACEMENT IN A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNIT

Establishing that professional personnel and staff employed by the Maryland School for the Deaf are in the professional and skilled services of the State Personnel Management System; requiring that the Secretary of Budget and Management assign the professional personnel and staff to the professional and skilled services of the State Personnel Management System, and to certain bargaining units; and requiring that the professional personnel and staff of the school suffer no diminution of pay or benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 8-3A-04(l) - added
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 956  Senator Watson

CRIMINAL LAW – THREATS TO PUBLIC OFFICIALS

Adding health officers, election administrators, and public employees responsible for inspecting and enforcing housing and building codes and standards to the list of public officials against whom it is illegal to knowingly and willfully make a threat to take the life of, kidnap, or injure.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022
CR, § 3-708 - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules
SB 957  Senator Waldstreicher
SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – STATE SUPPLEMENT

Lowering from 62 to 60 the minimum age that a member of a household must be for eligibility for a State–provided supplemental benefit under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program; increasing the amount of the supplemental benefit that the State must provide by increasing the minimum total monthly benefit from $30 to $45; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
HU, § 5-501 - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 958  Senator Carozza
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM – CRISFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Requiring membership in the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System for certain local law enforcement officers of the Crisfield Police Department under certain circumstances; providing that a certain individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of the Crisfield Police Department’s participation in the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; providing for the transfer of creditable service for a certain individual; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
SP, § 31-2A-06 - added
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 959  Senator Watson
CRIMINAL LAW – INDECENT EXPOSURE WITH LASCIVIOUS OR PRURIENT INTENT

Prohibiting a person from indecently exposing the person’s genitals with lascivious or prurient intent in a public place in the presence of another; and altering a certain definition of “tier I sex offender” to include a person who has been convicted of conspiring to commit, attempting to commit, or committing indecent exposure with lascivious or prurient intent in a public place in the presence of a minor under the age of 14 years and at least 4 years younger than the convicted person.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CR, § 11-107 - amended and § 11-108 - added and CP, § 11-701(o) - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules
SB 960  Senator Bailey
NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING AND FISHING OFFENSES – EXPUNGEMENT

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain criminal records based on a conviction for certain hunting or fishing offenses; and authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain administrative records for a conviction based on certain hunting offenses.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
CP, § 10-110(a) and (c) - amended and NR, § 10-1109 - added
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 961  Senator Elfreth
PUBLIC PROJECTS – GLOBAL WARMING POTENTIAL OF MATERIALS (BUY CLEAN MARYLAND ACT)

Requiring the Department of General Services to establish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for certain categories of eligible materials used in certain eligible projects; requiring a unit of State government to specify the eligible materials that will be used in an eligible project in the solicitation for an eligible project; requiring a successful bidder or offeror of an eligible project to submit certain information about each eligible material proposed to be used in an eligible project; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
SF, §§ 4-901 through 4-905 - added
Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 962  Senators Benson and Washington
EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES – CLASS SIZE

Repealing the prohibition on a public school employer negotiating the maximum number of students assigned to a class.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022
ED, § 6-408(c)(3) - amended
Assigned to: Senate Rules
SB 963  Senator Lam (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee)

GOVERNOR’S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES – EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – APPOINTMENT

Requiring the Governor to appoint the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services with the advice and consent of the Senate.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2022
SG, §§ 9-3501 and 9-3502 - added
Assigned to: Senate Rules