May 16, 2023

To the Members of the General Assembly

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On May 16, 2023, the Honorable Wes Moore, Governor; the Honorable Bill Ferguson, President of the Senate; and the Honorable Adrienne A. Jones, Speaker of the House of Delegates, signed the following pieces of legislation, which you passed:

**SB 858**

*Chapter 622*

**Senator Smith**

FIREARM SAFETY – STORAGE REQUIREMENTS AND YOUTH SUICIDE PREVENTION (JAELYNN’S LAW)

Altering a certain provision relating to the storage of firearms and ammunition in a location that can be accessed by an unsupervised child; and requiring the Deputy Secretary for Public Health Services to develop a youth suicide prevention and firearm safe storage guide, with recommendations from a stakeholder committee.

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**HB 3**

*Chapter 623*

**Delegate Bartlett**

MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER – FIREARMS SURRENDERED UNDER FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDERS

Altering the purpose of the Maryland State Police Gun Center to include the tracking, screening, and vetting of all firearms surrendered under final protective orders in the State; and requiring each law enforcement agency to report to the Center the number and type of firearms surrendered, the jurisdictions where the firearms were surrendered, and certain information regarding the individual who surrendered each firearm under final protective orders.

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Delegate B. Barnes
VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS – SUPPLEMENTING FEDERAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT (VICTIM SERVICES STABILIZATION ACT)

Providing for the stable funding and support of trauma–informed, high–quality programs and services for victims of crime; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to help support certain programs providing services for victims of crime; requiring the Office to consult with certain individuals and organizations regarding the allocation of certain funding; and requiring the Governor to include certain funding in the State budget.
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SB 148
Chapter 626

Senator Guzzone, et al
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**HB 1219**  
*Chapter 627*  
**The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**  
**MARYLAND EDUCATOR SHORTAGE REDUCTION ACT OF 2023**  
Altering the qualifications for early childhood education teacher certification completed through an alternative teacher preparation program; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, to establish specific goals for the recruitment and retention of teachers in teacher preparation programs; requiring that “high staff qualifications” for publicly funded eligible prekindergarten providers must be implemented by the 2027–2028 school year; etc.  
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**SB 559**  
*Chapter 628*  
**Senator Guzzone, et al**  
**EDUCATION – MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN–CLASSROOM BREAKFAST PROGRAM – ANNUAL APPROPRIATION**  
Increasing the appropriation required by the Governor in the annual budget bill for the Maryland Meals for Achievement In–Classroom Breakfast Program from $7,550,000 to $12,050,000.  
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**SB 540**  
*Chapter 629*  
**The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**  
**HUMAN RELATIONS – CIVIL RIGHTS ENFORCEMENT – POWERS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL**  
Authorizing the Attorney General to investigate, prosecute, and remediate certain civil rights violations under certain circumstances and in a certain manner; authorizing the Attorney General to intervene in certain causes of action under certain circumstances; establishing certain penalties and authorizing the Attorney General to obtain certain relief in certain civil actions, conciliation agreements, and settlement agreements; authorizing the Attorney General to recover certain investigation and litigation costs in a certain manner; etc.  
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HB 775
Chapter 630

The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)
PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST PRICE GOUGING

Prohibiting a person from selling an essential good or service for more than a certain increase in price during and for a certain time after a certain state of emergency; and requiring the Secretary of State to establish an electronic notification system by which a person may register to receive information on whether a state of emergency has been declared and an executive order issued, that the provisions of the Act are in effect, and which categories of essential goods and services are covered by the executive order.
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The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)
PUBLIC SAFETY – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – CONSUMER PROTECTIONS AGAINST PRICE GOUGING

Prohibiting a person from selling an essential good or service for more than a certain increase in price during and for a certain time after a certain state of emergency; and requiring the Secretary of State to establish an electronic notification system by which a person may register to receive notifications stating that a state of emergency has been declared and an executive order issued, that the provisions of the Act are in effect, and the categories of essential goods and services that are covered by the executive order.
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Senator Smith
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION – AUTHORITY TO PROSECUTE

Expanding the investigative jurisdiction of the Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General to include a police-involved incident resulting in serious bodily injury to an individual that is not otherwise within the jurisdiction of the Division; requiring the Division to submit an annual report on its activities in the prior calendar year to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before January 31; authorizing the Attorney General to prosecute certain criminal matters under certain circumstances; etc.
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SB 592
Senator Smith
Chapter 633
SURPLUS MILITARY EQUIPMENT REPORTING – EXTENSION

Requiring the Department of State Police to submit a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before February 1 each year relating to the acquisition of equipment by law enforcement agencies through surplus programs; and requiring the Department of State Police to include on its public website in a prominent location a link to a certain report.
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HB 923
Delegate B. Barnes, et al
Chapter 634
HIGHER EDUCATION – APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY AND STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ACCOMMODATIONS AT PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS FOR RELIGIOUS BELIEFS

Providing that the Secretary of Higher Education is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the Governor; requiring each institution of higher education to adopt a written policy that provides reasonable academic accommodations for students to practice sincerely held faith–based or religious beliefs; altering eligibility criteria for and the process for awards from the Delegate Howard P. Rawlings Program of Educational Excellence Awards; altering the administration of the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship; etc.
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SB 622
Senator Zucker, et al
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MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAMS – WAITLIST AND REGISTRY REDUCTION (END THE WAIT ACT)

Requiring certain Medicaid funding to be used to provide community services to individuals waiting for services through certain waiver programs; authorizing certain Medicaid funding to be used for expanding provider capacity in certain waiver programs; and altering the uses of certain funding appropriated to the Dedicated Purpose Account in the fiscal year 2023 budget bill.
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MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – ACCOUNT ESTABLISHMENT – PROCEDURES
Establishing certain procedures regarding the persons who may establish or receive distributions from an ABLE account in the Maryland ABLE Program for a certain eligible individual; and requiring the Maryland 529 Board to adopt certain procedures regarding the establishment and operation of an ABLE account by a person other than a certain designated beneficiary.
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SB 621
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GAMING – SPORTS WAGERING – INDEPENDENT EVALUATION OF SPORTS WAGERING CONTENT AND SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY APPLICATION AMENDMENTS
Requiring the Maryland Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to identify and license certain independent evaluators to evaluate and rate certain sports wagering content provided by sports wagering experts, sports wagering influencers, and content partners; authorizing the Commission and the Sports Wagering Application Review Commission to consider a request to amend a Class B–2 sports wagering facility license application for the purpose of altering the proposed location of the facility under certain circumstances; etc.
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**SB 175**
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Chapter 639
MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY
Repealing the termination date on the eligibility of the Maryland School for the Blind for funding under the Public School Construction Program.
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**HB 366**
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Chapter 640
MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY
Repealing the termination date on the eligibility of the Maryland School for the Blind for funding under the Public School Construction Program.
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**SB 756**
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Chapter 641
ACCESS TO COUNSEL IN EVICTIONS – FUNDING
Extending through fiscal year 2027 a requirement that the Comptroller distribute $14,000,000 of certain abandoned property funds to the Access to Counsel in Evictions Special Fund; and extending through fiscal year 2027 a requirement that the Governor include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $14,000,000 from the Fund to the Maryland Legal Services Corporation.
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Chapter 642
VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL PROCEEDS – PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – OCEAN DOWNS RACE COURSE OPERATING LOSS ASSISTANCE
Altering the authority of the Ocean Downs Race Course to use certain Purse Dedication Account funds generated from video lottery terminal proceeds for operating loss assistance to support a certain minimum number of live racing days at the racecourse.
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MARYLAND COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES COMMISSION – COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES AND FUNDING

Authorizing the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to set the compensation of certain Commission employees; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management, in consultation with the Secretary of Health, to determine the positions for which the Commission may set compensation; and specifying that the Community Health Resources Commission Fund includes money from the Cigarette Restitution Fund, appropriated in a certain manner.  
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**SB 36**  
Chapter 645  
Senator West  
FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

Repealing the authority of the court to decree a limited divorce; and altering certain grounds for an absolute divorce.  
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FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

Repealing the authority of the court to decree a limited divorce; and altering certain grounds for an absolute divorce.  
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Chapter 647

ESTATES AND TRUSTS – REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIPS

Establishing requirements for the registration and termination of domestic partnerships with the register of wills; repealing provisions on legitimacy and illegitimacy of children and providing for the parentage of a child born or conceived by registered domestic partners; requiring the register of wills to recognize as domestic partnerships relationships established under the laws of other jurisdictions if the laws are substantially similar to the provisions of the Act; etc.

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Chapter 648

NONPUBLIC EDUCATION – PLACEMENTS OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES – TEACHER SALARIES (TEACHER PAY PARITY ACT)

Requiring the State Department of Education to adopt regulations to ensure that children with disabilities who need special education and related services that cannot be provided in a public county, regional, or State program be placed in an appropriate nonpublic educational program that offers these services; requiring the State and certain counties to pay for costs of salaries for teachers at certain nonpublic schools in a certain amount and proportion; etc.

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HB 243  Delegates Korman and Solomon
Chapter 649

BALTIMORE CITY YOUNG READERS PROGRAM AND YOUNG READERS MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS (YOUNG READERS PROGRAM ACT OF 2023)

Transferring the Baltimore City Young Readers Program and the Young Readers Matching Grant Program to the Maryland State Library Agency; requiring program grant applicants to include the distribution of books to children in low–income zip codes within the applicants’ areas of service; requiring the Governor to include $350,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program; requiring the State Library Board, beginning December 1, 2024, to report every other year to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the Program; etc.

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Baltimore City Young Readers Program and Young Readers Matching Grant Program – Alterations

Transferring the Baltimore City Young Readers Program and the Young Readers Matching Grant Program to the Maryland State Library Agency and requiring the State Librarian to administer the programs; authorizing public libraries to apply for grants from the Young Readers Matching Grant Program; requiring the State Library Board, on or before December 1, 2024, to report every other year to the General Assembly on the effectiveness of the Young Readers Matching Grant Program; etc.

Effective October 1, 2023

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Public Safety – Regulated Firearms – Possession and Permits to Carry, Wear, and Transport a Handgun

Altering the penalty for a violation of the prohibition on wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun; requiring the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy to annually report certain information to the Governor and General Assembly; requiring the Department of State Police to transmit a certain summary of certain laws relating to firearms to certain persons; requiring the Secretary of State Police, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a certain curriculum; etc.

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HB 908
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Delegate Clippinger, et al

Electricity – Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Program and Property Taxes

Making permanent the Community Solar Energy Generating Systems Pilot Program; requiring a community solar energy generating system to serve at least 40% of its kilowatt–hour output to low–income and moderate–income subscribers under certain circumstances; authorizing a subscription coordinator to act on behalf of a subscriber organization; altering requirements related to the siting and size of certain community solar energy generating systems projects; authorizing the use of consolidated billing for certain charges; etc.

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**SB 150**
Chapter 653

**Senator Augustine (By Request – Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds)**

MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – DENIAL OF CLAIMS – NOTICE

Altering the means by which the State Treasurer may send notice of a denial of a claim made under the Maryland Tort Claims Act to authorize notice by e-mail or, if it is the only available means, by regular mail.
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**HB 394**
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**Delegate Watson**

MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – DENIAL OF CLAIMS – NOTICE

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**SB 414**
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COMMISSION TO ADVANCE AND STRENGTHEN FIRE FIGHTING AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WITHIN MARYLAND

Establishing the Commission to Advance and Strengthen Fire Fighting and Emergency Medical Services Within Maryland to study and make recommendations regarding the effectiveness and viability of certain incentives, offerings, or practices employed in other states to attract, support, and retain individuals in fire fighting and emergency medical services roles; and requiring the Commission to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2023.
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**HB 555**
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**The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**

BALTIMORE COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS

Increasing the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from 20 to 21.
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**The President (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS**

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**CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – REGISTRATION AND LICENSING – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting certain family child care homes, large family child care homes, and child care centers that serve only dependent children of military personnel and are located on a military base or federal property or certified by a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense or the U.S. Coast Guard from certain registration and licensing requirements for child care providers in the State; authorizing certain entities to assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by exempted child care providers; etc.

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**CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – REGISTRATION AND LICENSING – EXEMPTIONS**

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Requiring an appointee for a civil commission to contact the clerk of the circuit court to which the commission was delivered by the Governor to coordinate a time and place for the administration of the oath of office and presentation of the commission; altering the frequency with which the clerk of a circuit court must report to the Secretary of State the name and office of each officer who has taken the oath of office; etc.
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DEPARTMENT OF AGING – LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS

Requiring the Department of Aging to oversee and train the staff of long–term care and dementia care navigation programs; requiring each area agency to develop a long–term care and dementia care navigation program that consists of new or existing services; requiring the Department to submit a report, by October 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and certain committees on the services provided; and requiring the Department to publish the report on its website.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGING – LONG-TERM CARE AND DEMENTIA CARE NAVIGATION PROGRAMS

Requiring the Department of Aging to oversee long–term care and train the staff of long–term care and dementia care navigation programs; requiring each area agency to establish a long–term care and dementia care navigation program; and requiring the Department to submit a report by October 1, 2024, and each year thereafter, to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and certain committees of the General Assembly about the services provided by the program and to publish the report on its website.

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**HB 1002**  
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COMMERICAL VEHICLES – POLICE-INITIATED TOWING – ALTERATIONS

Altering certain provisions related to the rates the Department of State Police sets for tow companies involved in certain police–initiated towing; establishing the Committee on Rate Setting and Complaint Resolution for Police–Initiated Medium–Duty and Heavy–Duty Towing and Recovery; and requiring the Committee, on or before December 1, 2023, to recommend approved rates to the Department of State Police that should be charged for police–initiated towing and recovery services.

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Altering the eligibility requirements for the Prekindergarten Expansion Grant Program and publicly funded prekindergarten programs to include certain operational requirements, staff credentials, and student–to–staff ratios; requiring Montessori schools and programs to maintain a student–to–classroom personnel ratio of no more than 10 to 1, with a maximum of 20 students if all the students are under the age of 5 years; requiring a classroom teacher to hold a bachelor’s degree and be certified by certain organizations; etc.

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**HB 185**  
Delegate Ebersole, et al  
NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS AND CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – CORPORAL PUNISHMENT – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the State Board of Education from issuing a certificate of approval to noncollegiate educational institutions that do not have a policy prohibiting the administration of corporal punishment; requiring regulations adopted by the State Board for the registration of family child care homes and large family child care homes and the licensing and operation of child care centers to prohibit corporal punishment; and requiring the State Board to identify certain methods in a certain overall plan.

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**HB 1047**  
Delegate Ebersole  
JUVENILE SERVICES EDUCATION PROGRAM – TRANSFER OF LOCALLY EMPLOYED EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS

Requiring educational professionals employed by a county board of education, the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners, or a county public library system who transfer to the Juvenile Services Education Program to be given credit as State employees for certain years of service for the purpose of establishing leave accrual rates; authorizing an individual who transfers to the Program to transfer leave balances in excess of a certain limit under certain circumstances; and applying the Act retroactively.

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PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION FOR DWELLINGS OF DISABLED VETERANS – APPLICATION

Altering the application requirements for a certain property tax exemption for a dwelling house owned by a disabled veteran or surviving spouse of a disabled veteran by adding a rating decision of the disabled veteran’s disability from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to the type of supporting documents that may be included with application.

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**SB 402**
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**Senator Hershey**

KENT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER

Altering the membership of the Kent County Board of Education to include a student member; and providing for the initial term of the student member of the county board.

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**Delegate Jacobs, et al**

KENT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER

Altering the membership of the Kent County Board of Education to include a student member; providing for the initial term of the student member of the county board; requiring the student member to attend the Maryland Association of Boards of Education new student board orientation and all regular meetings of the county board; prohibiting the student member’s attendance at an executive session of the county board; etc.

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LIBRARIES – REGIONAL RESOURCE CENTERS – GOVERNANCE REQUIREMENTS

Altering the requirements for governance of libraries designated as regional resource centers; and establishing a governing board for each regional resource center.

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PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – TITLE IX – NOTICE (HEAR OUR VOICES ACT)

Requiring each public school to provide information to students, faculty, staff, and parents regarding who serves as the Title IX coordinator for the school, the process in place for filing a sexual misconduct complaint, and the support measures that are in place for filing a sexual misconduct complaint and how to access the support measures.

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PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – PROGRAMS, APPROVALS, AND ADMINISTRATION – ALTERATIONS

Repealing the School Safety Grant Program and the Aging Schools Program as of June 30, 2026; altering provisions relating to school construction approvals by the State Superintendent of Schools; altering provisions related to a public–private partnership agreement in Prince George’s County; establishing that the Interagency Commission on School Construction is an independent unit of State government; repealing the requirement for the Board of Public Works to approve grants awarded under a certain capital grant program; etc.

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Prohibiting a person from knowingly wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm in certain locations; prohibiting a person from wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm onto certain property unless the owner or owner’s agent has given certain permission; altering certain provisions of law relating to the authority of the Secretary of State Police to limit the wearing, carrying, or transporting of a handgun at certain times and locations; etc.  
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Senator Waldstreicher

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS (REDEEM ACT OF 2023)

Providing that any unpaid court fees or costs are not a bar to a certain expungement; requiring a court to waive certain court fees and costs when ordering or effecting a certain expungement; adding malicious destruction of property to the list of misdemeanor convictions that may be expunged; and altering the waiting periods applicable to the filing of petitions for expungement of convictions of certain crimes.

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**HB 189**
Delegate Moon, et al

AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT – CLARIFICATION

Clarifying the language of provisions of law requiring the expungement of certain records maintained by the State or a political subdivision of the State relating to the charging of certain offenses under certain circumstances and notification of a certain right to expungement.

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**SB 173**
Senators Waldstreicher and Muse

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CRIMINAL LAW – VICTIMS OF CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING – SAFE HARBOR AND SERVICE RESPONSE

Altering procedures that a law enforcement officer and a court are required to follow when the law enforcement officer or court has reason to believe that a child who has been detained is a victim of sex trafficking or a victim of human trafficking; providing that a minor may not be criminally prosecuted or proceeded against under certain provisions of law for a certain offense if the minor committed the offense as a direct result of being a victim of sex trafficking or being a victim of human trafficking; etc.
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MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER – STUDENT FAFSA DATA – REPORTING REQUIREMENT

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OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES CRIMES UNIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute cases against persons that violate State criminal environmental and natural resources laws; requiring, on or before November 30 each year, the Attorney General to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on all the activities of the Unit and any actions taken by the Department of the Environment or the Department of Natural Resources in response to the findings and recommendations of the Unit; etc.
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Delegate Stewart, et al
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SEXUAL OFFENSES – CRIME OF VIOLENCE AND LIFETIME SUPERVISION

Altering the list of crimes included within a certain definition of “crime of violence” to include sexual abuse of a minor if the offender is at least 21 years old and the victim is under the age of 16 years; and requiring a sentence for certain persons convicted of certain sexual abuse crimes to include a term of lifetime sexual offender supervision.
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Chapter 697
MARYLAND GENERAL AND LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY ACT – ALTERATIONS

Altering a certain statutory form for a general power of attorney by including certain provisions informing the principal and agent of certain matters, granting general authority with respect to tangible personal property and trusts and estates, authorizing the principal to grant the agent certain specific powers relating to successor agents, compensation, gifts or transfers, and opening joint accounts and beneficiary designations, and clarifying the force and effect of the form; etc.
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Prohibiting institutions of higher education from entering into a contract with a certain regulated gaming entity or a certain agent of a regulated gaming entity if the institution of higher education receives certain compensation for student participation in certain sports wagering; prohibiting institutions of higher education from entering into a contract with a sports marketing entity if the entity or the institution receives certain compensation for student participation in certain sports wagering; etc.
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SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KITS – PRESERVATION AND STORAGE

Altering requirements for the storage and preservation of sexual assault evidence collection kits; requiring sexual assault evidence collection kits collected before January 1, 2000, to be retained and transferred in a certain manner; and requiring the Maryland Sexual Assault Evidence Kit Policy and Funding Committee, by December 1, 2023, to issue a report to the Governor and the General Assembly on certain recommendations, in consultation with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

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Requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to establish and administer a certain reporting program relating to sexual assault evidence collection kits; requiring a law enforcement agency and a person with control or possession of a sexual assault evidence collection kit to report certain information to the program and comply with certain regulations; and clarifying the uses for the Rape Kit Testing Grant Fund.

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**Delegate Bartlett**

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TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING AND COUNTERING ELDER ABUSE

Establishing the Task Force on Preventing and Countering Elder Abuse; requiring the Task Force to study existing laws, policies, and practices relating to elder abuse and other crimes commonly committed against older adults and make recommendations regarding changes to State law, policy, and practice that would aid in preventing elder abuse; and requiring the Task Force to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2024.

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Authorizing a court to stay the entering of a conviction, defer further proceedings, and place a certain defendant on probation subject to reasonable conditions if the court finds facts justifying a finding of guilt; authorizing the State and a certain defendant to enter into a probation agreement under certain circumstances; providing that the entry of a probation agreement under the Act shall be considered a probation before judgment for all other purposes under State law; etc.
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**EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT – CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting the State Department of Education from increasing the copayment levels, reducing the reimbursement rates, reducing the income eligibility requirements, or implementing an enrollment freeze for the Child Care Scholarship Program in effect as of January 1, 2023, unless certain conditions are met.

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PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH (P–TECH) SCHOOL PROGRAM – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS  
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Requiring the Department of General Services, in coordination with the Department of Information Technology, to negotiate certain contracts with third parties for the acquisition or maintenance of body–worn cameras, equipment, or technology for certain law enforcement agencies; requiring the Department of Information Technology, in coordination with the Department of General Services, to study the cost and feasibility of implementing a statewide uniform storage and access system for law enforcement body–worn camera data; etc.

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HATE CRIMES – CIVIL REMEDY

Providing that a person who is the victim of an act that would constitute a violation of certain hate crime laws may bring a civil action against the person or persons who committed the act in a court of competent jurisdiction; and authorizing the court to impose an injunction and award certain economic and noneconomic damages.

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Authorizing, for a certain period of time, the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area for a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license under certain circumstances; repealing certain geographic and temporal restrictions on the issuance of Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Baltimore City; and altering a certain period of time during which a certain alcoholic beverages license may be issued.
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PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY REENTRY EMPLOYMENT INCENTIVE PROGRAM – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor, for each of fiscal years 2025 through 2028, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $500,000 to the Prince George’s County Office of the County Executive to be used for the Prince George’s County Reentry Employment Incentive Program; and requiring that funds made available by the Act are supplemental to, and may not supplant, funds otherwise available for the reentry employment incentives in Prince George’s County.
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Sincerely,

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Executive Director