

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 **Senator Smith**

Chapter 622

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 3 **Delegate Bartlett**

Chapter 623

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 185

Chapter 624

Senator Beidle, et al

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EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 186

Chapter 625

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 148

Chapter 626

Senator Guzzone, et al

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EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- HB 1219** **The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**
Chapter 627 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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 559** **Senator Guzzone, et al**
Chapter 628 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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 540** **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**
Chapter 629 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 775 **The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**
Chapter 630 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 542 **The President (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**
Chapter 631 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 290 **Senator Smith**
Chapter 632 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

- 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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- 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.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
- SB 622** **Senator Zucker, et al**
Chapter 635 **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.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 1149

Chapter 636

Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al

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 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 343

Chapter 637

Senator Zucker, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 621

Chapter 638

Senators Zucker and Hettleman

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- SB 175** **Senators Guzzone and Benson**
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.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
- HB 366** **Delegate Smith**
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.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
- SB 756** **Senator Guzzone, et al**
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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 455** **Delegate Atterbeary, et al**
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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- SB 363** **Senator Guzzone, et al**
Chapter 643 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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 556** **Senator Guzzone**
Chapter 644 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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 36** **Senator West**
Chapter 645 FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE
- Repealing the authority of the court to decree a limited divorce; and altering certain grounds for an absolute divorce.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 14** **Delegate Atterbeary**
Chapter 646 FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE
- Repealing the authority of the court to decree a limited divorce; and altering certain grounds for an absolute divorce.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 792

Senator West

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 448

Delegate Korman, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 300

Chapter 650

Senator McCray

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

HB 824

Chapter 651

Delegate Clippinger, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 908

Chapter 652

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 150 **Senator Augustine (By Request – Joint Committee on the**
Chapter 653 **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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 394 **Delegate Watson**

Chapter 654 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 414 **Senator Augustine, et al**

Chapter 655 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.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 555 **The Speaker (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**

Chapter 656 BALTIMORE COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS

Increasing the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from 20 to 21.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- SB 342** **The President (By Request – Maryland Judiciary)**
Chapter 657 **BALTIMORE COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS**

Increasing the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County from 20 to 21.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 280** **Senator Gile, et al**
Chapter 658 **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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 292** **Delegate Patterson, et al**
Chapter 659 **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 are certified as a family child care provider by a branch of the U.S. Department of Defense or the Coast Guard from certain registration and licensing requirements; authorizing certain entities to assume responsibility for approving or determining which children may be served by exempted child care providers; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 66
Chapter 664 **Delegate Bartlett**
CIRCUIT COURTS AND DISTRICT COURT – DISHONORED
CHECKS – SERVICE CHARGES

Increasing the amount of the service charge from \$10 to \$30 that may be imposed by a circuit court or the District Court for a dishonored check.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 99
Chapter 665 **Senator Beidle**
CIRCUIT COURTS AND DISTRICT COURT – DISHONORED
CHECKS – SERVICE CHARGES

Increasing the amount of the service charge from \$10 to \$30 that may be imposed by a circuit court or the District Court for a dishonored check.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 67
Chapter 666 **Senator Beidle**
CLERKS OF THE CIRCUIT COURTS – CIVIL COMMISSIONS –
PRESENTATION AND REPORTING

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

[SB 228](#)

Senator Beidle, et al

Chapter 667

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

[HB 614](#)

Delegate Cullison, et al

Chapter 668

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

[HB 1002](#)

Delegates Foley and Barve

Chapter 669

COMMERCIAL 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 206

Chapter 670

Delegate Ivey

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION – PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS – MONTESSORI SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 185

Chapter 671

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1047

Chapter 672

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- SB 32** **Senator Brooks, et al**
Chapter 673 **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.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
- SB 402** **Senator Hershey**
Chapter 674 **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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 402** **Delegate Jacobs, et al**
Chapter 675 **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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 1115** **Delegate Adams, et al**
Chapter 676 **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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- SB 831** **Senator Hershey, et al**
Chapter 677 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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 16** **Delegate J. Lewis**
Chapter 678 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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 458** **Delegate J. Lewis, et al**
Chapter 679 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.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SB 1

Chapter 680

Senator Waldstreicher, et al

**CRIMINAL LAW – WEARING, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTING
FIREARMS – RESTRICTIONS (GUN SAFETY ACT OF 2023)**

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 487

Chapter 681

Senator Waldstreicher

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VIOLATION OF PRETRIAL OR
POSTTRIAL CONDITION BY INCARCERATED PERSON –
VICTIM CONTACT**

Prohibiting a certain incarcerated person from violating a condition of pretrial or posttrial release or other pretrial or posttrial condition prohibiting the person from contacting, harassing, or abusing an alleged victim or going in or near an alleged victim's residence or place of employment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 411

Chapter 682

Delegate Embry, et al

**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VIOLATION OF PRETRIAL OR
POSTTRIAL CONDITION BY INCARCERATED PERSON –
VICTIM CONTACT**

Prohibiting a certain incarcerated person from violating a condition of pretrial or posttrial release or other pretrial or posttrial condition prohibiting the person from contacting, harassing, or abusing an alleged victim or going in or near an alleged victim's residence or place of employment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 292 **Senator Waldstreicher, et al**

Chapter 686

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 297 **Delegate Bartlett, et al**

Chapter 687

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 127 **Senator Ellis**

Chapter 688

MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER – STUDENT FAFSA DATA – REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Altering a reporting requirement to require the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to report certain student Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) data to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 15 each year, beginning in 2023 and ending in 2028; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to provide the Center with access to student FAFSA data.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 611

Chapter 689

Senator Bailey, et al

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 874

Chapter 690

Delegate Stewart, et al

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; and requiring the Attorney General, by November 30 each year, 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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 57

Chapter 691

Senator Bailey

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 164 **Delegate Crosby, et al**
Chapter 692 **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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 629 **Delegate Crosby, et al**
Chapter 693 **HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – SURVIVING SPOUSES OF SERVICE MEMBERS**

Specifying that a certain surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces is eligible to apply for a scholarship under the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program if the service member died, suffered a service connected disability, or was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 886 **Senator Watson**
Chapter 694 **HIGHER EDUCATION – EDWARD T. CONROY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – SURVIVING SPOUSES OF SERVICE MEMBERS**

Specifying that a certain surviving spouse of a member of the armed forces is eligible to apply for a scholarship under the Edward T. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program if the service member died, suffered a service connected disability, or was declared to be a prisoner of war or missing in action under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 411 **Senator Watson**

Chapter 695 **PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – JUDGES OF THE ORPHANS' COURT – COMPENSATION**

Authorizing the County Executive and County Council of Prince George's County to determine the compensation for the judges of the Orphans' Court for Prince George's County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 18 **Delegates Hill and Kaufman**

Chapter 696 **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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 851 **Senator Carter**

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 745

Chapter 698

Delegate Hill, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – FALSE STATEMENTS – EMERGENCY OR COMMISSION OF CRIME (ANTISWATTING ACT OF 2023)

Prohibiting a person from making or causing to be made a false statement, report, or complaint to a governmental emergency report recipient with reckless disregard of causing bodily harm to an individual as a direct result of a response to the statement, report, or complaint; and providing that a person who violates the Act, in addition to any penalties imposed, is civilly liable to an individual harmed by the violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 340

Chapter 699

Senators Kagan and Waldstreicher

CRIMINAL LAW – FALSE STATEMENTS – EMERGENCY OR COMMISSION OF CRIME (ANTISWATTING ACT OF 2023)

Prohibiting a person from making or causing to be made a false statement, report, or complaint to a governmental emergency report recipient with reckless disregard of causing bodily harm to an individual as a direct result of a response to the statement, report, or complaint; and providing that a person who violates the Act, in addition to any penalties imposed, is civilly liable to an individual harmed by the violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 802

Chapter 700

Delegate Wilkins, et al

INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – SPORTS WAGERING CONTRACTS – PROHIBITION

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 620 **Senators Hettleman and Zucker**

Chapter 701

**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – SPORTS WAGERING
CONTRACTS – PROHIBITION**

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 758 **Delegates Bartlett and Cardin**

Chapter 702

**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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 789 **Senator Hettleman**

Chapter 703

**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, on or before December 1, 2023, to issue a report to the Governor and the General Assembly making certain recommendations, in consultation with the Consumer Protection Division of the Office of the Attorney General.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 615

Chapter 704

Senator Hettleman

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES – SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT REPORTING PROGRAM

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 759

Chapter 705

Delegate Bartlett

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF CRIME PREVENTION, YOUTH, AND VICTIM SERVICES – SEXUAL ASSAULT EVIDENCE COLLECTION KIT REPORTING PROGRAM

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 797

Chapter 706

Senators Hettleman and Jennings

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1191

Chapter 707

Delegate Pasteur, et al

TASK FORCE ON PREVENTING AND COUNTERING ELDER ABUSE

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1237

Chapter 708

Delegate Kaufman, et al

SPECIAL EDUCATION – JUDICIAL ACTIONS – ATTORNEY’S FEES AND RELATED COSTS

Authorizing a court to award reasonable attorney’s fees and related costs to the parent of a child with a disability who is the prevailing party in a certain special education proceeding; prohibiting a court from awarding attorney’s fees and related costs to certain parents in a certain proceeding under certain circumstances; and authorizing an award of attorney’s fees and related costs to a parent of a child with a disability who is a prevailing party under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 127

Chapter 709

Delegates Moon and Clippinger

DISTRICT COURT – SMALL CLAIMS – ENFORCEMENT OF MONEY JUDGMENTS

Prohibiting the District Court, in aid of enforcement or execution of a money judgment resulting from a certain small claim action, from ordering the appearance of an individual for an examination or ordering an individual to answer interrogatories.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 193

Chapter 710

Delegate Moon, et al

PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT – PROBATION AGREEMENTS

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 211

Chapter 711

Senator West, et al

PROBATION BEFORE JUDGMENT – PROBATION AGREEMENTS

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.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 209

Chapter 712

Senator West, et al

TASK FORCE TO STUDY CRIME CLASSIFICATION

Establishing the Task Force to Study Crime Classification to study and make recommendations regarding a method for classifying crimes and civil offenses under State law and to identify and logically categorize all crimes and civil offenses that exist under State law; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 31, 2023.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

- SB 55** **Senator West**
Chapter 713 MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – PORTABILITY – TIME PERIOD FOR ELECTION
- Altering the period of time within which a person is required to file a Maryland estate tax return for the purpose of allowing a surviving spouse to take into account the deceased spousal unused exclusion amount to be consistent with the time for making a federal election.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 179** **Delegate Cardin**
Chapter 714 MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – PORTABILITY – TIME PERIOD FOR ELECTION
- Altering the period of time within which a person is required to file a Maryland estate tax return for the purpose of allowing a surviving spouse to take into account the deceased spousal unused exclusion amount to be consistent with the time for making a federal election; and applying the Act retroactively to any decedents dying on or after January 1, 2019.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 687** **Delegate Cardin**
Chapter 715 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – TRUSTS – DECANTING (MARYLAND TRUST DECANTING ACT)
- Establishing rules governing the exercise of the decanting power to distribute the property of a first trust to one or more second trusts or to modify the terms of a first trust; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- SB 446** **Senator West**
Chapter 716 ESTATES AND TRUSTS – TRUSTS – DECANTING (MARYLAND TRUST DECANTING ACT)
- Establishing rules governing the exercise of the decanting power to distribute the property of a first trust to one or more second trusts or to modify the terms of a first trust.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 427 **Delegate Cardin, et al**
Chapter 717 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MEDICAL EMERGENCY –
 IMMUNITY

Altering certain provisions relating to immunity from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 546 **Senators Muse and Smith**
Chapter 718 CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MEDICAL EMERGENCY –
 IMMUNITY

Altering certain provisions relating to immunity from criminal arrest, charge, or prosecution for a person experiencing a medical emergency after ingesting or using alcohol or drugs.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 42 **Delegate Lopez**
Chapter 719 COURTS – JUDGMENTS – EXEMPTIONS FROM EXECUTION

Exempting up to \$500 in a deposit account or other accounts of a judgment debtor held by a depository institution from execution on the judgment without an election by the debtor to exempt the money; establishing procedures a depository institution is required to follow on receipt of a writ of garnishment or other levy or attachment under certain circumstances; establishing a \$6,000 limit on the cumulative value of property and cash that may be exempted; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 106 **Senator Sydnor**
Chapter 720 COURTS – JUDGMENTS – EXEMPTIONS FROM EXECUTION

Exempting up to \$500 in a deposit account or other account of a judgment debtor held by a depository institution from execution on the judgment without an election by the debtor to exempt the money; establishing procedures a depository institution is required to follow on receipt of a writ of garnishment or other levy or attachment under certain circumstances; establishing a \$6,000 limit on the cumulative value of property and cash that may be exempted; requiring a certain writ of garnishment; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 293

Chapter 721

Senator Sydnor

CORRECTIONS – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

Altering the term “inmate” to be “incarcerated individual” meaning an individual who is actually or constructively detained or confined in a correctional facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1011

Chapter 722

Delegate Stein

PUBLIC SAFETY – REFRIGERANTS – LIMITATIONS ON USE

Providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, except for regulations issued by the Department of the Environment, no provision of the State building code or other law or regulation may prohibit or otherwise limit the use of a refrigerant if the refrigerant is designated as acceptable for use under federal listing requirements and any appliance containing the refrigerant meets federal safety standards and use conditions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 741

Chapter 723

Senator Jackson

PUBLIC SAFETY – REFRIGERANTS – LIMITATIONS ON USE

Providing that, notwithstanding any other provision of law, except for regulations issued by the Department of the Environment, no provision of the State building code or other law or regulation may prohibit or otherwise limit the use of a refrigerant if the refrigerant is designated as acceptable for use under federal listing requirements and any appliance containing the refrigerant meets federal safety standards and use conditions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 433

Chapter 724

Prince George’s County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS PG 308–23

Increasing from four to five the number of full-time assistant sheriffs provided to the Sheriff of Prince George’s County; and providing that the Fraternal Order of Police will negotiate on behalf of deputy sheriffs in benefit matters not related to salary.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- SB 191**
Chapter 725 **Senator Jackson**
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF –
DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS
- Increasing from four to five the number of full-time assistant sheriffs provided to the Sheriff of Prince George’s County; and providing that benefits other than salary increases for deputy sheriffs in Prince George’s County will be negotiated the Fraternal Order of Police rather than the Deputy Sheriffs’ Association.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 115**
Chapter 726 **Senator Jackson**
JUVENILE COURT – CONCURRENT JURISDICTION –
JUVENILE OFFENSES ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
- Establishing that the jurisdiction of the juvenile court is concurrent with that of a federal court sitting in the State over certain proceedings involving violations of federal law by a child under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 749**
Chapter 727 **Delegate Crutchfield**
JUVENILE COURT – CONCURRENT JURISDICTION –
JUVENILE OFFENSES ON MILITARY INSTALLATIONS
- Establishing that the jurisdiction of the juvenile court is concurrent with that of a federal court sitting in the State over certain proceedings involving violations of federal law by a child on a military installation if the federal court waives exclusive jurisdiction and the violation of federal law is also a crime under State law.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 4**
Chapter 728 **Delegate Crutchfield, et al**
CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – REPEAL OF SPOUSAL
DEFENSE
- Repealing a certain prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person’s legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

- SB 129** **Senators Kelly and Beidle**
Chapter 729 **CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL CRIMES – REPEAL OF SPOUSAL DEFENSE**
- Repealing a certain prohibition on prosecuting a person for rape or a certain sexual offense against a victim who was the person’s legal spouse at the time of the alleged rape or sexual offense.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 226** **Delegate Love, et al**
Chapter 730 **CRIMINAL LAW – PERSON IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY – SEXUAL OFFENSES WITH A MINOR**
- Altering the definition of “person in a position of authority” applicable to sexual offense in the fourth degree; altering a certain prohibition against a certain person in a position of authority engaging in certain conduct to prohibit a person in a position of authority from engaging in a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a minor who is enrolled at a school or participating in a certain program for which the person in authority works; authorizing the imposition of a certain sentence; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- SB 350** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 731 **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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- HB 495** **Delegate Solomon, et al**
Chapter 732 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.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 289** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 733 HIGHER EDUCATION – VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – ALTERING NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP
- Altering the name of the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship to be the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 372** **Delegate Rogers, et al**
Chapter 734 HIGHER EDUCATION – VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – ALTERING NAME OF SCHOLARSHIP
- Altering the name of the Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship to be the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 426** **Senator King, et al**
Chapter 735 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS – QUASI-ENDOWMENT FUNDS
- Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to make transfers of not more than \$150,000,000 subject to certain conditions to establish quasi-endowment funds; and authorizing the Board to use investment income produced by quasi-endowment funds in accordance with the University System of Maryland Policy on Endowment Fund Spending Rule to provide need-based student financial aid.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 537

Chapter 736

Senator King

VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATION LICENSE – RENEWAL

Altering the number of years before the end of the term of a video lottery operation license that a licensee is required to provide certain notice of intent to renew the license and is authorized to apply for renewal; providing for the term of a renewed license; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to renew a certain license unless the Commission makes a certain finding; requiring the Commission, under certain circumstances, to provide a licensee a certain hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 846

Chapter 737

Senator King

LIBRARIES – CIRCULATION RECORDS – INSPECTION, USE, OR DISCLOSURE REQUIREMENT REVISION

Altering the circumstances under which public, school, college, or university libraries must permit the inspection, use, or disclosure of the circulation record of an individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 680

Chapter 738

Delegate Toles, et al

INCOME TAX – STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS

Increasing the total amount of credits against the State income tax that the Maryland Higher Education Commission may approve in a taxable year for certain individuals with certain student loan debt amounts; requiring the Commission to reserve a certain amount of the tax credits that the Commission is authorized to approve for certain graduates; extending, from 2 years to 3 years, the period of time that an individual who claims the credit has to prove that they used the credit to repay the individual's student loan debt; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- SB 385** **Senator McKay**
Chapter 739 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RESTITUTION ORDERS –
RECORDING FEES**
- Altering a certain provision to prohibit a court from assessing certain costs on a certain person or governmental unit for recording and indexing an order of restitution issued by any court in the State instead of the court in which the judgment of restitution was entered.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 591** **Delegate Buckel**
Chapter 740 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RESTITUTION ORDERS –
RECORDING FEES**
- Altering a certain provision to prohibit a court from assessing certain costs on a certain person or governmental unit for recording and indexing an order of restitution issued by any court in the State instead of the court in which the judgment of restitution was entered.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 689** **Delegate Buckel, et al**
Chapter 741 **PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH
(P-TECH) SCHOOL PROGRAM – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS**
- Requiring that each memorandum of understanding establishing a school in the Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School Program ensures that each P-TECH student receives a high school diploma immediately following completion of high school graduation requirements.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 822** **Senator McKay**
Chapter 742 **PATHWAYS IN TECHNOLOGY EARLY COLLEGE HIGH
(P-TECH) SCHOOL PROGRAM – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS**
- Requiring that each memorandum of understanding establishing a school in the Pathways in Technology Early College High (P-TECH) School Program ensures that each P-TECH student receives a high school diploma immediately following completion of high school graduation requirements.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 330

Chapter 743

Senator Ready

PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – BODY–WORN CAMERAS (BODY–WORN CAMERA APPROPRIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2023)

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 13

Chapter 744

Delegate Crutchfield

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 5

Chapter 745

Senator Kramer

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.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

- SB 840** **Senator Kramer, et al**
Chapter 746 **PUBLIC SAFETY – PROTECTING AGAINST HATE CRIMES
GRANT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**
- Establishing the Protecting Against Hate Crimes Grant Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to make grants to nonprofit organizations, including faith-based organizations, to provide security enhancements to protect against hate crimes; requiring the Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Fund; and authorizing, for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$5,000,000 to the Fund.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 841** **Senator Kramer, et al**
Chapter 747 **LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – STUDENT FIELD TRIPS –
FUNDING**
- Requiring the Governor to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill of \$500,000 for the State Department of Education to provide grants to local school systems for expenses related to student field trips to museums of cultural import.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 248** **Senator Kramer, et al**
Chapter 748 **INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSCRIPTS –
PROHIBITION ON PUNITIVE MEASURES RELATED TO
STUDENT DEBT**
- Prohibiting an institution of higher education from refusing to provide a current or former student with a transcript or taking other punitive measures regarding a student’s transcript request because the student owes a debt to the institution of higher education.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- HB 384** **Delegate Smith, et al**
Chapter 749 INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSCRIPTS –
 PROHIBITION ON PUNITIVE MEASURES RELATED TO
 STUDENT DEBT
- Prohibiting an institution of higher education from refusing to provide a current or former student with a transcript or taking other punitive measures regarding a student’s transcript request because the student owes a debt to the institution of higher education.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 428** **Delegate Smith**
Chapter 750 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS –
 STUDENT MEMBER GRANT
- Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to authorize a certain grant for the student member serving in the first year of the student’s term on the Board of Regents.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 142** **Senator Elfreth**
Chapter 751 UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS –
 STUDENT MEMBER GRANT
- Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to authorize a certain grant for the student member serving in the first year of the student’s term on the Board of Regents.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- SB 580** **Senator Elfreth, et al**
Chapter 752 PUBLIC SAFETY – OFFICER AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS
 TRAINING GRANT FUND
- Establishing the Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant Fund to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety training and Critical Incident Stress Management peer support training; and requiring the Governor’s Office Of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to administer the Fund and report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 31 each year on the uses of the Fund.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 751 **Delegate Bridges**

Chapter 753

**PUBLIC SAFETY – OFFICER AND COMMUNITY WELLNESS
TRAINING GRANT FUND**

Establishing the Officer and Community Wellness Training Grant Fund to provide grants to local law enforcement agencies for Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety training and Critical Incident Stress Management peer support training; authorizing the Governor to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill for the Fund in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter; and requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to report annually to the Governor and General Assembly on the uses of the Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 765

Chapter 754

Senator Carter (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

**BALTIMORE CITY – 41ST DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
– LICENSES**

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 587

Chapter 755

Delegate Bridges, et al

**BALTIMORE CITY – 41ST DISTRICT – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
– LICENSES**

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 383

Chapter 760

Senator McKay

FAMILY LAW – MARYLAND CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

Authorizing a court to order child abduction prevention measures if the court finds there is a credible risk of abduction of the child; authorizing certain parties to petition the court for child abduction prevention measures; requiring a petition to be verified, include a copy of any existing child custody determination, and specify the risk factors for abduction; requiring the court to consider certain evidence of a credible risk of abduction; establishing requirements for an abduction prevention order; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 267

Chapter 761

Delegate Bartlett, et al

FAMILY LAW – MARYLAND CHILD ABDUCTION PREVENTION ACT

Authorizing a court to order child abduction prevention measures if the court finds there is a credible risk of abduction of the child; authorizing certain parties to petition the court for child abduction prevention measures; requiring a petition to be verified, include a copy of any existing child custody determination, and specify the risk factors for abduction; requiring the court to consider certain evidence of a credible risk of abduction; establishing requirements for an abduction prevention order; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 277

Chapter 762

Senator McKay

REAL PROPERTY – SHERIFF’S SALES – PROCEDURES AND SUBORDINATE INTERESTS

Establishing that a sheriff’s sale of real property extinguishes subordinate liens on the land being sold; providing that certain provisions of the Act do not impair a lien on land affected by a judgment in favor of a local government for real property maintenance violations or nuisance condition violations that is indexed and recorded in accordance with the Maryland Rules; and authorizing the Judiciary to transfer up to \$12,000,000 of a General Fund appropriation to a certain special fund on or before June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 760 **Senator Carter**

Chapter 763

SECURITY GUARD AGENCIES, SECURITY GUARD EMPLOYERS, AND SECURITY GUARDS – STANDARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

Requiring an individual who provides security guard services to the individual's employer to be certified as a security guard, subject to a certain exception; regulating certain security guard employers; altering the certification and renewal standards for security guards; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to identify or establish certain training programs for the certification and renewal of certification of security guards; requiring security guards to complete certain security training programs; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

SB 31 **Senator Carter**

Chapter 764

BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS – STUDENT MEMBERS AND TASK FORCE TO STUDY COMPENSATION AND STUDENT MEMBERS

Altering the voting rights of and the process for selecting a student member of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; providing that the student member may not vote on matters before the board relating to personnel and collective bargaining decisions; establishing the Task Force to Study Compensation and Student Members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before April 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 153 **Delegate Wells**

Chapter 765

**BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS –
STUDENT MEMBERS AND TASK FORCE TO STUDY
COMPENSATION AND STUDENT MEMBERS**

Altering the voting rights of and the process for selecting a student member of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; prohibiting the student member from voting on matters before the board relating to personnel and collective bargaining decisions; establishing the Task Force to Study Compensation and Student Members of the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by April 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 653 **Senator Carter**

Chapter 766

CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – NEGLECT – CANNABIS USE

Providing that the use of cannabis by a parent or certain other individuals who care for a child does not qualify as neglect except in certain circumstances for purposes of provisions of law applicable to children in need of assistance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 232 **Delegate Williams**

Chapter 767

CHILD IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE – NEGLECT – CANNABIS USE

Providing that the use of cannabis by a parent or certain other individuals who care for a child does not qualify as neglect except in certain circumstances for purposes of provisions of law relating to children in need of assistance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 450

Chapter 768

Senator Gile, et al

REAL PROPERTY – LIMITATIONS ON SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a landlord from using a lease or form of lease that contains a provision that limits a tenant's ability to summon, or penalizes a tenant or another individual solely for summoning, the assistance of law enforcement or emergency services; prohibiting a landlord from taking certain retaliatory actions because a tenant or another individual summons the assistance of law enforcement or emergency services for certain purposes; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enacting certain laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 215

Chapter 769

Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al

REAL PROPERTY – LIMITATIONS ON SUMMONING LAW ENFORCEMENT OR EMERGENCY SERVICES – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a landlord from using a lease or form of lease that contains a provision that limits a tenant's ability to summon, or penalizes a tenant or another individual solely for summoning, the assistance of law enforcement or emergency services; prohibiting a landlord from taking certain retaliatory actions because a tenant or another individual summons the assistance of law enforcement or emergency services for certain purposes; prohibiting a local jurisdiction from enacting certain laws; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 78

Chapter 770

Delegate Palakovich Carr

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ANAPHYLACTIC FOOD ALLERGIES – GUIDELINES

Requiring each county board of education, before the start of the 2024–2025 school year, to adopt, implement, and publish guidelines in accordance with the State school health service guidelines to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic major food allergens in classrooms and common areas; requiring each public school to develop a system to disclose the major food allergens contained in the foods served in the school; requiring each county board to make a good faith effort to adopt certain guidelines; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

HB 174 **Delegate Simpson, et al**
Chapter 771 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY
ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR**

Requiring a certain assistant State’s Attorney with knowledge of the case to meet with a victim of sexually assaultive behavior or the victim’s representative within 20 days after receiving a request from the victim regarding a decision by the Office of the State’s Attorney not to file a charging document or to dismiss charges against an alleged suspect; requiring the assistant State’s Attorney, at the meeting, to explain the justification for a certain decision; and establishing certain requirements for the meeting.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SB 391 **Senators Lewis Young and Rosapepe**
Chapter 772 **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – VICTIMS OF SEXUALLY
ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR**

Requiring a certain assistant State’s Attorney with knowledge of the case to meet with a victim of sexually assaultive behavior or the victim’s representative within 20 days after receiving a request from the victim regarding a decision by the Office of the State’s Attorney not to file a charging document or to dismiss charges against an alleged suspect; requiring the assistant State’s Attorney, at the meeting, to explain the justification for a certain decision; and establishing certain requirements for the meeting.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1066 **Delegate Vogel, et al**
Chapter 773 **HATE CRIMES – COMMISSION ON HATE CRIME RESPONSE
AND PREVENTION – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Commission on Hate Crime Response and Prevention to develop strategies to prevent and respond to hate crime activity and evaluate State laws and policies relating to hate crimes; and requiring the Commission to report to the General Assembly on or before December 1 each year, beginning in 2024, on legislative recommendations to address hate crimes in the State.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SB 347 **Senator M. Washington**

Chapter 774

BALTIMORE COUNTY – CLASS B–ECF/DS (EDUCATION CONFERENCE FACILITY/DINING SERVICE) LICENSE – TOWSON UNIVERSITY

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue a Class B–ECF/DS (Education Conference Facility/Dining Service) license for use at certain Towson University events; and providing an annual license fee of \$2,000.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 248 **Delegate Forbes**

Chapter 775

BALTIMORE COUNTY – CLASS B–ECF/DS (EDUCATION CONFERENCE FACILITY/DINING SERVICE) LICENSE – TOWSON UNIVERSITY

Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue a Class B–ECF/DS (Education Conference Facility/Dining Service) license for use at certain Towson University events.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 351 **Senator M. Washington**

Chapter 776

MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION – AFFORDABLE LIFE, WILLS, AND ESTATE PLANNING FOR SENIORS GRANT PROGRAM

Establishing the Affordable Life, Wills, and Estate Planning for Seniors Grant Program in the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to provide eligible seniors access to affordable civil law–related services; and requiring the Governor to provide an appropriation of \$225,000 in the annual budget for the Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 486 **Delegates Attar and Stein**

Chapter 777

**TASK FORCE TO STUDY NONPUBLIC STUDENT BUS
TRANSPORTATION**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Nonpublic Student Bus Transportation to collect information from each local board of education on nonpublic school student busing programs other than for the transportation of students in special education; and requiring the Task Force to report by December 15, 2023, to certain committees of the General Assembly any recommendations as to how the State may support a reduction in the use of passenger vehicles for nonpublic school students and policies for certain busing programs.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 320 **Delegates Guyton and Kaiser**

Chapter 778

**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM – DEFINITION OF
STUDENT DATA – ALTERATION**

Altering the definition of “student data” for purposes of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System to include student disability data by specific disability category.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 525 **Delegate Guyton, et al**

Chapter 779

**OUTDOOR PRESCHOOL LICENSE PILOT PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Outdoor Preschool License Pilot Program in the State Department of Education to license outdoor, nature-based early learning and child care programs to expand access to affordable, high-quality early learning and child care programs and investigate the benefits of outdoor, nature-based classrooms; requiring the Department to submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1, 2027, with recommendations for modifying or expanding the Program; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 634 **Senator Mautz**

Chapter 780

NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER INSPECTION AND SEVERANCE TAXES – INCREASE

Increasing the amount of the inspection tax levied on marketable oysters shipped in the shell to any place outside the State from 30 cents to \$1 per bushel; increasing the amount of the severance tax levied on oysters caught within certain natural oyster bars from \$1 to \$2 per bushel; requiring that \$1 of each \$2 of the severance tax levied be used by certain county oyster committees for the repletion of natural oyster bars within the waters of the counties; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1084 **Delegate Adams, et al**

Chapter 781

NATURAL RESOURCES – OYSTER INSPECTION AND SEVERANCE TAXES – INCREASE

Increasing the amount of the inspection tax levied on marketable oysters shipped in the shell to any place outside the State from 30 cents to \$1 per bushel; increasing the amount of the severance tax levied on oysters caught within certain natural oyster bars from \$1 to \$2 per bushel; repealing a certain requirement that a certain tax increase be used for the oyster seed program; and requiring that \$1 of each \$2 of the severance tax levied be used by certain county oyster committees for the repletion of natural oyster bars.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 656 **Talbot County Delegation**

Chapter 782

TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Altering the timing of the annual election of the officers of the Talbot County Board of Education to be at its last meeting at the end of each calendar year, or at the meeting in December each year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

- SB 302**
Chapter 783 **Senator Mautz**
TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – ELECTION OF OFFICERS
- Altering the timing of the annual election of the officers of the Talbot County Board of Education to be at its last meeting at the end of each calendar year, or at the meeting in December each year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 1175**
Chapter 784 **Delegate Valentine, et al**
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – HUNTING OFFENSES – EXPUNGEMENT
- Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of certain criminal records based on a conviction for certain hunting offenses.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
- HB 175**
Chapter 785 **Baltimore County Delegation**
BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBER – VOTING AND TRAINING
- Authorizing the student member of the Baltimore County Board of Education to vote on capital and operating budget matters; requiring certain members of the county board and the executive leadership of the Baltimore County public school system to develop a certain draft curriculum for budget training for student members of the county board and submit the draft curriculum to the county board for review; and requiring each student member of the board to complete the budget training within 2 months of the student’s election to the board.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
- HB 210**
Chapter 786 **Baltimore County Delegation**
BALTIMORE COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS
- Requiring the seven elected members of the Baltimore County Board of Education to be elected in gubernatorial election years; requiring the four appointed members of the Board to be appointed in presidential election years; providing for the termination of the terms of certain appointed members of the Board in 2024; and providing for the appointment of certain members of the Board in 2028.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 348 **Baltimore County Delegation**

Chapter 787

**BALTIMORE COUNTY – SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING
COMMISSION – VACANCY PROCEDURES**

Requiring the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission to hold a public hearing on the selection of a nominee for a single vacancy on the Baltimore County Board of Education in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the Commission to make publicly available on its website live video streaming of certain public hearings and certain archived video recordings; and authorizing the Commission to retain and reactivate the applications of certain candidates for certain vacancies on the county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1174 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 788

**CALVERT COUNTY – CIVIL INFRACTIONS – PROSECUTORIAL
DESIGNATIONS**

Authorizing the State’s Attorney of Calvert County to designate county attorneys or assistant county attorneys to prosecute civil infractions; and authorizing the designated attorneys to exercise the powers of the State’s Attorney when prosecuting civil infractions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HB 1178 **Calvert County Delegation**

Chapter 789

**CALVERT COUNTY – LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM
– BENEFITS**

Altering a certain benefit amount for certain fire and rescue volunteers; and authorizing the board of commissioners to approve an increase in benefit payment for certain fire and rescue volunteers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 491 **Charles County Senators**

Chapter 790

CHARLES COUNTY – TASK FORCE TO STUDY SCHOOL BUS OPERATOR CONTRACTS AND WAGES

Establishing the Task Force to Study School Bus Operator Contracts and Wages in Charles County; requiring the Task Force to study issues related to student transportation, bus driver wages, and multiyear contracts for bus contractors in Charles County and to research best practices in surrounding jurisdictions related to the facilitation of student transportation; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the members of the Charles County Delegation to the General Assembly on or before September 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 156 **Prince George’s County Senators**

Chapter 791

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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 437 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 792

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS –
ALTERATIONS TO TITLE OF CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
ESTABLISHMENT OF OFFICE OF INTEGRITY AND
COMPLIANCE PG 501–23

Changing the title of the Chief Executive Officer of the Prince George's County public school system to the County Superintendent of the Prince George's County public school system; establishing the Office of Integrity and Compliance in the Prince George's County public school system to evaluate, examine, investigate, report on, and make recommendations on certain issues related to the Prince George's County public school system; requiring the County Council of Prince George's County to appoint an Integrity and Compliance officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HB 1079 Prince George's County Delegation

Chapter 793

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
SCHOOL SYSTEM REVISIONS PG 502–23

Altering the duties and responsibilities of the Prince George's County Board of Education and certain officers of the county board; altering the voting authority of the student board member; requiring the county board to retain counsel and pay certain counsel fees and expenses incurred for defending a member in litigation involving a member's service in the member's official capacity on the county board under certain circumstances; altering certain procedures for the election of the student member of the county board; etc.

CONTINGENT – VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HB 637 **Washington County Delegation**

Chapter 794

WASHINGTON COUNTY – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND
CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES – EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS
AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Altering the grounds on which a deputy sheriff having a rank of major or below in Washington County may be discharged after 2 years of continuous employment; providing that a special deputy sheriff in Washington County is not a State employee for certain purposes; authorizing sworn deputy sheriffs at the rank of sergeant and below and correctional deputies at the rank of sergeant and below to engage in collective bargaining with the Washington County Sheriff and the County Administrator; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SB 428 **Washington County Senators**

Chapter 795

WASHINGTON COUNTY – DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND
CORRECTIONAL DEPUTIES – EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS
AND COLLECTIVE BARGAINING

Altering the grounds on which a deputy sheriff having a rank of major or below in Washington County may be discharged after 2 years of continuous employment; providing that a special deputy sheriff in Washington County is not a State employee for certain purposes; authorizing sworn deputy sheriffs at the rank of sergeant and below and correctional deputies at the rank of sergeant and below to engage in collective bargaining with the Washington County Sheriff and the County Administrator; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Sincerely,

Victoria L. Gruber
Executive Director