



SYNOPSIS

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 15, 2023

HB 1233 Delegate Kerr

TEACHER DEGREE APPRENTICESHIP

Establishing the Teacher Apprenticeship Startup Grant Program in the Maryland Department of Labor; requiring a sponsor participating in a teacher apprenticeship program to establish an apprenticeship that develops certain career paths and to pay apprentices certain compensation; requiring a sponsor, in coordination with the CTE Committee, to develop a high school level apprenticeship; authorizing the Department to award up to \$250,000 for the development and launch of a teacher apprenticeship program in fiscal year 2025; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LE, § 11-607 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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HB 1234 Delegate Wells**WORKGROUP TO STUDY THE WAGES OF EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study the Wages of Education Support Professionals to determine what percentage of education support professionals in the State earn a living wage and to study increasing the wages of education support professionals to attract and retain skilled workers; and requiring the Workgroup to submit its final report of its findings and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by August 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1235 Delegate Wells**REAL ESTATE – REAL ESTATE BROKERAGE SERVICES AND TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE CONTRACTS (THE ANTHONY MOORMAN ACT)**

Requiring a real estate broker or an escrow agent, if a purchaser terminates a certain transaction under certain circumstances, to distribute trust money to the purchaser within 30 days after a certain written notice of the termination is sent; requiring a holder of trust money who makes a certain distribution to notify the seller and purchaser of the distribution within a certain period of time, subject to a certain exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BOP, § 17-505 and RP, § 10-802 - amended and RP, § 10-803 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1236 Delegate Henson**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – VESTING AND RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE – CLERK OF THE COURT AND REGISTER OF WILLS**

Establishing for a clerk of a circuit court and a register of wills vesting rights and a retirement allowance in the Employees' Pension System after accruing at least 8 years of eligibility service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, § 23-401(f) - amended and § 29-306 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1237 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

ED, § 8-413 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1238 Delegate Hornberger, et al**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – DOCUMENTS – DIGITAL OR ELECTRONIC ISSUANCE**

Expanding the requirement that the Department of Natural Resources make available and issue certain licenses and stamps in a digital or electronic format; and providing that, if the Department cannot issue certain licenses, stamps, permits, registrations, or certificates in a digital or electronic format because of federal restrictions, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department issue certain licenses, stamps, permits, registrations, or certificates in a digital or electronic format whenever the federal restrictions are eliminated.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 1-403.1 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1239 Delegate Qi**MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT PROGRAM – TIER 1 RENEWABLE SOURCES, SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS, AND ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Energy Administration to require a person selling or leasing a Tier 1 renewable source to inform certain applicants for a grant, loan, or other form of financial assistance through the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Program of certain terms; authorizing the use of certain compliance fees paid into the Program to make certain loans and grants and establish certain programs to create new solar energy systems that are owned by or directly benefit low- and moderate-income residents; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 9-20B-01(g) - added and §§ 9-20B-04 and 9-20B-05(i) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1240 Delegate Buckel**ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES – RESTRICTION ON PRACTICING LAW**

Altering a prohibition on judges of the orphans' court acting as attorneys to prohibit a judge of the orphans' court from acting as an attorney in matters related to the administration of an estate or a guardianship of a minor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ET, § 2-109 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1241 Delegate Attar**EDUCATION – CURRICULUM – STUDY OF THE HOLOCAUST (EDUCATE TO STOP THE HATE ACT)**

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop certain guidelines on or before January 1, 2024, and revise and enhance instruction about the Holocaust in public schools for certain elementary, middle, and high school grade levels; requiring all public schools and certain nonpublic schools to include the revised and enhanced Holocaust instruction in school curricula beginning in the 2024–2025 school year; encouraging certain nonpublic schools to include in the curriculum a unit of instruction on the Holocaust; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-132 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1242 Delegate Attar

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 certain museums.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-132 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1243 Delegate Attar

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 requiring, for fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill \$5,000,000 to the Fund.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, § 4-1601 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1244 Delegate Attar

MARYLAND HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE DAY

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim January 27 as Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day; and requiring the proclamation to include a declaration of the purposes of Maryland Holocaust Remembrance Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

GP, §§ 7-402 through 7-418 - renumbered and § 7-402 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1245 Delegate Harrison, et al**HEALTHY WORKING FAMILIES ACT – RAILROAD EMPLOYEES – UNPAID LEAVE**

Requiring a railroad employer to provide a railroad employee with unpaid earned sick and safe leave under the Healthy Working Families Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 3-1304(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1246 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Library)**COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES – OVERDUE LIBRARY MATERIALS – MINORS**

Prohibiting a county public library from charging a minor a fine for overdue library materials; and prohibiting a county public library from charging a minor a replacement fee for overdue library materials until 21 days after the date on which the library materials were due.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ED, § 23-409 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1247 Delegate Guyton**MORE OPPORTUNITIES FOR CAREER-FOCUSED STUDENTS ACT OF 2023**

Requiring certain county boards of education to consider the pursuit of certain certificates, certifications, or apprenticeships as the equivalent of pursuing postsecondary education and provide a method for certain individuals to authorize the release of certain student information to certain apprenticeship sponsors and employers; requiring each public high school to inform students of certain employment and skills training opportunities in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 4-142 - added and § 7-203.1 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1248 Delegate Barve**GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND**

Establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations for the purchase and installation of qualifying energy systems and technical assistance for the planning and installation of qualifying energy systems; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Fund; requiring the Governor, in fiscal year 2025, to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund; etc.

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SG, §§ 9-2101 through 9-2107 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 13, 2023**HB 845 Delegate Wivell****REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION OF INSTRUMENT WITH FALSE INFORMATION – PENALTIES AND ACTIONS TO QUIET TITLE**

Prohibiting a person from recording a deed or other instrument that the person knows or has reason to know contains false information; establishing a 3-year limitation on when a prosecution for a violation of the Act may be commenced; establishing a fine not to exceed \$500 for a violation of the Act; and authorizing a court to award certain costs and attorney's fees in an action to quiet title if the action or a defense to an action is based on the alleged recordation of a deed containing false information.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 5-106(gg) and RP, § 3-104.2 - added and RP, § 14-617 - amended

Reassigned to: Judiciary

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 14, 2023

HB 829 Delegate Ruth

RETAIL SERVICE STATIONS – NEW CONSTRUCTION – SETBACKS

Establishing a certain setback requirement for approval of construction of new retail service stations on or after October 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LU, §§ 1-401(b)(22), 7-501, and 10-103(b)(20) - added and §§ 1-401(b)(22) through (27) and 10-103(b)(19) and (20) - amended

Reassigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters