SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 11, 2023
Schedule 1

PLEASE NOTE: The following legislation was prefiled for the 2023 Session.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 11, 2023

SB 1 Senators Waldstreicher and Lee

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

Prohibiting a person from knowingly wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm onto the real property of another unless the other has given certain permission to the person or the public generally; and prohibiting a person from knowingly wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm within 100 feet of a place of public accommodation.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CR, §§ 4-111 and 4-112 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 2  Senator Hester

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES – ELECTRONIC BENEFITS TRANSFER CARDS – FRAUD (PREVENT ELECTRONIC BENEFITS THEFT ACT OF 2023)

Requiring the Department of Human Services to reimburse a beneficiary for any benefits lost due to the fraudulent use of the beneficiary’s Electronic Benefits Transfer card; requiring the State to give preference to certain vendors in the procurement process for electronic benefits distribution or administration; requiring the Department to establish a certain point of contact for investigating and identifying electronic benefits fraud; applying certain provisions of the Act retroactively; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HU, §§ 5-609 and 5-610 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 3  Senator Augustine

9–8–8 TRUST FUND – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2025 an appropriation of $12,000,000 to the 9–8–8 Trust Fund.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 4  Senator Ellis

HIGHER EDUCATION – THE SENATOR DELORES G. KELLEY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Senator Delores G. Kelley Scholarship Program for students who are eligible to receive the maximum federal Pell Grant and are residents of counties participating in the Program or are graduates of high schools in participating counties to receive a scholarship to be used at historically Black colleges and universities; requiring counties participating in the Program to provide an equal match to the State scholarship amount awarded under the Program to each recipient from that county; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
ED, §§ 18-3901 through 18-3906 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 5  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
CR, § 10-309 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 6  Senator McCray

MARYLAND TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT

Requiring the State Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to implement an automatic enrollment arrangement for State employees who are hired on or after January 1, 2024; and requiring an eligible employer to deduct wages of an employee for contribution to a supplemental retirement plan in accordance with an automatic enrollment, unless the employee has elected to withdraw from or cease to contribute to the supplemental retirement plan.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
SP, § 35-101 - amended and § 35-206 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 7  Senator West

ENVIRONMENT – ON–SITE WASTEWATER SERVICES – BOARD, FEES, AND PENALTIES

Altering the composition of the State Board of On–Site Wastewater Professionals; clarifying and altering the distribution of certain fees and penalties; and clarifying the application of certain license requirements and penalties.
EMERGENCY BILL
EN, §§ 9-217.2, 9-11A-06(a), and 9-11A-15 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 8  Senator Augustine
MENTAL HEALTH – TREATMENT PLANS FOR INDIVIDUALS IN FACILITIES – REQUIREMENTS
Requiring a treatment plan for an individual with a mental disorder admitted to a certain health care facility to include a certain discharge goal and an estimate of the probable length of the inpatient stay the individual requires before transfer to a certain setting; requiring certain facility staff to review and reassess a plan of treatment within certain time periods; requiring a certain health care facility to take certain actions if the facility is unable to address certain needs under a plan of treatment; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HG, § 10-706 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 9  Senator Elfreth
STATE PERSONNEL – EXECUTIVE BRANCH SERVICE CONTRACTS – POLICY, CERTIFICATION, AND NOTIFICATION
Altering State policy regarding the preference to use State employees to perform State functions in State–operated facilities by repealing the requirement that State employees perform the functions in State–operated facilities; authorizing the Board of Public Works to approve certain service contracts if the Board receives a certain certification; and requiring the Department of Budget and Management to send a copy of the certification to the exclusive representative of the affected employees.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
SP, §§ 13-401, 13-402, and 13-403 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 10 Senator Bailey
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 to apply to all licenses, stamps, permits, registrations, and certificates issued by the Department.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
NR, § 1-403.1 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 11  Senator Sydnor
MOTOR VEHICLES – SPEED LIMITS – SCHOOL ZONES
Altering from a half–mile to one–tenth of a mile the radius around certain schools within which a school zone may be established and speed monitoring systems may be placed and used.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
TR, §§ 21-803.1 and 21-809(a)(7) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 12  Senator Brooks
CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – ANNUAL REPORT FILING FEES – ELECTRONIC FILING EXEMPTION
Requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to waive the filing fees for annual reports filed electronically by certain business entities.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
CA, §§ 1-201(c) and 1-203(b)(2)(iv), (3)(ii), and (14) - amended and § 1-203(b)(14) - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 13  Senator Carozza, et al
FAMILY LAW – CUSTODY EVALUATORS – QUALIFICATIONS AND TRAINING
Requiring that an individual meet certain educational and experiential requirements in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that, beginning October 1, 2024, an individual complete 20 hours of initial training in certain areas in order to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; requiring that an individual receive 5 hours of ongoing education and training every 2 years in order to continue to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
FL, § 9-109 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 14  Senator Augustine

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL AND GRADUATE ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELORS – LICENSURE

Altering the educational requirements that individuals must meet to be licensed as clinical or graduate alcohol and drug counselors.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HO, §§ 17-302 and 17-309 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 15  Senator Carter

JUVENILE LAW – CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION – MANDATORY PETITION (NYKAYLA STRAFTER MEMORIAL ACT)

Requiring an intake officer to file a petition alleging that a child under the age of 10 years is a child in need of supervision if the child is alleged to have committed an act that results in the death of a victim.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CJ, § 3-8A-10(c) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 16  Senators Waldstreicher and Augustine

SAFE ACCESS FOR ALL (SAFE) ROADS ACT OF 2023

Requiring the Department of Transportation to recommend and implement certain design elements for pedestrian and bicycle safety when developing any construction or improvement project, or postconstruction project, preservation, or maintenance; and requiring the State Highway Administration to submit certain reports including pedestrian and bicycle safety data, analyses, and plans to the General Assembly by certain dates.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
TR, §§ 2-103.1(c-1) and 2-609 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 17  Senator Carter

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT OF RECORDS – GOOD CAUSE

Authorizing a court to grant a petition for expungement of records relating to a certain conviction at any time on a showing of good cause.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CP, § 10-110 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 18  Senator West
POLICE RETENTION WORKGROUP
Establishing the Police Retention Workgroup to study issues and factors potentially contributing to the decline in police officer retention statewide; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 30, 2024.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 19  Senator Carter
EQUITY IN TRANSPORTATION SECTOR – GUIDELINES AND ANALYSES
Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals; requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses, cost–benefit analyses, and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing any major service change or any reduction or cancellation of a certain capital expansion project in the construction program; etc.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
TR, §§ 2-103.1 (d), (h), and (j) and 7-101 - amended and §§ 7-714 through 7-716 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 20  Senator Salling
SALES AND USE TAX – TAX–FREE PERIOD – SPRING SCHOOL SHOPPING
Establishing a 7–day tax–free period beginning March 21 of each year during which the purchase of certain clothing and footwear and a certain portion of the taxable price of certain backpacks and bookbags is exempt from the sales and use tax.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
TG, § 11-228 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 21  Senator West
CRIMINAL LAW – PERSON IN A POSITION OF AUTHORITY – SEXUAL OFFENSES WITH A MINOR
Altering the definition of “person in a position of authority” for purposes of a certain prohibition against engaging in a sexual act, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a minor to include an individual under contract with a child care facility, certain commercial or nonprofit instructional programs, sports, scouting, recreational activities, camps, religious institutions, or any unit of government; prohibiting a certain violation from being considered a lesser included crime of another crime; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CR, § 3-308 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 22  Senator Sydnor
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CUSTODIAL INTERROGATION – CODIFICATION
Altering a certain definition of “custodial interrogation”; specifying that a statement made by a person during custodial interrogation is not admissible in a criminal proceeding unless the person is advised that the person has the right to remain silent, any statement made may be used against the person in a certain criminal proceeding and the person has the right to speak to an attorney; and specifying that a statement made by a person who is arrested is not admissible in a criminal proceeding, except under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CP, § 2-401 - amended and § 2-401.1 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 23  Senator Brooks
HEATING, VENTILATION, AIR–CONDITIONING, AND REFRIGERATION SERVICES – JOURNEYMAN LICENSE – QUALIFICATIONS
Altering certain qualifications for a journeyman license to provide heating, ventilation, air–conditioning, and refrigeration services to require having held an apprentice license for 4 rather than 3 years and having completed at least 6,000 rather than 1,875 hours of training under the direction and control of a licensed contractor.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
BR, § 9A-302(e) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 24 Senator McCray
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND DEBT LIMIT OF GRANT ANTICIPATION REVENUE VEHICLE BONDS (STATE AND FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING ACT)

Requiring the financial forecast that supports the Consolidated Transportation Program to include a reserve of $30,000,000 for changes in certain revenue sources; altering the calculation of the maximum amount of debt secured by future federal aid that the Department of Transportation may issue; providing that the maximum amount of debt that may be issued is calculated as of June 30; and providing that the proceeds from the issuance of certain debt may be used only for certain purposes.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
TR, § 2-103.1(m) and § 3-601 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 25 Senator Lee
CRIMINAL LAW – VISUAL SURVEILLANCE WITH PRURIENT INTENT – PRIVATE PLACE AND MINOR VICTIM

Prohibiting a person from conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual located in a residence or place of private use or accommodation without the consent of the individual; altering the penalties for the crime of visual surveillance with prurient intent by use of a camera if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense and the offender is at least 4 years older than the victim; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act of imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of $2,500 or both.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CR, § 3-902 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 26  Senator Augustine
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND CHILDREN’S HEALTH PROGRAM, AND SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS – ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an Express Lane Eligibility Program by January 1, 2025, to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children’s Health Program; requiring the Department of Human Services to enroll individuals, based on certain eligibility, in the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program; requiring the Office of Home Energy Programs to enroll certain individuals in certain energy assistance programs; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HG, § 15-103(a)(5) - added and HU, §§ 5-501 and 5-5A-07 and PU, § 7-512.1(a)(1) - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 27  Senator West
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PROGRAM

Establishing the Restorative Justice Program within the Victim Services Unit of the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to address and ameliorate the harmful effects of offenses on a victim in a certain manner; and establishing the position of Restorative Justice Legal Specialist, the Restorative Justice Program Revolving Fund, and the Maryland Restorative Justice Council.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CS, § 9-618 and CP, §§ 11-502 and 11-1201 through 11-1206 - added and CP, § 11-914(9) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 28  Senator West
CHILD CUSTODY – LEGAL DECISION MAKING AND PARENTING TIME
Repealing references to the terms “child custody” and “visitation” in certain instances and substituting the terms “legal decision making” and “parenting time”; authorizing the court, in determining certain legal–decision–making authority and parenting time in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; authorizing the court to award joint legal decision making to both parents or make other modifications to a custody or visitation order under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
FL, §§ 5-203(d) and 9-107 - repealed and Various Sections - added and amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 29  Senator McCray
BALTIMORE CITY SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ESTABLISHMENT – REQUIREMENTS
Providing for the establishment of a Baltimore City Soil Conservation District with boundaries that correspond to the boundaries of Baltimore City; adding Baltimore City to a geographic area from which the Secretary of Agriculture appoints the soil conservation district supervisors; requiring the Mayor of Baltimore City to take certain actions to form the District; requiring the Secretary of State to take certain actions to record the organization of the District; and providing for the appointment of the supervisors for the District.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
AG, §§ 8-101, 8-201(b), 8-301, 8-302, and 8-405 - amended and § 8-301.1 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 30  Senator Kagan
PUBLIC SAFETY – 3–1–1 SYSTEMS – NONEMERGENCY INFORMATION

Establishing the Maryland 3–1–1 Board to establish requirements, procedures, and standards for the establishment of statewide and county 3–1–1 systems; establishing a statewide 3–1–1 system under the Maryland Department of Emergency Management to provide certain nonemergency information, subject to certain requirements; requiring a county to be responsible for certain costs and expenses associated with a county 3–1–1 system; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
PS, §§ 14-1301 through 14-1312 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 31  Senator Carter
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; 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 recommendation to the Governor and the General Assembly by April 1, 2024.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
ED, § 3-108.1(d) and (m) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 32  Senator Brooks
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.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
TP, § 7-208 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 33  Senator Carter
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICAL PAROLE – LIFE IMPRISONMENT

Repealing provisions relating to gubernatorial approval of a decision of the Maryland Parole Commission to grant medical parole to an inmate serving a sentence of life imprisonment.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CS, § 7-309 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 34  Senator Hester
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE – STATE OMBUDSMAN FOR VALUE–ADDED AGRICULTURE

Establishing the State Ombudsman for Value–Added Agriculture as a position in the Department of Agriculture.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
AG, § 2-106 - amended and §§ 2-2201 and 2-2202 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 35  Senator Kagan
OPEN MEETINGS ACT – STATE ETHICS COMMISSION (MARYLAND STATE AGENCY TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2023)

Establishing enhanced requirements under the Open Meetings Act for the State Ethics Commission.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
GP, § 3-307 and Chapter 346 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 36  Senator West
FAMILY LAW – GROUNDS FOR DIVORCE

Repealing the authority of the court to decree a limited divorce; and altering certain grounds for an absolute divorce.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
FL, § 7-102 - repealed and § 7-103 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 37 Senator Waldstreicher

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

Altering the waiting periods applicable to the filing of petitions for expungement of convictions of certain crimes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CP, § 10-110(c) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 38 Senator Ellis

MINORITY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PROCUREMENT CONTRACT FINANCING

Establishing a Minority Business Enterprise Procurement Contract Financing Program in the Maryland Small Business Development Financing Authority to provide working capital to qualified minority business enterprises in order to facilitate their ability to enter into and complete performance under State procurement contracts; authorizing certain loans and grants under certain circumstances; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
EC, § 5-512(c) - amended and §§ 5-578 through 5-580 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 39 Senator Kagan

BALLOT ACCESS – AFFILIATING WITH A PARTY – UNAFFILIATED VOTERS

Requiring a local board of elections to change a voter’s registration from a decline to affiliate with a political party when voter registration is closed if the request to affiliate is received by the local board by 5 p.m. on the day before early voting begins; and providing that the change is effective beginning on the first day of early voting.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
EL, § 3-303 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 40  Senator Sydnor
PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – INSPECTION OF RECORDS FROM BODY–WORN DIGITAL RECORDING DEVICES

Establishing certain requirements for a custodian of records related to certain recordings from a certain body–worn digital recording device worn by a law enforcement officer; and requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop certain uniform standards and policies in consultation with certain groups.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
GP, § 4-101 - amended and § 4-357 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 41  Senator McCray
BALTIMORE CITY – PROPERTY TAX – RETROACTIVE EXEMPTION

Authorizing a person who applies for certain property tax exemptions for real property in Baltimore City to request that the exemption be applied retroactively for a certain period of time, subject to certain requirements; and requiring Baltimore City and the State to pay a refund of excess real property taxes paid due to a retroactive exemption that is granted.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
TP, § 7-204.2 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 42  Senator Carter
CHILD CUSTODY – RELOCATION OF CHILD – EXPEDITED HEARING (ASSURANCE OF CHILD’S SAFETY ACT)

Requiring a court to schedule a hearing on a certain petition regarding the proposed relocation of a child who is the subject of a custody or visitation order on an expedited basis under certain circumstances; and prohibiting a court from considering a child’s time spent with a party who relocated in violation of certain notice provisions to be advantageous to that party in a subsequent custody hearing.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
FL, § 9-106 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 43  Senator Rosapepe
COURTS – REMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS

Requiring each court in the State to provide remote audio–visual access to all public court proceedings, unless a proceeding is deemed closed, confidential, or restricted by federal or State law; and authorizing a presiding judge to prohibit a certain broadcast under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CJ, § 1-206 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 44  Senator McCray
MARYLAND ELECTRICIANS ACT – REVISIONS

Altering the entity that must administer or approve an apprenticeship program for electricians; substituting the term “uninsured” for the term “inactive” in certain provisions of law relating to liability insurance requirements for certain electricians; prohibiting a certain electrician from contracting to provide electrical services unless the electrical work is covered by certain liability insurance; specifying who is authorized and required to purchase certain insurance; etc.
EMERGENCY BILL
BOP, §§ 6-205(b), 6-304, 6-307.1, 6-311, 6-312, 6-313, and 6-604 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 45  Senator Lee
CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING – LIMITATIONS (MARYLAND MANDELA ACT)

Requiring hearing officers and personnel involved with the supervision and care of individuals placed in restrictive housing to undergo certain training; establishing guidelines and procedures for the placement of incarcerated individuals in certain types of restrictive housing or disciplinary segregation; and requiring each correctional facility to create a monthly report containing certain information about individuals placed in restrictive housing and to publish the report on the facility’s website.
VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
CS, §§ 9-614.3 and 9-614.4 - added and § 9-614(a)(3) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 46  Senator Rosapepe
FUNDING FOR WAGE INCREASES FOR MEDICAL PROVIDER WORKERS
Requiring that, in certain fiscal years, certain funding provided in the legislative appropriation to the Medical Care Programs Administration for medical care provider reimbursements be used for wage increases for health care workers and staff in nursing homes who provide direct care to residents.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HG, § 16-201.4(b) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 47  Senator Sydnor
EVIDENCE – WIREDAPPING AND ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE – FAIR HOUSING TESTING
Providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication if the person is working as a fair housing tester for a fair housing testing program operated by the federal government, the State, a local government, or a nonprofit civil rights organization under certain circumstances.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CJ, § 10-402(c)(12) - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 48  Senator Lam
DISASTER SERVICE AND UNIFORMED SERVICES LEAVE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2023
Adding certain State employees to certain provisions of law authorizing disaster service leave with pay; authorizing certain appointing authorities to waive certain requirements for disaster service leave and to increase the number of days of disaster service leave under certain circumstances; defining “uniformed services” for the purpose of adding certain individuals to certain provisions of law relating to certain paid leave and military administrative leave; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
PS, § 14-104.1 and SP, §§ 9-1102, 9-1104, and 9-1107 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 49  Senator Brooks

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME

Including income from an individual retirement account or a certain annuity within a certain subtraction modification for certain retirement income if contributions to the individual retirement account or annuity consist entirely of the tax–free rollover of distributions from an employee retirement system; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-209 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 50  Senator Pinsky, et al

STATE FINANCE – PROHIBITED APPROPRIATIONS – MAGNETIC LEVITATION TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM

Prohibiting the State and certain units and instrumentalities of the State from using any appropriation for a magnetic levitation transportation system in the State; and providing that the prohibition does not apply to certain expenditures for salaries.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SF, § 7-240 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 51  Senator Carter

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – REASONABLE SUSPICION AND PROBABLE CAUSE – CANNABIS

Providing that, with a certain exception, a finding or determination of reasonable suspicion or probable cause relating to possession of contraband or other criminal activity may not be based solely on evidence of the odor of certain cannabis, the possession of or suspicion of possession of cannabis, or the presence of money in proximity to cannabis; and providing that evidence obtained in violation of the Act is not admissible in certain proceedings.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 1-211 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 52  Senator Elfreth

SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS – WAIVER – DIAPERS AND MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS

Requiring the Department of Human Services to apply for a waiver to allow benefits under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program or the Special Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program to be used to purchase diapers or menstrual hygiene products, if the U.S. Department of Agriculture makes the waiver available.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HU, § 5-507 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 53  Senator Kagan

MARYLAND NONPROFIT DEVELOPMENT CENTER PROGRAM – NONPROFIT, INTEREST–FREE, MICRO BRIDGE LOAN (NIMBL) ACCOUNT – FUNDING

Altering, beginning in fiscal year 2024, the percentage to be paid by the Comptroller from the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account to the Nonprofit, Interest–Free, Micro Bridge Loan (NIMBL) Account within the Maryland Nonprofit Development Center Program Fund; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $1,000,000 for fiscal year 2025 for the Fund to be used for certain loans under the NIMBL Account.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
SG, § 9-1A-27(a)(6) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 54  Senator Lam

CRIMINAL LAW – UNNATURAL OR PERVERTED SEXUAL PRACTICE – REPEAL

Repealing the crime of unnatural or perverted sexual practice.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CJ, CR, CP, and FL, Various Sections - amended and CR, § 3-322 - repealed
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 55  Senator West
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
TG, § 7-305 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 56  Senator West
COURTS – PROHIBITED INDEMNITY AND DEFENSE LIABILITY AGREEMENTS
Prohibiting a provision in a contract with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to indemnify or hold harmless certain parties unless the design professional is at fault for causing the loss, damage, or expense indemnified; and prohibiting a provision in a contract with a design professional for professional services that requires the design professional to defend certain parties against liability or certain claims.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CJ, § 5-401(a) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 57  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
CR, § 14-101(a) and CP, § 11-723 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 58  Senators West and Waldstreicher

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – REVISIONS

Altering certain provisions governing the issuance of stock, convertible securities, and scrip; clarifying the authority of corporations to hold annual meetings by remote communication; clarifying the application of certain provisions of law to the conversion of a corporation; requiring a real estate investment trust that voluntarily dissolves to file a notice of termination with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CA, §§ 2-203, 2-210, 2-214, 2-501(b), 2-503(c), 4-601, 4A-402(a)(5), 5-202(b) and 8-502 - amended and § 12-307 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 59  Senator Hester

MARYLAND HEALTH BENEFIT EXCHANGE – SMALL EMPLOYERS – SPECIAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD AND MARKETING

Requiring the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange to open a special enrollment period for individuals who become employed by a small employer that does not offer employer-sponsored health benefit plans and the individuals’ dependents; altering the amount of funds required to be appropriated to the Maryland Health Benefit Fund in certain fiscal years; and requiring certain funds to be allocated for marketing, outreach, and programs to small employers and nonprofit employers and their employees for a certain purpose. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
IN, §§ 31-107.2 and 31-108(h) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 60  Senator West

PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMIT – PRELIMINARY APPROVAL

Authorizing a person to apply for preliminary approval of a permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun without completing a certified firearms training course; and requiring the Secretary of State Police to investigate an application for preliminary approval of a handgun permit, issue preliminary approval if the applicant meets certain requirements, and revoke preliminary approval and deny a handgun permit if an applicant does not complete a firearms training course within 120 days after receipt of preliminary approval.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
PS, § 5-306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 61  Senator Bailey

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER

Repealing the definition of “public safety officer” for purposes of a certain credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a dwelling owned by a public safety officer; repealing a certain limitation on the amount of the credit; requiring the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that authorizes the credit to establish, by law, the definition of “public safety officer” for purposes of eligibility for the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
TP, § 9-260 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 62  Senator Augustine

LAND USE – PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANIES – POLLINATOR–FRIENDLY VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Prohibiting local jurisdictions from imposing certain limitations and land use restrictions on pollinator–friendly vegetation management activities of public service companies within property, easements, or rights–of–way of public service companies under certain conditions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and § 4-215 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 63  Senator Kramer

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSCRIPT REQUESTS BY STUDENTS WITH UNPAID STUDENT ACCOUNT BALANCES

Requiring a public institution of higher education to allow a student with an unpaid balance on a student account of $1,000 or less to request and receive a transcript; and requiring a public institution of higher education to allow a student with an unpaid balance on a student account that is greater than $1,000 to request and receive a transcript if the student enters into an installment payment plan within 90 days after making the transcript request.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
ED, § 15-136 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 64  Senator Lam

HIV PREVENTION DRUGS – PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING BY PHARMACISTS AND INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

Authorizing pharmacists to prescribe and dispense postexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention to patients under certain circumstances; prohibiting managed care organizations, insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from requiring prior authorization for preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention or step therapy or cost–sharing for preexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention or postexposure prophylaxis for HIV prevention; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES
HG and HO, Various Sections - added and amended and IN, § 15-858 - amended
Assigned to: Finance

SB 65  Senator West

RECORDATION TAX – PURCHASE MONEY MORTGAGE OR PURCHASE MONEY DEED OF TRUST – EXTENT OF EXEMPTION

Providing that the exemption from the recordation tax for a purchase money mortgage or purchase money deed of trust applies only to the extent that the purchase money mortgage or purchase money deed of trust secures purchase money.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
TP, § 12-108(i) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 66  Senator Jackson

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – MISTAKEN IDENTITY

Requiring a State’s Attorney to give notice to the court when seeking to dismiss a charge based on mistaken identity; requiring the automatic expungement of records relating to charges that are dismissed or of which a person is acquitted as a result of mistaken identity; and requiring a custodian of records to advise, within 60 days after the entry of a certain order, the court and the person charged of compliance with an order entered under the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CP, § 10-105.4 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 67  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
CJ, §§ 2-211 and 2-212, and GP § 2-302 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 68  Senator Carozza

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM – CRISFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

Requiring membership in the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System for certain local law enforcement officers of the Crisfield Police Department under certain circumstances; providing that a certain individual is entitled to eligibility service and creditable service that was earned before the effective date of the Crisfield Police Department’s participation in the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System; providing for the transfer of creditable service for a certain individual; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
SP, § 31-2A-06 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 69  Senator Bailey
PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES – POSITIVE COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Adding positive community feedback to the list of records that are not considered personnel records for certain purposes; requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a process for citizens to submit certain feedback; requiring each law enforcement agency to adopt the uniform citizen positive community feedback process; and requiring a law enforcement agency to maintain a certain record that is subject to public inspection.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
GP, §§ 4-311(c) and 4-351(a) - amended and PS, §§ 3-207(m) and 3-519.1 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 70  Senator Kramer
INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for the first $5,000 of income earned by certain law enforcement officers to include State law enforcement officers who reside in a political subdivision in which the crime rate exceeds the State’s crime rate; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
TG, § 10-207(cc) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 71  Senator Brooks
EXECUTION ON A JUDGMENT – CHILD SUPPORT ARREARAGES – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION

Specifying that 25% of the net recovery by the debtor on a claim for workers’ compensation is subject to execution on a judgment for a child support arrearage.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CJ, § 11-504(i) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 72  Senator Jackson
INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PET–FRIENDLY RENTAL DWELLING UNITS

Allowing certain landlords a credit against the State income tax equal to $200 per unit for certain rental dwelling units in which, during the taxable year, a landlord permits residential tenants to reside with companion animals; and requiring the Comptroller to maintain and publish on the Comptroller’s website a list of landlords who claim the credit and the properties at which each landlord permits tenants to reside with companion animals.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
TG, § 10-757 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 73  Senator Carter
CRIMINAL LAW – CANNABIS–RELATED OFFENSES – CIVIL PENALTIES

Substituting civil penalties in place of criminal penalties for certain offenses relating to possessing, possessing with the intent to distribute, and cultivating cannabis and manufacturing cannabis products.
CONTESTING – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CR, § 5-101(e-2) - repealed and §§ 5-601(c)(2) and (d), 5-601.1, 5-601.2, 5-602, and 5-607 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 74  Senator Bailey
GROSSLY NEGLIGENT OR DRUNK OR DRUGGED OPERATION OF VEHICLE OR VESSEL – PRIOR CONVICTIONS

Establishing that certain previous convictions for drunk or drugged operation of a vehicle or vessel and grossly negligent manslaughter by vehicle or vessel under certain provisions of law constitute prior convictions for the purpose of determining certain enhanced subsequent offender penalties.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
NR, § 8-738(e)(1) and (2) and TR, § 21-902(a)(1), (b)(1), (c)(1), (d)(1), (e), (h), and (i) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 75 Senator Carter

INSURANCE AND MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – TREATMENT OF ALOPECIA AREATA – COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, subject to a certain limitation, to provide coverage for hair prostheses to Program recipients whose hair loss results from alopecia areata and prescription drugs and medical devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for the treatment of alopecia areata; and requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for a hair prosthesis for hair loss resulting from alopecia areata.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024
HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xx) and (xxi) and IN, § 15-836 - amended and HG, §15-103(a)(2)(xxii) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 76 Senator Bailey

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEERS

Increasing to $10,000 a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for an individual who is a qualifying public safety volunteer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
TG, § 10-208(i-1) - amended and § 10-208(1) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 77 Senator Jackson

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – HOMEOWNER’S EXTREME WEATHER MITIGATION AND PREPARATION GRANT PROGRAM

Establishing the Homeowner’s Extreme Weather Mitigation and Preparation Grant Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development to assist homeowners, local governments, and nonprofit organizations in preparing and repairing residential properties to mitigate water damage caused by extreme weather; limiting a grant awarded to a homeowner to $5,000 or less; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $5,000,000 for the program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HS, §§ 4-19A-01 through 4-19A-07 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 78  Senator Jackson

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – SERVICE MEMBERS, VETERANS, AND MILITARY SPOUSES – TEMPORARY LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION, REGISTRATION, AND PERMITTING

requiring health occupations boards to issue an expedited temporary license, certificate, registration, or permit to a service member, veteran, or military spouse who meets certain requirements; requiring each health occupations board to include a check-off box prominently on each license, certification, or registration application form; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to publish prominently certain information on its website; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 1-701, 1-704, and 1-705 - amended and § 1-702.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 79  Senator Kramer

STATE PERSONNEL – EDUCATION AND TRANSPORTATION – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Authorizing a certain employee or certain exclusive representative to initiate a grievance procedure under certain provisions of law; prohibiting the dismissal of a grievance concerning wages for a certain reason; requiring certain decision makers in a grievance procedure in certain higher education systems to award certain damages under certain circumstances; requiring the Secretary of Transportation to be consistent with certain provisions of law and include redress for certain violations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SP, § 2-407, ED, §§ 13-203(e), 14-408, and 16-510(a), and TR, § 2-103.4(d) - amended and ED, § 14-302(h) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 80  Senator Bailey

NATURAL RESOURCES – BLUE AND FLATHEAD CATFISH FINFISH TROTLINE LICENSE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing a licensing and regulatory scheme to allow the commercial fishing of blue and flathead catfish in the tidal waters of the State using a finfish trotline.

EMERGENCY BILL

NR, § 4-701(a), (b)(1), and (d)(2)(ii)4. - amended and § 4-701.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 81  Senator Waldstreicher

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – STATE MINIMUM WAGE RATE – ACCELERATION (FIGHT FOR FIFTEEN ACCELERATION ACT OF 2023)

Increasing the State minimum wage rate changes in effect for certain periods of time; and repealing the authority of the Board of Public Works to temporarily suspend an increase to the State minimum wage rate.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LE, § 3-413 - amended and § 3-413.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 82  Senator Mautz

CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS’ RETIREMENT SYSTEM – TALBOT COUNTY

Requiring membership in the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System for certain local detention center officers of Talbot County in the event Talbot County becomes a participating governmental unit in the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System; and providing that certain local detention center officers who join the Correctional Officers’ Retirement System and receive certain service credit shall no longer be members of the Employees’ Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

SP, § 31-2B-08 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 83  Senator Jackson

INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – MILITARY AND PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT INCOME

Increasing the amount of certain subtraction modifications under the Maryland income tax for individuals who are at least 55 years of age for certain retirement income received as a result of the individual’s military service or attributable to the individual’s employment as a correctional officer, a law enforcement officer, or a fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-207(q) and (mm) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 84  Senator Kagan

PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS – GENDER–INCLUSIVE SIGNAGE

Requiring that single–occupancy public restrooms be marked with gender–inclusive signage that does not indicate a specific gender, contains certain descriptive language, and contains a picture or icon that does not indicate a specific gender in certain places of public accommodation and certain public buildings; providing that a county is responsible for enforcing the signage requirement in places of public accommodation; and authorizing a county to set certain fines for second and subsequent violations after a certain period of time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023  
SF, §§ 2-801 and 2-803 - amended and § 2-803 - added and SG, § 20-307 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 85  Senator Kramer

CRIMINAL LAW – ANIMAL ABUSE OR NEGLECT – PENALTIES

Establishing increased penalties of imprisonment for up to 3 years and a fine not to exceed $5,000 or both for the abuse or neglect of an animal if the abuse or neglect results in the death or euthanasia of the animal; and authorizing the court, as a condition of sentencing a certain defendant, to prohibit the defendant from owning, possessing, or residing with an animal for a period of time determined by the court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023  
CR, § 10-604 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 86  Senators Waldstreicher and Lee

RIFLES AND SHOTGUNS – POSSESSION – AGE REQUIREMENT (RAISE THE AGE ACT OF 2023)

 Altering the prohibition on selling, renting, or transferring certain ammunition to a person under the age of 21 years; prohibiting a person who is under the age of 21 years from possessing a rifle or shotgun except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023  
PS, §§ 5-134(d), 5-205, and 5-207 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 87  Senators Hettleman and West
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – CORRECTIONAL OMBUDSMAN

Establishing the Correctional Ombudsman in the Office of the Attorney General; requiring the Ombudsman to conduct investigations, reviews, and assessments of administrative acts taken by the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services or in relation to individuals confined by the Department; requiring the Ombudsman to refer matters for criminal charges or disciplinary proceedings when appropriate; establishing the Correctional Ombudsman Advisory Board; etc.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
CS, §§ 8-114 and 8-117 - amended and SG, §§ 6-701 through 6-708 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 88  Senators Waldstreicher and Carter
CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT – PARDONED CONVICTION OF POSSESSION OF CANNABIS (PARDONS FOR SIMPLE POSSESSION OF CANNABIS ACT OF 2023)

Requiring that certain records relating to a certain conviction of possession of cannabis that has been fully and unconditionally pardoned by the Governor be automatically expunged; and establishing a procedure for the automatic expungement of pardoned possession of cannabis convictions.
EMERGENCY BILL
CP, § 10-113 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 89  Senator Carter
ELECTIONS – BALLOT QUESTIONS – PUBLICATION OF PROPOSED LAWS

Requiring the State Board of Elections and each applicable local board of elections to post the complete text of certain proposed language or enactments relating to certain ballot questions for at least 65 days before the general election; and prohibiting the questions from appearing on the ballot unless the proposed language or the enactment has been written.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
EL, §§ 7-102 and 7-105 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 90  Senator Kramer

COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – TELEPHONE SOLICITATION (STOP THE SPAM CALLS ACT OF 2023)

Prohibiting a person from making certain telephone solicitations to a certain called party in a certain manner by restricting the methods, times, and identifying information that the person making the call may utilize; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CL, § 13-301(14)(xxxv) - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xxxvii) and 14-4501 through 14-4504 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 91  Senator Bailey

NATURAL RESOURCES – APPRENTICE HUNTING LICENSE – ALTERATIONS

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to issue an apprentice hunting license to a person under the age of 17 years who has previously been issued an apprentice hunting license under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
NR, § 10-301(g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 92  Senator Lam

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – ENERGY–CONSERVING STANDARDS (MARYLAND SUSTAINABLE BUILDINGS ACT OF 2023)

Requiring the Department of General Services to establish and update standards for State buildings to conserve energy and minimize adverse impacts on birds; requiring the Maryland Green Building Council to include the standards in any requirements established for participation in a higher–performance building program in the State; and defining “State building” as one acquired, constructed, or renovated by the State or one for which 50% of the money for acquisition, construction, or renovation came from State funds.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
SF, § 4-410.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 93  Senator Carter  

JUVENILE COURT – JURISDICTION  

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court by repealing provisions specifying that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child alleged to have committed certain acts.  

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023  

CJ, CP, and ED, Various Sections - amended and CP, §§ 4-202, 4-202.1, 4-202.2, 10-215(a)(20), and 10-216(d) - repealed  

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings  

SB 94  Senator Jackson  

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – VOLUNTEER FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES  

Increasing, from $7,000 to $10,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain qualifying volunteer fire, rescue, and emergency medical services members for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2023.  

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023  

TG, § 10-208(i-1)(3) - amended  

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation  

SB 95  Senator Ellis  

COUNTIES – CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALKS – SAFE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS  

Requiring a county board of education each year to prepare and post in a certain manner a certain report that identifies pathways that certain public school students may use to travel to school using only safe alternative routes under certain circumstances.  

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate  

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023  

ED, § 7-801(e) and LG, § 12-506.1 - added  

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 96  Senator Hester

HOWARD COUNTY – ARCHERY HUNTING – SAFETY ZONE AND POSITION OF ARCHERY HUNTER

Reducing from 150 yards to 50 yards the size of the safety zone for archery hunters in Howard County within which archery hunting may not take place except under certain circumstances; and requiring an archery hunter in Howard County to be in an elevated position when hunting any wild bird or mammal within 50 to 100 yards of certain buildings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

NR, § 10-410(g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 97  Senator Carter

COURTS – JURY SERVICE – DISQUALIFICATION

Altering the circumstances under which an individual may be disqualified from jury service; and providing that a person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year and is currently serving the sentence imposed for the conviction, including a term of probation, is not qualified for jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 8-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 98  Senator Hettleman

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – GERIATRIC AND MEDICAL PAROLE

Requiring the Maryland Parole Commission to consider the age of an inmate when determining whether to grant parole; altering how the Commission evaluates a request for medical parole; and requiring the Commission to develop procedures for assessing parole requests by certain inmates.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, §§ 7-305 and 7-309 - amended and § 7-310 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 99  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

CJ, §§ 7-208 and 7-301(d) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 100  Senator Hettleman

REAL PROPERTY – ACTIONS TO REPOSSESS – PROOF OF RENTAL LICENSURE

Requiring, in certain actions to repossess residential rental property, a landlord to submit to the clerk of the court evidence of compliance with local rental property licensure requirements and demonstrate that the landlord is compliant with the licensure requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, §§ 8-401(b)(2), 8-402(b)(1)(i), and 8-402.1(a)(1)(i) - amended and § 8-406 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 101  Senator Augustine

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL SERVICES – IMPLEMENTATION AND REIMBURSEMENT EXPANSION

Repealing the Collaborative Care Pilot Program; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023


Assigned to: Finance
SB 102  Senator Bailey

NATURAL RESOURCES – RECREATIONAL CRABBING LICENSE – EXEMPTION

Exempting persons under the age of 16 years from the requirement to obtain a recreational crabbing license to catch or attempt to catch crabs for recreational purposes in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
NR, § 4-805 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 103  Senator Ellis

INCOME TAX – MARYLAND RESIDENTIAL SOLAR INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for the costs of certain photovoltaic property placed into service by an individual during the taxable year; prohibiting an individual from claiming the credit under certain circumstances; providing for the carryforward of any unused credit; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
TG, § 10-757 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 104  Senator Augustine

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT – APPRENTICESHIPS AND REPRESENTATION ON THE APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINING COUNCIL

Requiring that the Apprenticeship and Training Council and consultants to the Council include representation by individuals who are Black and Latino; establishing the Apprenticeship 2030 Commission to examine and make recommendations to expand access to apprenticeships to reduce skill shortages in high-demand occupations and provide affordable training for career pathways for young people in the public and private sectors; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
LE, § 11-403(b) - amended
Assigned to: Finance
SB 105  Senator Jackson

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS – STUDY

Requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to study and report on the compensation and benefits of law enforcement officers in the State; requiring certain units of State government to provide assistance to the Office by providing information necessary to conduct the study; and requiring the Office to submit its report to certain committees of the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 106  Senator Sydnor

COURTS – JUDGMENTS – EXEMPTIONS FROM EXECUTION

Exempting up to $500 in certain accounts of a judgment debtor from execution on the judgment without an election by the debtor to exempt the money; establishing a $6,000 limit on the cumulative value of property and cash that may be exempted; and requiring a writ of garnishment issued for certain accounts to instruct the garnishee that it is to garnish only a certain amount.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 11-504 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 107  Senators Lee and Beidle

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PREGNANT INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT

Requiring that a pregnant incarcerated individual be screened for substance use disorder at intake regardless of the jurisdiction or the length of the individual’s sentence, be referred to health care providers, and be provided with certain medications and treatment; requiring a correctional unit to arrange for health insurance coverage and follow-up health care before release of a pregnant incarcerated individual; and requiring that a pregnant incarcerated individual be provided with medical records on release.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CS, § 9-601.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 108  Senator Augustine

HEALTH INSURANCE – ANNUAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WELLNESS VISITS – COVERAGE AND REIMBURSEMENT

Requiring certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage and certain reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits.
EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024
IN, § 15-859 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 109  Senator Hester

INTERAGENCY COMMISSION ON SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – SYSTEMIC RENOVATION PROJECTS – ELIGIBILITY

Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to consider systemic renovation projects with a construction cost of at least $100,000 as eligible for funding from the Supplemental Public School Construction Financing Fund and the Supplemental Public School Construction Facilities Fund in fiscal years 2024 through 2026.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
EC, § 10-650(a) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 110  Senator Jackson

PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION

Altering the membership and duties of the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission; providing that a law enforcement agency may employ an individual as a police officer for a period exceeding 1 year only if the individual is certified by the Commission or for a period not to exceed 1 year if the individual is provisionally certified by the Commission; and altering provisions of law relating to the certification and recertification of police officers.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
PS, Various Sections - added, amended, and repealed
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 111  Senator Kagan
ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – DRAFT COMMITTEES AND EXPLORATORY COMMITTEES
Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to draft committees and exploratory committees; and establishing requirements and prohibitions for draft committees and exploratory committees relating to the establishment of the committees, receipt of funds, and permissible disbursements.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
EL, § 13-107 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 112  Senator Kagan
STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – GRANTS – PROMPT PAYMENT REQUIREMENT
Establishing invoicing and prompt payment requirements for certain State grants.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
SF, § 2-211 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 113  Senators Waldstreicher and Lee
CIVIL ACTIONS – PUBLIC NUISANCES – FIREARM INDUSTRY MEMBERS (GUN INDUSTRY ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2023)
Prohibiting firearm industry members from knowingly or recklessly creating, maintaining, or contributing to a public nuisance through the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, or marketing of a firearm–related product under certain circumstances; requiring a firearm industry member to establish and implement certain reasonable controls regarding the sale, manufacture, distribution, importation, marketing, possession, or use of certain firearm–related products; authorizing certain civil actions for violations of the Act; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
CJ, §§ 3-2301 through 3-2304 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 114  Senator Hayes

PROPERTY TAX – CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE – NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

Altering certain notice requirements relating to the intention of a county or municipal corporation to set a certain real property tax rate that exceeds the constant yield tax rate.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
TP, § 6-308 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 115  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
CJ, § 3-8A-03(c) and GP, § 6-202 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 116  Senator Benson

PROPERTY TAX – MUNICIPAL CORPORATION BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATE – ALTERATIONS

Altering the municipal corporation tax rate applicable to business personal property and certain operating real property to be not more than a certain amount; and applying the limitation on the municipal corporation tax rate to special rates prevailing in a taxing district or part of a municipal corporation.
Preliminary analysis: local government mandate
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
TP, § 6-303 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 117 Senator Ellis

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – LITTER COLLECTION AND MOWING

Requiring the State Highway Administration to collect litter and mow the grass along State highways and certain interstate highways with a certain frequency; requiring the Administration to contract with a certain company to collect litter and provide mowing services under the Act; and specifying that the provision of litter collection and mowing services under the Act be considered a supplemental environmental project for certain purposes.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
TR, § 8-609.4 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 118 Senators Lee and Waldstreicher

CRIMINAL LAW – PROHIBITIONS ON WEARING, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTING FIREARMS

Prohibiting a person from wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm on private property unless the owner has given the person certain permission or posted a certain sign; and prohibiting a person from wearing, carrying, or transporting a firearm in any place where prohibited by statute or a certain regulation.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
CR, § 4-111 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 119 Senator Hayes

REAL PROPERTY – GROUND RENT REDEMPTION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Ground Rent Redemption Fund for the purpose of providing grants to individuals for the redemption of ground rent.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
RP, § 8-813 - added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 120  Senator Lam

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ANAPHYLACTIC FOOD ALLERGIES – GUIDELINES

Requiring each county board of education to adopt, implement, and publish certain guidelines to reduce the risk of exposure to anaphylactic causative agents 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; and requiring the principal of a certain public school to implement certain strategies and monitor and implement the guidelines established by the county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-426.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 121  Senator Rosapepe

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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 122  Senator Hayes

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – RELIGIOUS GROUP OR ORGANIZATION – THIRD–PARTY LEASES

Providing that real property owned by a religious group or organization that is leased to a third party does not qualify for a certain property tax exemption and if only part of the real property is leased to a third party, only that part so leased does not qualify for the exemption.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TP, § 7-204 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 123  Senator Ellis
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING – COLLATERAL CONSEQUENCES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH CRIMINAL RECORDS – STUDY
Requiring the Maryland Department of Planning, in coordination with the Maryland State Data Center, to study, report on, and make recommendations relating to certain collateral consequences for individuals with criminal records; and requiring the Department to report certain information to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2023.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 124  Senator Hester
MARYLAND FOOD SYSTEM RESILIENCY COUNCIL
Establishing that the Maryland Food System Resiliency Council is in the Office of Resilience in the Maryland Department of Emergency Management; and altering the process for electing a cochair of the Council.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
PS, §§ 14-1101 and 14-1102 - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 125  Senator Hayes
BUSINESS DIVERSITY INCUBATOR PROGRAM
Establishing the Digital Bay Business Diversity Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to provide grants to certain nonprofit organizations to establish diverse and effective business incubators in the State; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of $2,000,000 for the program in each of fiscal years 2026 through 2031; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
EC, § 10-490 - added
Assigned to: Finance
SB 126  Senator Kagan

MARYLAND POLICE TRAINING AND STANDARDS COMMISSION – POLICE OFFICER CERTIFICATION – ELIGIBILITY

Altering the eligibility requirements for an individual to be certified by the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission as a police officer to remove a requirement that an individual who is a permanent legal resident of the United States and an honorably discharged veteran of the United States armed forces have applied to obtain United States citizenship.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, § 3-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 127  Senator Ellis

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

ED, § 7-212(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 128  Senator Hester

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – EMERGENCY RELIEF PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing an Emergency Relief Program in the Department of Commerce to assist certain small businesses in the State to recover from economic hardships sustained from multiple emergencies.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EC, §§ 5-2301 through 5-2305 - added

Assigned to: Finance
SB 129  Senators Lee and Beidle

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
CR, § 3-318 - repealed
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 130  Senator Ellis

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND STADIUM AUTHORITY – CHARLES COUNTY SPORTS AND WELLNESS CENTER

Authorizing the Maryland Stadium Authority to review certain matters and make certain recommendations relating to the Charles County Sports and Wellness Center; authorizing the Authority to acquire and finance by certain means a Charles County Sports and Wellness Center site or an interest in the site; requiring the Authority to secure a written agreement to transfer ownership of the Charles County Sports and Wellness Center to Charles County as approved by the Board of Public Works; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation