



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 11, 2023  
Schedule 1

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

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## **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

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**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 STRAWDER 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 – WIRETAPPING 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.

CONTINGENT – 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(l) - 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

HG, § 15-141.1 and Chapters 683 and 684 of the Acts of 2018, § 2 - amended

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

EC, Various Sections - renumbered, added, & amended & SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii) 170. and 171. - amended & § 6-226(a)(2)(ii) 172. - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation