



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 25, 2023**  
**Schedule 10**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 6 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 6.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 25, 2023**

**SB 244**     **Senator Carozza**

**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – SPECIAL DEATH BENEFITS – APPLICABILITY**

Authorizing an application for special death benefits to be made for the death of certain members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System.

**EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023**

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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**SB 245**     **Senators Carozza and Mautz****WICOMICO COUNTY – CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES – ISSUANCE**

Repealing a certain limit on the number of Class A beer, wine, and liquor licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County may issue; and authorizing the Board to issue the number of Class A beer, wine, and liquor licenses that in its discretion are necessary to properly serve the interests of the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 32-901 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 246**     **Senators Carozza and Mautz****WICOMICO COUNTY – SANITARY DISTRICT – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the governing body of Wicomico County to create a sanitary district.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-602 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 247**     **Senator Kramer, et al****STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – FACULTY, PART-TIME FACULTY, AND GRADUATE ASSISTANTS**

Granting collective bargaining rights to faculty, part-time faculty, and certain graduate students at an institution within the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College of Maryland; establishing separate collective bargaining units for faculty, part-time faculty, and graduate assistants; and altering the procedures for petitions, elections, and certification applicable to the bargaining units for faculty and part-time faculty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, §§ 3-101, 3-102, 3-402, 3-403(d), 3-404, 3-405, and 3-406 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 248**     **Senator Kramer**INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – TRANSCRIPTS –  
PROHIBITION ON PUNITIVE MEASURES RELATED TO STUDENT  
DEBT

Prohibiting an institution of higher education from refusing to provide a current or former student with a transcript or taking other punitive measures regarding a student's transcript request because the student owes a debt to the institution of higher education.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 15-118 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 249**     **Senator Kramer**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – DRIVER EDUCATION  
PROGRAM – CANNABIS

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include in the curriculum for a standardized driver education program information on the laws relating to and the risks of driving while under the influence of cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 16-505 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 250**     **Senator Kramer**

## ENVIRONMENT – CLIMATE CRISIS PLAN – REQUIREMENT

Requiring each county to prepare a climate crisis plan to address the effects of climate change in the county; requiring each county to submit its plan to the Department of the Environment for review and feedback on or before June 1, 2024; requiring the Department to provide feedback to each county on or before November 1, 2024; requiring each county to finalize its plan on or before January 1, 2025; and requiring each county to review and update its plan at least once every 3 years.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

EN, § 2-1209 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 251**     **Senator Washington**STATE GOVERNMENT – COMMISSION ON LGBTQIA+ AFFAIRS –  
ALTERATIONS

Renaming the Commission on LGBTQ Affairs to be the Commission on LGBTQIA+ Affairs; increasing the number of members of the Commission from 15 to 21; altering certain qualifications for members appointed to the Commission; and staggering the terms of Commission members.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, §§ 9.5-101(b), 9.5-501 through 9.5-503, and 9.5-507 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 252**     **Senator Carozza, et al**RECKLESS AND NEGLIGENT DRIVING – DEATH OF ANOTHER –  
MUST-APPEAR VIOLATION (SHERRY’S AND CHRISTIAN’S LAW)

Providing that a person charged with reckless or negligent driving must appear in court and may not prepay the fine if the reckless or negligent driving contributed to an accident that resulted in the death of another person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 21-901.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 253**     **Senator Hester**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – REGISTERS OF WILLS – ELECTRONIC  
FILING AND SIGNATURES

Requiring a register of wills to accept certain documents filed electronically through a system established by the register of wills; and prohibiting a register of wills from refusing to accept a document based on the manner in which it was signed.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ET, § 2-214 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 254**     **Senator Hester****BUSINESS REGULATION – CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “charitable contribution” to exclude donations of property made with the intent to redistribute without charge for a benevolent, educational, eleemosynary, humane, patriotic, philanthropic, or religious purpose and an authorization for or a discount on the use of certain services or materials, equipment, or facilities for purposes of provisions of law regulating charitable organizations and charitable representatives.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BR, § 6-101(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 255**     **Senator Hester****PUBLIC HEALTH – HOME– AND COMMUNITY–BASED SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to expand access to and provide reimbursement for certain behavioral health collaborative care, case management, and wraparound services; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2024, the Behavioral Health Administration to fund 100 slots in the mental health case management program for children or youth at risk of out-of-home placement who are not eligible for program services; requiring the Governor to include funding in the annual budget bill for certain behavioral health services; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 15-1101 and 15-1102 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 256**     **Senator Hester****ENVIRONMENT – FIRE–FIGHTING TRAINING – ORIENTED STRAND BOARD – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the setting on fire or burning of oriented strand board for certain fire-fighting training; and establishing civil penalties up to \$500 for a first violation of the Act, and up to \$1,000 for a second or subsequent violation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 6-1701 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 257**     **Senators Waldstreicher and Carter**

TASK FORCE TO ASSESS THE VIABILITY FOR FREE PHONE CALLS FOR STATE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS (KEEPING FAMILIES CONNECTED ACT OF 2023)

Establishing the Task Force to Assess the Viability for Free Phone Calls for State Incarcerated Individuals.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 258**     **Senator Lam**

HOSPITAL CREDENTIALING – REAPPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR PHYSICIAN STAFF – MODIFICATION

Requiring that the credential reappointment process for physician staff included in certain minimum standards for hospitals licensed in the State be conducted in accordance with standards of the accreditation body that accredits a hospital, rather than every 2 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 19-319(e)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 259**     **Senator Lam**

BUSINESS REGULATION – FLAVORED TOBACCO PRODUCTS – PROHIBITION

Providing that certain licenses to manufacture, sell, buy, and store cigarettes, other tobacco products, and electronic smoking devices do not authorize the licensee to manufacture, ship, import, or sell into or within the State a flavored tobacco product with a taste or smell of fruit, mint, candy, or other nontobacco flavors; providing that a public statement that cigarettes, other tobacco products, or electronic smoking devices have or produce a certain smell or taste is presumptive evidence that they are flavored tobacco products; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

BR, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 260**     **Senator West, et al**

## MARYLAND PAINT STEWARDSHIP

Requiring producers of architectural paint or a representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment on or before July 1, 2024, and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment, submitted in accordance with the Paint Stewardship Program; prohibiting the sale of certain architectural paint under certain circumstances beginning January 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EN, Various Sections - added and §§ 9-1701(i-1), 9-1702, and 9-1707(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 261**     **Senator Gallion, et al**MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES – CONSUMER PRICE INDEX  
ADJUSTMENT – REPEAL

Repealing a requirement that certain motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TG, § 9-305 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 262**     **Senator Gallion, et al**ENVIRONMENT – ON-FARM COMPOSTING FACILITIES – PERMIT  
EXEMPTION

Requiring the Department of the Environment to adopt regulations to exempt an on-farm composting facility from the requirement to obtain a permit if the on-farm composting facility uses 40,000 square feet of area or less for active food scrap composting, composts only certain materials, records the amount and source of the feedstock composted and the date and time the feedstock arrived on the farm, retains the records for 3 years, and meets any other condition for a permit exemption specified in regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EN, § 9-1725 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 263**     **Senator Jackson**MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – ACCESS TO  
MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Access to Mental Health Advisory Committee within the Maryland Higher Education Commission; and requiring the Committee to submit an annual report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain legislative committees of the Maryland General Assembly beginning on December 1, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 11-108 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 264**     **Senator Jackson**

## LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – BENEFITS

Altering the accrual rate from 2.0% to 2.5% for service earned on or after July 1, 2023, for calculating the retirement allowance for certain retirees of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; altering the maximum benefit that certain retirees of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System may receive, from 65% to 70% of the member's average final compensation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, §§ 26-204(a) and 26-401(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 265**     **Senator Watson**

## 6888TH CENTRAL POSTAL DIRECTORY BATTALION DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim March 9 as 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion Day.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment



**SB 266**     **Senator Watson****MARYLAND CONSORTIUM ON COORDINATED COMMUNITY SUPPORTS – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATION**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Consortium on Coordinated Community Supports to include a school counselor certified by the State Department of Education, designated by the Maryland School Counselor Association.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-447.1(d) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 267**     **Senators Watson and King****INTERNET GAMING – AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain licenses to certain video lottery operators to conduct or participate in certain Internet gaming operations in the State; authorizing the Governor, on recommendation of the Commission, to enter into certain multijurisdictional Internet gaming agreements with certain other governments, subject to certain limitations; and submitting the Act to a referendum of the qualified voters of the State.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SG, §§ 9-1F-01 through 9-1F-09 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 24, 2023****SB 198**     **Senator Augustine****ELEVATOR SAFETY – PRIVATELY OWNED SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ELEVATORS – INSPECTION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing that an elevator installed in a privately owned single-family residential dwelling on or after October 1, 2023, is subject to certain inspection and registration requirements.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

PS, §§ 12-804 and 12-808 - amended

Reassigned to: Finance