



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 30, 2023
Schedule 13

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.

SENATE BILL INTRODUCED *January 27, 2023*

SB 338 **Senator Ferguson**

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR INNOVATION GRANT

Establishing the Extended School Year Innovation Grant to develop and implement an extended school year scheduling model in public primary and secondary schools; requiring the State Department of Education to administer the Grant to participating public primary or secondary schools to support certain expenses associated with implementing an extended school year scheduling model; and requiring the Governor, for each fiscal year through 2035, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$25,000,000 to the Department for the Grant.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-103.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 30, 2023**SB 339 Senator Kagan****ELECTION LAW – RECOUNTS – PROCEDURES**

Requiring a petitioner for a recount to select the method for conducting the recount; limiting the methods from which the selection must be made to rescanning the ballots using certain vote tabulating equipment, a manual recount of voter-verifiable paper records, or any other recount method approved by the State Administrator; and requiring a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter-verifiable paper records in a certain manner and count only voter-verifiable paper records in a manual recount.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

EL, § 12-108 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 340 Senators Kagan and Waldstreicher**CRIMINAL LAW – FALSE STATEMENTS – EMERGENCY OR COMMISSION OF CRIME (ANTISWATTING ACT OF 2023)**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 3-8A-19(d)(3) and CR, § 10-307 - amended and CR, § 9-501.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 341 Senator Feldman**PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH SERVICES PLANS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring, on or before August 1, 2024, each public senior higher education institution, in consultation with students, to develop and implement a reproductive health services plan to provide at the institution or to refer students to a comprehensive range of reproductive health services; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health, on request, to provide assistance to a public senior higher education institution in developing the plan.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 15-136 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

CJ, § 1-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 343 Senator Zucker, et al**MARYLAND ACHIEVING A BETTER LIFE EXPERIENCE (ABLE) PROGRAM – ACCOUNT ESTABLISHMENT – PROCEDURES**

Establishing certain procedures regarding the persons who may establish or receive distributions from an ABLE account in the Maryland ABLE Program for a certain eligible individual; and requiring the Maryland 529 Board to adopt certain procedures regarding the establishment and operation of an ABLE account by a person other than a certain designated beneficiary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

ED, §§ 18-19C-01, 18-19C-02(d), and 18-19C-04 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 344 Senator Benson, et al**INCOME TAX – CAREGIVER TAX CREDIT**

Allowing certain caregivers a credit against the State income tax equal to 30% of the qualified expenses paid or incurred that exceed \$2,000; providing that qualified expenses are those paid or incurred for goods and services that relate directly to the care or support of an immediate family member who is at least 18 years of age and requires assistance with one or more daily activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-757 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 345 **Senators Benson and Ellis****MARYLAND FAIR SCHEDULING ACT**

Requiring an employer who employs individuals in a food service facility or retail establishment to pay certain employees at a certain rate of pay for certain shifts of work, except under certain circumstances; providing that certain employees employed in a food service facility or retail establishment have the right to decline to work hours that occur during the 11 hours following the end of a shift; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, §§ 2-106(b) and 3-102(a) - amended and §§ 3-103(n) and 3-1801 through 3-1811 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 346 **Senator King, et al****MARYLAND SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS ACT**

Establishing a licensing and regulatory system for sign language interpreters under the State Board of Sign Language Interpreters in the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing; establishing the Sign Language Interpreters Fund to be used exclusively to cover the documented direct and indirect costs of fulfilling the Board's duties, including development of programs to assist licensure of marginalized interpreters, development of certain mentorship programs, and financial assistance for certain applicants; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SG, § 8-403(59) through (63) - renumbered, §§ 8-403(59) and 9-2410 through 9-2435 - added, and §§ 9-2401 and 9-2403 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 347 **Senator Washington****BALTIMORE COUNTY – CLASS B–ECF/DS (EDUCATION CONFERENCE FACILITY/DINING SERVICE) LICENSE – TOWSON UNIVERSITY**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

AB, § 13-1001 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 348 **Senator King, et al**

EDUCATION – STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER – FUNDING

Altering the calculation of certain funding for the State Library Resource Center for certain fiscal years.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 23-205(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 349 **Senator M. Washington**

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF PSYCHOLOGISTS – LICENSE AND REGISTRATION ISSUANCE AND RENEWALS – ELECTRONIC MEANS

Requiring the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists to issue electronic licenses and certificates; repealing the requirement that the Board include certain information on each license and registration; and requiring the Board to send renewal notices by first-class mail if the electronic notice is returned as undeliverable, or on a specific request by the registrant.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 18-306 and 18-309 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 350 **Senator King, et al**

EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT – CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – FUNDING

Altering the calculation for the funding of the Child Care Scholarship Program beginning in fiscal year 2025; limiting the circumstances under which the Program may be frozen; requiring certain reimbursement rates and income eligibility requirements for the Program; and prohibiting the copayment levels for the Program from exceeding certain copayment levels.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 9.5-111 and 9.5-113 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 351 **Senator Washington****MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION – AFFORDABLE LIFE, WILLS, AND ESTATE PLANNING FOR SENIORS PROGRAM**

Establishing the Affordable Life, Wills, and Estate Planning for Seniors Program in the Maryland Legal Services Corporation to provide seniors with moderate financial means access to affordable civil law–related services; establishing that an individual is eligible to participate in the Program if the individual is at least 65 years old and has a family income that does not exceed 75% of the median family income for the State; requiring the Governor to provide an appropriation of \$500,000 in the annual budget for the Program; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HU, § 11-605 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 352 **Senator King, et al****EDUCATION – PUBLIC LIBRARIES – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING**

Authorizing employees of certain public libraries to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; requiring certain employers and certified exclusive representatives to engage in good faith bargaining; establishing a collective bargaining process for employees of certain public libraries; prohibiting employers and employee organizations from engaging in certain actions regarding the exercise of an employee’s rights under the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 23-601 through 23-614 - repealed and §§ 23-901 through 23-912 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 353 **Senator Washington****HIGHER EDUCATION – HUNGER–FREE CAMPUS GRANT PROGRAM
– ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2025, to include in the annual budget bill a \$1,500,000 appropriation for the Hunger–Free Campus Grant Program; requiring public institutions of higher education and regional higher education centers to include at least \$25,000 in cash or in–kind contributions as part of the matching requirement for the Program; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to allocate at least \$50,000 and not more than \$150,000 to institutions and centers for certain activities; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, §§ 11-1704 through 11-1706 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

SB 354 **Senator Gile, et al****INCOME TAX CHECKOFF – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND**

Establishing a certain income tax checkoff for voluntary contributions to the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund; and requiring, for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2022, the Comptroller to include a checkoff on individual income tax return forms for voluntary contributions to the Fund and to include certain information in each individual income tax return package.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, §§ 2-117 and 10-804(1) - added and SG, § 9-913 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 355 **Senator Beidle****OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH – PUBLIC BUILDINGS –
INDOOR AIR QUALITY**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, in consultation with the Secretary of the Environment, the Secretary of Health, and the Director of the Maryland Energy Administration, to adopt a comprehensive indoor air quality standard for public buildings on or before October 31, 2025; requiring the Commissioner to establish a technical advisory committee to make certain recommendations regarding the development of the comprehensive indoor air quality standard; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, §§ 5-1301 and 5-1302 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 356 **Senator Beidle**TRANSPORTATION – CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE
ENHANCEMENT OF COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING BWI
THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT – MODIFICATION

Altering the duties of the Citizens Committee for the Enhancement of Communities Surrounding Baltimore–Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport to include the development and advancement of additional categories of projects; and increasing the amount in the annual budget for the State Department of Transportation designated by the State Secretary of Transportation for certain grants from \$1 to \$2 for every takeoff and landing of an aircraft that occurs at BWI airport for the most recent available calendar year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TR, § 5-414 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 357 **Senator Klausmeier**RENEWABLE ENERGY PORTFOLIO STANDARD – SOLAR ENERGY –
COMPLIANCE FEES

Altering the compliance fee for a shortfall from the required percentage of energy from Tier 1 renewable sources to be derived from solar energy for the renewable energy portfolio standard beginning in 2025 and later.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PU, § 7-705(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 358 **Senator Salling, et al**PROCUREMENT – CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS – CONTRACT
MODIFICATION CLAUSE

Requiring a procurement contract for construction to include a clause providing for contract modification when there is a substantial increase in the price of materials required to complete the contract, as determined by the unit, due to certain factors; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

SF, § 13-218 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 359 **Senator Guzzone****COMMUNITY COLLEGE TUITION AND RESIDENCY WAIVERS – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2025 through 2027, to include in the annual State budget for the Maryland Higher Education Commission an appropriation of \$10,000,000 to fund State-mandated community college tuition and residency waivers; and requiring the Commission to report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2024 and each December through December 1, 2027 on the number of students receiving a tuition or residency waiver for certain categories and the amount of funds provided to each community college.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 16-322 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 360 **Senator Guzzone****PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – GRANT PROGRAMS, APPROVALS, AND ADMINISTRATION – ALTERATIONS**

Repealing the School Safety Grant Program and the Aging Schools Program as of June 30, 2026; altering provisions relating to school construction approvals by the State Superintendent of Schools; establishing the Interagency Commission on School Construction as an independent unit of State government; providing a removal process for members of the Interagency Commission; repealing the requirement for the Board of Public Works to approve grants awarded under a certain capital grant program; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

ED, §§ 5-317 and 5-324 - repealed & §§ 2-303(f), 4-115(b), (c)(1)(i), (2), and (3), 5-302(b) and (f), 5-313(c), and 5-327(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 361 Senator Salling**DELIVERY EMPLOYEES – REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring an employer of a delivery employee to reimburse the delivery employee for mileage in an amount that is at least equal to the most recent Internal Revenue Service standard mileage rate; and requiring the employer to post in a conspicuous place where the delivery employee is employed a printed notice of the provisions of the Act in a form that the Commissioner of Labor and Industry requires.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, §§ 3-103(e)(7) and 3-718 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 362 Senator Guzzone, et al**CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring, on or before December 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Health to submit a State plan amendment to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services to establish certified community behavioral health clinics; requiring, if the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services approves the amendment, the Department to amend the State plan to cover certain services; and requiring the Department to establish certain payment systems.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, § 15-141.5 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 363 Senator Guzzone, et al**VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINAL PROCEEDS – PURSE DEDICATION ACCOUNT – OCEAN DOWNS RACE COURSE OPERATING LOSS ASSISTANCE**

Altering the authority of the Ocean Downs Race Course to use certain Purse Dedication Account funds generated from video lottery terminal proceeds for operating loss assistance to support a certain minimum number of live racing days at the racecourse.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SG, § 9-1A-28(g) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 364 **Senator Elfreth, et al**

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DWELLINGS OF PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS – RETIRED PERSONNEL

Altering, for taxable years beginning after June 30, 2023, the definition of “public safety officer” to include certain retired personnel for purposes of a certain credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on a certain dwelling that is owned by the public safety officer; 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