SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 16, 2023
Schedule 4

PLEASE NOTE: January 20 – Bill request deadline.
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 BILLS INTRODUCED January 16, 2023

SB 141  Senators Elfreth and Zucker

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR ADOPTION EXPENSES – ALTERATIONS

Altering eligibility for and the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for a taxpayer who adopts a child during the taxable year.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
TG, § 10-208(b) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SB 142  Senator Elfreth
UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF MARYLAND – BOARD OF REGENTS – STUDENT MEMBER GRANT

Authorizing the Board of Regents of the University System of Maryland to authorize a certain grant for the student member serving in the first year of the student’s term on the Board of Regents.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
ED, § 12-102(h) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 143  Senator Feldman
ELECTRICITY – NET ENERGY METERING – ACCRUAL OF NET EXCESS GENERATION (NET METERING FLEXIBILITY ACT)

Authorizing an eligible customer–generator to accrue net excess generation for an indefinite period; requiring an eligible customer–generator that elects to accrue net excess generation for an indefinite period to forfeit any net excess generation at the time an account is closed; and altering the month used to establish an annual billing cycle for the payment of net excess generation accrued.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
PU, § 7-306(f) - amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 144  Senator Feldman
PUBLIC UTILITIES – ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND CONSERVATION PROGRAMS – ENERGY PERFORMANCE TARGETS AND LOW–INCOME HOUSING

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to procure or provide for electricity customers energy efficiency and conservation programs and services designed to achieve certain target annual incremental gross energy savings in certain years; requiring the Department to update the weather–normalized gross retail sales against which savings are measured for certain plans; requiring the target annual incremental gross energy savings to be achieved based on an average of certain Department plans; etc.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
PU, § 7-211(k) - amended and §§ 7-211.1 and 7-211.2 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment
SB 145  Senator West

STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – TEMPORARY LICENSE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK

Requiring the State Board of Social Work Examiners to issue a temporary license to practice social work to an applicant who, except for passing the required examination, has met the education and experience requirements; authorizing the board to issue a temporary license if a required examination was unavailable to an applicant for a period of at least seven business days; providing that a temporary license is valid until 180 days after the examination becomes available; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
HO, §§ 19-101(e) and 19-310(a) - amended and §§ 19-101(u) and 19-309.1 - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 146  Senator Beidle

MARYLAND REAL PROPERTY TRANSFER–ON–DEATH (TOD) ACT

Altering the Maryland Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act to provide for the disclaimer of nonprobate transfers at death; providing for the creation, revocation, recordation, and effects of a transfer–on–death deed for real property; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to develop an informational sheet regarding transfer–on–death deeds; providing example forms for the creation and revocation of a transfer–on–death deed; etc.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023
ET, RP, and TP, Various Sections - amended and added
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 147  Senator Beidle

STREET RACING AND EXHIBITION DRIVING – PROHIBITED ACTS, ENFORCEMENT, AND PENALTIES

Altering certain penalties and the points assessments for certain motor vehicle violations related to participation in a race or speed contest; prohibiting a person from engaging in exhibition driving on any highway or private property used for driving by the public; authorizing the towing and impounding of a vehicle involved in violations related to participation in a race, speed contest, or exhibition driving; providing penalties of imprisonment up to 1 year or a fine up to $1,000, or both in the event of bodily injury; etc.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
TR, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, added, and amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 148  Senator Guzzone

VICTIM SERVICES PROGRAMS – SUPPLEMENTING FEDERAL FUNDING AND SUPPORT (VICTIM SERVICES STABILIZATION ACT)

Providing for the stable funding and support of trauma-informed, high-quality program and services for victims of crime; requiring the Governor’s Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to help support certain programs providing services for victims of crime; requiring the Office to consult with certain individuals and organizations regarding the allocation of certain funding; and requiring the Governor to include certain funding in the State budget.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
CP, § 11-934 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Judicial Proceedings

SB 149  Senator Salling

EDUCATION – CURRICULUM – UNIT OF INSTRUCTION ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001, TERRORIST ATTACKS

Requiring public schools and nonpublic schools that participate in State-funded education programs to include in the curriculum, beginning in the 2024–2025 school year, a unit of instruction on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that is consistent with certain guidelines developed by the State Board of Education; and encouraging nonpublic schools that do not participate in State-funded education programs to include in the curriculum a unit of instruction on the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
ED, § 7-132 - added
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 150  Senator Augustine (By Request – Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds)

MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – DENIAL OF CLAIMS – NOTICE

Altering the means by which the State Treasurer may send notice of a denial of a claim made under the Maryland Tort Claims Act to authorize notice by e-mail or, if it is the only available means, by regular mail.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
SG, § 12-107 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings
SB 151  Senator Augustine

EQUITABLE AND INCLUSIVE TRANSIT–ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ENHANCEMENT ACT

Establishing the Transit–Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund to promote the equitable and inclusive development of transit–oriented developments; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use the Fund to provide financial assistance to local jurisdictions; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation sufficient to ensure a fund balance of at $10,000,000 at the start of the fiscal year; etc.
This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023
TR and SF, Various Sections - amended and TR, §§ 7-103 and 7-1201 through 7-1205 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)169. - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 152  Senator Augustine (By Request – Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds)

BOND SALES – NOTIFICATION OF THE PUBLIC

Authorizing the Board of Public Works and the State Treasurer to provide public notice of a public sale of State bonds by The Municipal Market Monitor (TM3) or a similar service or such other method deemed appropriate by the State Treasurer.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
SF, § 8-123 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 153  Senator Augustine (Chair, Joint Committee on the Management of Public Funds)

STATE INVESTMENT PORTFOLIO – INVESTMENT THRESHOLDS – ALTERATIONS

Repealing the limitations on investment in certain commercial paper in which the Treasurer may invest or reinvest certain unexpended or surplus funds; requiring the Treasurer to adopt regulations to establish a State investment policy with certain thresholds; and requiring the Treasurer to notify certain officials and governing bodies of certain local governmental units about the provisions of the Act.
EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023
SF, § 6-222 - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation
SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 13, 2023

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

Reassigned to: Finance