



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2023 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 20, 2023
Schedule 7

PLEASE NOTE: SB 182 and SB 183 will appear on a future synopsis
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 20, 2023

SB 168 **Senator Guzzone**

**MARYLAND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES COUNCIL –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council as an independent unit of State government with the authority to conduct and support advocacy, systems change, and capacity–building efforts to promote inclusive communities and equity in services for individuals with disabilities in the State, research best practices and provide related training and technical assistance to communities in the State, and inform State and local leaders about disability issues.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

HG, §§ 7-12A-01 through 7-12A-04 - added

Assigned to: Finance

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SB 169 **Senator Feldman, et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – CONSUMER PROTECTION – BIOMETRIC DATA PRIVACY**

Regulating the use of biometric data by private entities, including by requiring certain private entities in possession of biometric data to develop a written policy, made available to the public, establishing a retention schedule and guidelines for permanent destruction of biometric data; authorizing an individual alleging a violation of the Act to bring a civil action against the offending private entity; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, §§ 13-301(14)(xxxv) and 13-408 - amended and §§ 13-301(14)(xxxvii) and 14-4501 through 14-4506 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 170 **Senator Feldman****ENERGY GENERATION PROJECTS – REQUIRED LABOR STANDARDS**

Requiring the developer of a covered project, on the approval of a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of a certain generating station or qualified generator lead line or an exemption from a certain requirement for a certificate of public convenience and necessity, to meet certain labor standards and reporting requirements; establishing certain labor standards and certain certification, reporting, and record-keeping requirements related to the construction of a covered project; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 3-718 and PU, §§ 7-207(h) and 7-207.1(g) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 171 **Senators Feldman and Klausmeier****PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE LIABILITY INSURANCE – ENHANCED UNDERINSURED MOTORIST COVERAGE – OPT-OUT OPTION**

Converting enhanced underinsured motorist coverage from an opt-in offering of coverage into an opt-out coverage option under provisions of law establishing requirements for private passenger motor vehicle liability insurance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

IN, §§ 19-509(b), 19-509.1, 19-510(a), 19-511(a), and 19-511.1(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 172 Senator Rosapepe**EMPLOYMENT FOR MINORS – OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORK (JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ACT)**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, to release certain personal information of a minor who has a work permit to employers and apprenticeship sponsors, educational programs and institutions, and local workforce development boards that have requested and have registered with the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of receiving the information, if a parent or legal guardian of the minor or the minor elects to allow the sharing of the information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

LE, § 3-206 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 173 Senator Waldstreicher**AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT – CLARIFICATION**

Clarifying the language of a provision of law requiring the expungement of certain records maintained by the State or a political subdivision of the State relating to the charging of certain offenses under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, § 10-105.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 174 Senators Guzzone and Salling**SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – REDEVELOPMENT AREAS IN BALTIMORE COUNTY – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending, until July 1, 2036, the termination date applicable to an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment purchased for use in a certain target redevelopment area in Baltimore County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

Chapters 603 and 604 of the Acts of 2016, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 175 **Senator Guzzone**MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND – PUBLIC SCHOOL
CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY

Repealing the termination date on the eligibility of the Maryland School for the Blind for funding under the Public School Construction Program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

ED, § 8-315 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 176 **Senator Kagan**ELECTION LAW – INSUFFICIENT NUMBER OF CANDIDATES FOR A
PRIMARY ELECTION

Requiring the State Board of Elections to extend the filing deadline for a primary election if, at any time during the 48-hour period immediately preceding the filing deadline, the number of candidates for a political party is less than the number of nominations the party is allowed for the office; and requiring the State central committee of a political party to select candidates for Governor and Lieutenant Governor to fill vacancies in candidacy for a primary election under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EL, §§ 5-303, 5-502, 5-504, and 5-902 - amended and § 5-303.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 177 **Senator Kagan**

RENTAL VEHICLES – SPARE TIRES AND TIRE REPAIR TOOLS

Requiring a motor vehicle rental company to provide with each rental vehicle a spare tire and tire repair tools if these items were included with the initial sale of the rental vehicle or are generally included in new vehicles of the year, make, model, and style of the rental vehicle; requiring a motor vehicle rental company to disclose in the rental agreement that the rental vehicle is not equipped with a spare tire or tire repair tools under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 18-110 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 178 **Senator Kagan****BUSINESS REGULATION – SALE OF MOTOR FUEL – SIGNAGE (GAS PRICE GOUGING ACT)**

Requiring that a certain sign kept on the premises of a retail service station clearly and visibly state the credit and debit price and the cash price for a whole measurement unit of regular gasoline; repealing an exemption from a certain signage requirement for retail service station dealers with not more than 3 dispensing units that combined have not more than 6 nozzles; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

BR, § 10-315 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 179 **Senator Kagan****CONSUMER PROTECTION – RETAIL SALES – RETURN AND EXCHANGE POLICY (RIGHT TO REFUND INFORMATION ACT)**

Requiring, before the completion of certain retail sales transactions, that merchants provide to consumers notice of the merchants' refund and exchange policies or policies of no refunds or exchanges by conspicuously displaying a certain notice; and making a violation of the Act an unfair, deceptive, or abusive trade practice that is subject to enforcement and penalties under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CL, § 13-321 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 180 **Senator Beidle****RESIDENTIAL SERVICE AGENCIES – REIMBURSEMENT – PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES**

Authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reimburse a residential service agency for personal assistance services only if the personal assistance services are provided by an individual classified as an employee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 19-4A-10 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 181 The President (By Request – Administration)**BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2024)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 184 Senator Beidle, et al**HEALTH INSURANCE – DIAGNOSTIC AND SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINATIONS FOR BREAST CANCER – COST-SHARING**

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations that provide coverage for diagnostic and supplemental breast examinations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible requirement for the examination.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024

IN, § 15-814.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 185 Senator Beidle, et al**MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER – FIREARMS SURRENDERED UNDER FINAL PROTECTIVE ORDERS**

Altering the purpose of the Maryland State Police Gun Center to include the tracking, screening, and vetting of all firearms surrendered under final protective orders in the State; and requiring each law enforcement agency to report to the Center the number and type of firearms surrendered, the jurisdictions where the firearms were surrendered, and certain information regarding the individual who surrendered each firearm under final protective orders.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

PS, §§ 5-801 through 5-803 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 186 Senator Kagan**GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND**

Establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to provide financial assistance to nonprofit organizations for the purchase and installation of qualifying energy systems and technical assistance for the planning and installation of qualifying energy systems; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy for Nonprofit Organizations Loan Fund; requiring the Governor, in fiscal year 2025, to include \$5,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund; etc.

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

SG, §§ 9-2101 through 9-2107 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)172. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)170. and 171. - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 187 Senator Kagan**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSES, CERTIFICATES, AND REGISTRATIONS – IMMIGRANTS**

Prohibiting a health occupations board from denying a license, certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual meets all educational, training, or professional requirements for licensure, certification, or registration; and requiring each health occupations board to require each applicant for a license to disclose the Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number of the applicant and record the number on the application.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

FL, § 10-119.3(b), (c)(2), and (d)(1) - amended and HO, § 1-227 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 188 **Senator Lam, et al****PUBLIC HEALTH – RARE DISEASE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Establishing the Rare Disease Advisory Council to study and make recommendations on matters relating to individuals with rare diseases in the State; requiring the Council to convene public hearings, make inquiries, and solicit comments from the public on the needs of rare disease patients, caregivers, and health care providers; requiring the Council to report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 1 each year beginning in 2024 and provide recommendations on ways to address the needs of persons with rare diseases in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, §§ 13-4801 through 13-4804 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 189 **Senator Rosapepe****MARYLAND SAVES DATA SHARING ACT**

Authorizing, subject to certain limitations, the disclosure of certain tax information to the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Board and its authorized contractors for the purposes of administering the Maryland Small Business Retirement Savings Program and Trust.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2023

TG, § 13-203(c) - amended and § 13-203(e) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 190 **Senator West, et al****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 191 Senator Jackson**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF – DUTIES AND DEPUTY SHERIFFS**

Increasing from four to five the number of full-time assistant sheriffs provided to the Sheriff of Prince George’s County; providing that the Fraternal Order of Police will negotiate on behalf of deputy sheriffs in benefit matters not related to salary; and clarifying that the Office of the Sheriff of Prince George’s County may investigate domestic violence calls and are not required to transfer those investigations to another law enforcement agency.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CJ, § 2-330 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 192 Senator Sydnor**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – FACIAL RECOGNITION TECHNOLOGY – REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND PROHIBITIONS**

Establishing requirements, procedures, and prohibitions relating to the use of facial recognition technology by a law enforcement agency under certain circumstances; requiring on October 1 each year, a law enforcement agency that uses or contracts for the use of facial recognition technology to complete an audit to determine compliance with the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

CP, §§ 2-501 through 2-510 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 193 Senators Sydnor and Hayes**GROUND LEASES – COLLECTION OF RENT, INTEREST, FEES, AND OTHER EXPENSES – REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing that ground leases or amendments that are not posted on the State Department of Assessments and Taxation’s website are not considered registered or amended; prohibiting a ground lease holder from collecting or attempting to collect rent, late fees, interest, collection costs, and other expenses related to a ground lease unless the ground lease is registered with the Department; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, §§ 8-703 and 8-707 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 194 **Senators Sydnor and Hayes****GROUND LEASES – NOTICES AND BILLING – FORMS AND REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting a leasehold tenant of an unregistered ground lease from being required to hold more than 3 years of ground rent in escrow; requiring a ground lease holder to mail certain notices or bills to a leasehold tenant in a certain manner under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to make certain forms available on its website; and requiring a ground lease transferee to send notice of a transfer to the Department within 30 days.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, Various Sections - renumbered, amended, and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 195 **Senator West****ORPHANS' COURT JUDGES – ELECTION**

Requiring that candidates for judge of the orphans' court appear on the ballot without party designation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

EL, §§ 5-203, 5-706, and 9-210(a)(6) and (7) and (g) - amended and EL, §§ 8-901 through 8-905 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 196 **Senators Sydnor and Hayes****RESIDENTIAL GROUND LEASES – REDEMPTION AND EXTINGUISHMENT – REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing the prohibition against a tenant who is seeking to redeem or extinguish ground rent providing certain documentation and payments to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation earlier than 90 days after an application for redemption or extinguishment has been posted on the Department's website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

RP, § 8-801(b) through (f) - renumbered, § 8-801(b) - added, and § 8-804(f) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 197 **Senator Hettleman****FOUR-DAY WORKWEEK PILOT PROGRAM AND INCOME TAX CREDIT – ESTABLISHED (FOUR-DAY WORKWEEK ACT OF 2023)**

Establishing the Four-Day Workweek Pilot Program in the Maryland Department of Labor for the purpose of promoting, incentivizing, and supporting the experimentation and study of the use of a 4-day workweek by private and public employers; allowing certain qualifying employers that participate in the Program to claim a credit against the State income tax in an amount to be determined by the Department; requiring the Department to report by December 1 each year on the status of the program to the Governor and the General Assembly; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

LE, §§ 3-1801 through 3-1805 and TG, § 10-757 - added

Assigned to: Finance

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 199 **Senator Lam, et al****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION FRAMEWORK – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board of education to create an age-appropriate curriculum that is consistent with the comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board to establish a method by which a parent or guardian may opt out of certain topics, subject to certain requirements; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 7-401 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 200 **Senator Lam (By Request – State Board of Chiropractic Examiners)****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF CHIROPRACTIC EXAMINERS – DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS AND PROCEDURES**

Authorizing the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners to deny a license to an applicant or to take certain action against a licensee for failure to follow an order of the Board; prohibiting a Board order from being stayed pending judicial review; authorizing the Board to appeal a decision that reverses or modifies its order; and authorizing the Board to reinstate a suspended or revoked license only under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HO, §§ 3-313(28) and (29) and 3-316 - amended and §§ 3-313(30) and 3-317 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 201 **Senators Hester and Augustine****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAMS – SCHOOL-BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES – REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring, on or before December 1, 2023, the Maryland Department of Health to apply to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services for a State plan amendment authorizing certain reimbursement of behavioral health services when provided in a school setting by certain health care providers under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program or the Maryland Children's Health Insurance Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

HG, § 15-151 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 202 **Senator Feldman****PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS**

Reestablishing the requirement that the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, draft a plan of action for implementing a process to set upper payment limits for certain prescription drug products; reestablishing the authority of the Board to set upper payments limits, under certain circumstances, for prescription drug products that are purchased or paid for by or through certain State or local government entities, plans, or programs; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, §§ 21-2C-13 through 21-2C-16 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 203 **Senator Jackson**

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – CHILD EXPLOITATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS, TRAINING, AND RESPONSE

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop and implement a certain training program for certain transportation–sector employees on the identification and reporting of suspected child exploitation and human trafficking; requiring transportation–sector employers to certify that certain employees have completed the training program; requiring certain transportation–sector employers to establish procedures for reporting suspected child exploitation and human trafficking to certain entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023

TR, § 2-113 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 204 **Senator Jackson**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – VESTING AND RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE – CLERK OF THE COURT AND REGISTER OF WILLS

Establishing for a clerk of a circuit court and a register of wills vesting rights and a retirement allowance in the Employees’ Pension System after accruing at least 8 years of eligibility service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

SP, § 23-401(f) - amended and § 29-306 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 205 **Senator King**

EDUCATION – LIBRARIES – FUNDING

Providing certain funding for each county public library system for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 23-503 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 206 **Senator Beidle**

EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – CERTIFICATED
EMPLOYEES – CLASS SIZE

Repealing the prohibition on a public school employer negotiating the
maximum number of students assigned to a class.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

ED, § 6-408(c)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 207 **Senator Watson**

INCOME TAX – OCTOGENARIAN CREDIT

Authorizing a certain credit against the State income tax for certain taxpayers
who are at least 80 years old.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023

TG, § 10-754.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation