



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 3, 2025**  
**Schedule 15**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 7 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 6.

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

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 3, 2025**

**HB 1010** Delegate A. Jones

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE PRESERVATION PROGRAM AND  
GRANT FUND – NONCAPITAL GRANTS AND DONATIONS

Altering the purpose of the African American Heritage Preservation Program and Grant Fund to provide funding for African American Heritage Preservation Noncapital Grants for the purpose of preserving or sharing African American history or culture in the State; requiring certain noncapital grants to be made using certain money received by the African American Heritage Preservation (AAHP) Grant Fund; and authorizing the AAHP Grant Fund to receive grants and donations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SF, § 5A-330 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

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**HB 1011 The Speaker (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – PRIVATE DETENTION FACILITIES – DEPRIVATION OF RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, AND IMMUNITIES**

Prohibiting a person from depriving an individual in a private detention facility of any right, privilege, or immunity secured by the United States Constitution, the Maryland Constitution, the Maryland Declaration of Rights, or any state or federal law; authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to investigate a violation of the Act; authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to file a civil action against a person for a violation of the Act under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 1-202 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 1012 Delegate Kerr****MASSAGE THERAPY – CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to establish certain continuing education requirements as a condition of the renewal of a license; and authorizing the Board to refuse to renew the license of a licensed massage therapist who fails to attend the required course or submit certification of attendance at the required courses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HO, § 6-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1013 Delegate Kerr****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – NONOPIOID DRUGS FOR THE TREATMENT OF PAIN**

Prohibiting the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations from applying a prior authorization requirement, step therapy protocol, or fail-first protocol for a nonopioid drug used for the treatment of pain that is more restrictive than any prior authorization requirement, step therapy protocol, or fail-first protocol applied to an opioid or narcotic drug used for the treatment of pain; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

HG, §§ 15-102.3(m), 15-103(a)(2)(xxv), and 15-157 and IN, § 15-861 - added and HG and IN, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1014 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al****FAIR SHARE FOR MARYLAND ACT OF 2025**

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2026; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; altering the definition of “qualified child” for purposes of a certain credit against the State income tax for certain dependent children; imposing a certain business transportation fee on certain taxable income of corporations and pass-through entities for certain taxable years; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

TG, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1015 Delegate Miller, et al****PUBLIC MIDDLE, HIGH, AND CHARTER SCHOOLS – START TIME FOR INSTRUCTION**

Requiring, beginning in the 2027–2028 school year, each public middle school and each public high school to begin instruction not earlier than 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively, unless granted a waiver by the State Board of Education under certain circumstances; and requiring each county board of education and each public charter school to implement a certain public service campaign to raise awareness on sleep deprivation and later school start times.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025**

ED, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1016 Delegate Wells (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – BALTIMORE CONVENTION AND TOURISM REDEVELOPMENT AND OPERATING AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Baltimore Convention and Tourism Redevelopment and Operating Authority to govern the renovation, revitalization, and ongoing maintenance and operations of the Baltimore Convention site and the marketing of Baltimore City as a tourist destination in a certain manner; and requiring the Authority, by October 1, 2026, and each October 1 thereafter, to submit a report to the Governor, the Mayor of Baltimore City, and the General Assembly which includes a complete operating and financial statement and a certain summary.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EC, §§ 12-1201 through 12-1210 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1017 Delegate Wells**

PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS – APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND WORKFORCE APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION ACT)

Altering certain apprenticeship requirements relating to public works contracts to require certain contractors and subcontractors to employ a certain number of qualified apprentices or journeyworkers necessary to meet a certain applicable percentage for the project; altering which projects are subject to certain apprenticeship requirements; repealing certain provisions of law that authorized contractors and subcontractors to make certain payments to a certain apprenticeship program in lieu of employing certain apprentices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SF, §§ 11-203(e), 17-601, 17-603, 17-604, and 17-606 - amended and §§ 17-601.1, 17-602.1, 17-604.1, 17-605.1, and 17-607 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1018 Delegate Pruski****FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CONVENTIONAL HOME MORTGAGE LOANS – ASSUMPTION AND REQUIRED DISCLOSURES**

Requiring banking institutions, credit unions, mortgage lenders, mortgage lending businesses, and mortgage loan originators to include a certain provision in certain conventional home mortgage loans authorizing a certain borrower to purchase the property interest of a certain borrower in connection with a decree of absolute divorce if the lending entity determines that the assuming borrower qualifies for the loan; applying certain provisions of the Act retroactively; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FI, §§ 5-514, 6-606.1, 11-501(b-1), and 11-522 - added and § 6-606 - amended  
Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1019 Delegate Schmidt****HUMAN RELATIONS – PROTECTION OF THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION**

Prohibiting a governmental authority, under certain circumstances, from burdening a person's exercise of religion; and authorizing a person aggrieved by a violation of the Act to obtain certain relief in a civil action.  
EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SG, §§ 20-1301 through 20-1305 - added  
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1020 Delegate Palakovich Carr****CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORTING – MEDICAL DEBT (FAIR MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING ACT)**

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from furnishing any consumer report containing certain adverse information relating to a consumer's medical debt, or any collection action against a consumer for medical debt, or maintain a file on a consumer related to medical debt or collections; prohibiting a person from using medical debt information from a consumer report for certain purposes; prohibiting a health care facility, a health care practitioner, or an ambulance service from disclosing medical debt to a consumer reporting agency; etc.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CL, § 14-1213 and HG, §§ 24-2501 and 24-2502 - added and HG § 19-214.2(f) - amended  
Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1021 Delegates Taylor and Holmes****REAL ESTATE APPRAISERS – LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATION – QUALIFICATIONS**

Prohibiting the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors from requiring an applicant to hold a bachelor's degree or higher to qualify for certification or licensure as a real estate appraiser.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BOP, §§ 16-302 and 16-503 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1022 Delegate Hutchinson, et al****OYSTER RESTORATION – USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from using federal funds for oyster restoration projects in State waters from July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2030, both inclusive, subject to a certain exception.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, § 4-1016 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1023 Delegates Hutchinson and Adams****ENVIRONMENT – WETLANDS – LANDWARD BOUNDARIES**

Requiring certain land created under a tidal wetlands license to be described by metes and bounds; and requiring the Department of the Environment to update, on a scale of 1 inch to 200 feet, the landward boundaries of certain wetlands following the completion of improvements consisting of certain shoreline stabilization measures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EN, § 16-103 - amended and § 16-206 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1024 Delegate Hutchinson, et al****AGRICULTURE – CATASTROPHIC DAMAGE CAUSED BY DEER**

Authorizing the Department of Agriculture to take extraordinary measures to control local deer populations and prevent future crop loss if the Department determines that deer have caused catastrophic damage to a field; and defining “catastrophic damage” as the loss of 50% or more of crops from a single field.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, § 2-108 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1025 Delegate Moon****LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES – EDUCATOR SCREENING – NASDTEC CLEARINGHOUSE (SCHOOL PERSONNEL VETTING AND HIRING TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Requiring each local education agency in the State to become an associate member of the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification to utilize the Educator Identification Clearinghouse for screening educators and individuals who apply to be educators.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 6-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 1026 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TASTING PERMITS**

Altering in Frederick County the beer and wine consumption permit to be the beer and wine tasting permit and the beer, wine, and liquor consumption permit to be the beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit; and requiring the Board to regulate the quantity of beer and wine served to an individual and the number of bottles or other containers from which the quantity is served.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AB, §§ 20-1102.1 and 20-1102.2 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1027 Delegate Kerr****WORKGROUP TO STUDY IMPLEMENTATION OF A STATEWIDE 3-1-1 NONEMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM**

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Implementation of a Statewide 3-1-1 Nonemergency Telephone System; requiring the Workgroup to review a certain study completed by the Department of Information Technology in order to establish a plan to implement the recommendations of the study; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1028 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – INVESTMENT DIVISION – COMPENSATION AND STAFFING COMMITTEE**

Repealing the Objective Criteria Committee of the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System and establishing a Compensation and Staffing Committee of the Board of Trustees; requiring the Committee to make certain recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding the objective criteria to be used in setting compensation and awarding financial incentives to the Chief Investment Officer and Investment Division staff in the Investment Division of the State Retirement Agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 21-108(b), 21-118.1(a), (b), and (d)(1)(i), and 21-122(f) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1029 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – CLARIFICATIONS**

Clarifying the membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain employees of certain Maryland Department of Health facilities; and clarifying that certain participating employees who are appointed, promoted, or transferred are members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System as a condition of employment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 20-206(g), 25-201, and 25-401 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations



**HB 1030 Delegate Fennell, et al****TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – DEACTIVATION OF OPERATORS – POLICY AND APPEAL PROCEDURE**

Altering the definitions of “transportation network company” and “transportation network operator” for purposes of provisions of law regarding transportation network companies; requiring a transportation network company to maintain a deactivation policy that provides the policies and procedures for the deactivation of operators; prohibiting a transportation network company from deactivating an operator unless the deactivation is consistent with the company’s deactivation policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PU, §§ 10-101(l) and (m) and 10-401 - amended and § 10-409 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 1031 Delegate Miller, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED COVERAGE – PRESCRIPTION WEIGHT LOSS DRUGS**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations to provide coverage for prescription weight loss drugs for individuals who have been diagnosed with obesity and have at least one comorbid medical condition that can be treated with prescription weight loss drugs; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed after January 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-839.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

**HB 1032 Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION MC 4–25**

Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in Montgomery County, if authorized by local law; establishing that certain provisions of law relating to the inspection of recorded images apply to recorded images produced by a stop sign monitoring system; providing that the owner or driver of a motor vehicle recorded failing to obey a stop sign is subject to a citation and a certain civil penalty under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 4-401(13), 7-302(e)(1) thru (4), and 10-311(f) and (g) and GP, § 4-321 - amended and CJ, § 10-311(f) and TR, § 21-707.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 1033 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT EARNINGS LIMITATIONS – MAXIMUM AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION**

Clarifying that the maximum average final compensation that certain retirees of the State Retirement and Pension System is to be based on the minimum annual salary on the standard State pay scale as of January 1 of the preceding calendar year in order to be exempt from a certain reemployment earnings limitation; and adding an average final compensation reemployment exemption for the temporary suspension of a retirement allowance for disability retirees.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 22-406(c)(4)(ii), 23-407(c)(4)(i), 25-403(b)(3)(ii), 29-115(a), and 29-116(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 1034 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – ALTERATIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS**

Altering certain due dates of certain reports from the State Retirement and Pension System; and clarifying the eligibility requirements of State Police Retirement System members to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 21-116(d)(4), 21-123.2(f)(1), and 24-401.1(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations