



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 14, 2025

HB 1501 Delegate Wells (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – ASSAULT OF SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – PENALTIES

Increasing penalties for a person causing physical injury to a Baltimore City special enforcement officer, a special parking enforcement officer, or a special traffic enforcement officer while the officer is engaged in the performance of the officer's official duties; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of the felony of assault in the second degree and is subject to imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$5,000 or both.

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CR, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

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HB 1502 Delegate Wells (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY – AIDS PREVENTION STERILE NEEDLE AND SYRINGE EXCHANGE PILOT PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Renaming the AIDS Prevention Sterile Needle and Syringe Exchange Pilot Program to be the HIV Prevention Syringe Services Program; altering the duties of the Program to provide for the safe distribution of syringes and hypodermic needles and account for the number of hypodermic needles and syringes exchanged and distributed by the Baltimore City Health Department; altering the membership and duties of the Program's oversight committee; altering the immunity provided to Program staff and participants; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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HG, §§ 24-801(e), 24-802 through 24-806, 24-808, and 24-809 - amended

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HB 1503 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)**STATE PERSONNEL – PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**

Requiring that the Secretary of Budget and Management adopt regulations governing paid family and medical leave benefits for Executive Branch employees; establishing certain parameters for the paid family and medical leave; authorizing Executive Branch employees to submit a request for paid family and medical leave beginning July 1, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SP, §§ 9-1001 through 1005 - added, § 9-1001 - amended, and § 9-1108 -repealed

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1504 Delegate Ruff**JUVENILE LAW – CHILD IN NEED OF SUPERVISION – MANDATORY PETITION (NYKAYLA STRAWDER MEMORIAL ACT)**

Requiring an intake officer to file a petition alleging that a child under the age of 13 years is a child in need of supervision if the child is alleged to have committed an act that results in the death of a victim; and requiring a law enforcement officer to forward a complaint alleging that a child under the age of 13 years committed an act that resulted in the death of a victim to the Department of Juvenile Services for appropriate action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 3-8A-10(c) and CP, § 2-108 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1505 Delegate Alston**CHILD CUSTODY – REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF JOINT CUSTODY**

Establishing a rebuttable presumption in certain child custody proceedings that joint legal custody and joint physical custody for approximately equal periods of time are in the best interests of a child and establishing factors a court may consider when determining the best interests of the child; authorizing the court to award sole custody based on a preponderance of the evidence that a joint custody arrangement is not in the best interests of the child; requiring the court to enter certain factors on the record; etc.

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FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1506 Delegate Taylor**MUNICIPALITIES – ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount of a criminal fine or municipal infraction that may be imposed by a municipality to enforce certain ordinances and resolutions enacted by the municipality.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LG, §§ 6-101 and 6-102 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1507 Delegate Toles**MARYLAND TORT CLAIMS ACT – EMPLOYEES OF AN OFFICE OF A SHERIFF**

Providing that an employee of the office of a sheriff of a county or Baltimore City is immune from liability under the Maryland Tort Claims Act in the same manner as a sheriff or deputy sheriff.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SG, § 12-101(a)(6) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HB 1508 Delegate Wells (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)

BALTIMORE CITY – SALES TAX – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City to impose, by law, a tax on retail sales of tangible personal property and taxable services in the City of Baltimore, subject to certain limitations.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

TG, §§ 2-1302.5 and 11-104(1) - added and §§ 2-1303 and 11-102(c) - amended

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