



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 21, 2025
Schedule 10B

PLEASE NOTE: Schedule 10B is a continuation of the bills introduced on January 20
February 3 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate’s office by
5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 3.
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, 2025*

SB 426 The President (By Request – Administration), et al

PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT OF 2025

Authorizing the Secretary of General Services to delegate certain powers and duties to the Chief Procurement Officer; altering the authority of the Department of General Services to engage in or control procurement of certain equipment and services; altering the authority of the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority to engage in procurement for certain supplies and services for transportation related activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CS, § 10-101(c), EL, § 2-109(a)(3), SF, Various Sections, and SG, § 4-113(b)(5) - amended and SF, Various Sections - added and repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 427 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – DELIVERING ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND ADVANCING DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS (DECADE) ACT**

Requiring the Department of Commerce to evaluate the potential employment and economic growth of the State’s industry sectors and establish a certain list of industry sectors and activities to be considered for additional support; repealing the Maryland Economic Development Commission and Commerce Subcabinet; altering the designation, administration, and purposes of and eligibility for certain economic development programs; altering eligibility for and the calculation of certain economic development incentives; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CA, EC, ED, HS, SF, SG, TG, and TP, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 428 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**CHESAPEAKE BAY LEGACY ACT**

Establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program; establishing the Maryland Leaders in Environmentally Engaged Farming (LEEF) Program Fund to support actions associated with fulfilling the Program’s purpose; altering the definition of “healthy soils” for purposes of the Maryland Healthy Soils Program; exempting certain holders of certain fishing licenses from the requirement to obtain a food establishment license from the Maryland Department of Health; establishing the Water Quality Monitoring Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

AG, HG, and NR, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 429 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**EXCELLENCE IN MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS ACT**

Altering the definitions of target per pupil foundation amount, collaborative time per pupil amount, and special education per pupil amount for certain fiscal years; altering the source of funds for the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund to include the interest earnings of the Academic Excellence Fund; freezing certain increases in the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program for certain fiscal years; establishing the Collaborative Time Innovation Demonstration Grant and the Academic Excellence Program and Fund; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, Various Sections - repealed, amended, and added; SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended and 206. - added

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

SB 430 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**LAND USE – REGIONAL HOUSING INFRASTRUCTURE GAP (HOUSING FOR JOBS ACT)**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development and the Department of Planning to calculate certain regional housing infrastructure gaps; providing for the apportionment of regional housing infrastructure gaps to counties and incorporated municipalities; authorizing local jurisdictions to reduce local housing infrastructure gaps in a certain manner; establishing that certain local jurisdictions have an affirmative obligation to expeditiously approve housing development project applications; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2026

LU, §§ 1-401 and 10-103 - amended and §§ 12-101 through 12-203 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 431 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIP INVESTMENTS FOR A STRONGER ECONOMY (RAISE) ACT**

Authorizing the State Board of Plumbing to waive the license examination requirement for a journey plumber license; authorizing the Secretary of Labor to waive the examination for certain licenses; altering the duties of the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council; repealing the Youth Apprenticeship Advisory Committee; establishing the Maryland Office of Registered Apprenticeship Development to market and advance the registered apprenticeship system throughout the State; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

BOP, BR, LE, & SF, Various Sections - added, LE, § 11-405(a) & (d) & SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. & 205. - amended, & LE, § 11-409 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 432 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**CRIMINAL RECORDS – EXPUNGEMENT AND MARYLAND JUDICIARY CASE SEARCH (EXPUNGEMENT REFORM ACT OF 2025)**

Altering certain provisions of law relating to waiting periods for the filing of certain petitions for expungement to authorize the filing of a petition a certain amount of time after the completion of the sentence; adding to the list of misdemeanor convictions that a person may expunge under certain circumstances; prohibiting the Maryland Judiciary Case Search from in any way referring to the existence of a charge of possession of cannabis if the conviction was later pardoned by the Governor; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

CP, §§ 10-101, 10-105(c)(6) and (8), 10-110(a), (c), and (f), and 10-401 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 433 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**OFFICE OF DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT AND POLICY AND MARYLAND AS A MODEL EMPLOYER INITIATIVE – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy within the Department of Disabilities; establishing the Maryland as a Model Employer Initiative within the Office of Disability Employment Advancement and Policy to facilitate efforts that improve outcomes in the hiring, recruitment, retention, and advancement of people with disabilities in the State government workforce; and requiring the Office to report annually on the progress and outcomes of the Initiative.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

HU, § 7-114(b) - amended and §§ 7-1201 through 7-1205 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 434 The President (By Request – Administration), et al**EMPOWERING NEW ENERGY RESOURCES AND GREEN INITIATIVES TOWARD A ZERO-EMISSION (ENERGIZE) MARYLAND ACT**

Renaming the “renewable energy portfolio standard” to be the “clean energy portfolio standard”; altering the minimum required percentage of energy that must be derived from clean energy sources in certain years under the clean energy portfolio standard; altering the contents of and approval criteria for an application for an offshore wind project; establishing a process for the Public Service Commission to review and approve an application for a proposed nuclear energy generation project; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR and SG, Various Sections - amended and PU, Various Sections repealed, renumbered, amended, and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment