



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 28, 2025**  
**Schedule 15**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** 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.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *January 24, 2025***

### **SB 609**     **Senators Love and Hester**

#### **RESIDENTIAL LEASES – USE OF ALGORITHMIC DEVICE BY LANDLORD TO DETERMINE RENT – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a landlord from using certain algorithmic devices to determine the amount of rent to charge a residential tenant; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025**

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlii) - amended and CL, § 13-301(14)(xliv) and RP, § 8-220 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**SB 610**     **Senator King****GROWING FAMILY CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Increasing the appropriation that the Governor is required to make in the annual budget bill to \$900,000 for the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program for fiscal years 2027 and 2028.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 9.5-114(e) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 611**     **Senator King****ACCESS TO HEALTH INSURANCE FOR CHILD CARE PROFESSIONALS – OUTREACH AND QUALIFYING NONPROFIT SATELLITE ORGANIZATIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, to promote access to health insurance for child care professionals; and authorizing a child care provider that receives a certain amount of funding from a unit of State, local, or federal government to participate in the State Employee and Retiree Health and Welfare Benefits Program as a satellite organization.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

ED, § 2-107 - added and SP, § 2-512 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

**SB 612**     **Senator Jackson (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – DEFERRED VESTED FORMER MEMBERS – RETURN TO SERVICE**

Establishing that an individual who, after earning service credit sufficient for a vested allowance in the Employees' Pension System, the State Police Retirement System, the Correctional Officers' Retirement System, or the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System, separates from service and subsequently returns to service in a position in the same system under certain circumstances is subject to the same requirements to which certain members of the same system are subject.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

SP, §§ 23-215.3, 24-207.1, 25-205.1, and 26-206.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 613**     **Senators Jackson and Waldstreicher****MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY –  
DISTRACTED DRIVING MONITORING SYSTEM PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing a pilot program to authorize the use of distracted driving monitoring systems in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County to enforce certain prohibitions regarding the use of certain devices while operating a vehicle; and requiring that a county that authorizes a program of distracted driving monitoring systems under the Act to report on the effectiveness of the systems on or before December 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 4-401(13), 7-302(e)(1) through (3) and (4)(i), and 10-311 -amended and TR, § 21-1124.4 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 614**     **Senator Lam****CONSUMER PROTECTION – CREDIT REPORTING – MEDICAL DEBT  
(FAIR MEDICAL DEBT REPORTING ACT)**

Prohibiting a consumer reporting agency from including certain medical debt information in a consumer report; prohibiting a person from using medical debt information included in a consumer report when making a creditworthiness determination; prohibiting certain entities 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: Finance