



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 9, 2025**  
**Schedule 2**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 17 – Bill request deadline.  
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 9, 2025**

**SB 269**     **Senator Jackson**

**MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Altering the number of years that a recipient of an award under the Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship Program may hold the award under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 18-3604(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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**SB 270**     **Senator Jackson (By Request – State Treasurer)****BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MARYLAND TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to implement an automatic enrollment arrangement for State employees who are hired on or after January 1, 2026; and requiring an eligible employer to deduct wages of an employee for contribution to a supplemental retirement plan in accordance with an automatic enrollment arrangement, unless the employee has elected to withdraw from or cease to contribute to the supplemental retirement plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

SP, § 35-101 - amended and § 35-206 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 271**     **Senator Jackson****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: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 272**     **Senator Jackson****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – NATURAL RESOURCES – SUNDAY DEER HUNTING AND ARCHERY HUNTING SAFETY ZONES**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer bow hunting season in Prince George’s County; and adding Prince George’s County to the list of counties in which the safety zone for archery hunters extends a distance of 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

NR, §§ 10-410(a) and (g)(3)(i) and 10-906(b)(3)(i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 273**     **Senator Jackson****PEACE ORDERS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS – MILITARY PROTECTION ORDERS**

Authorizing a judge to consider whether a military protection order has been issued against a respondent when determining whether to grant a temporary peace order or a temporary protective order; and requiring a law enforcement officer to notify a certain law enforcement agency that an individual may have violated a military protection order under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 3-1501, 3-1504(a)(1), and 3-1508 and FL, §§ 4-501, 4-505(a)(1), and 4-509 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 274**     **Senator Love****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – CHILD VICTIMS – TESTIMONY IN CHILD ABUSE CASES**

Altering a certain requirement under which a court is authorized to order that the testimony of a child victim be taken outside a courtroom and shown in the courtroom by closed circuit television in certain child abuse cases.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CP, § 11-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings