



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2025 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 16, 2025**  
**Schedule 7**

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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 16, 2025**

### **SB 337 Senator Kagan**

ELECTIONS – LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS AND BOARDS OF CANVASSERS – OPEN MEETING REQUIREMENTS (LOCAL BOARDS OF ELECTIONS TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring each local board of canvassers to make available on its website each open meeting agenda, a summary of any finalized documents, certain written testimony, and other materials on which the board will be voting; requiring each local board to provide live video streaming of each open meeting and to maintain a complete and unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for 5 years; requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations to ensure that the streaming requirements are met in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

EL, § 2-208 - added and §§ 11-301, 11-302(a), and 11-303(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**SB 338**     **Senator West, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – INTERSTATE 695 AND INTERSTATE 83**

Authorizing the State Highway Administration to place and use not more than four speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County subject to notice requirements; requiring that fines collected in Baltimore County as a result of violations enforced by speed monitoring systems on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 be used to assist in covering the cost of roadway and safety improvements on Interstate 695 and Interstate 83 in Baltimore County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

CJ, §§ 7-302(e)(3) and 10-311(b) - amended and TR, § 21-811 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 339**     **Senator Watson****MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – VIDEO TOLL FACILITIES – STUDY ON IMAGE CAPTURE OF LICENSE PLATES**

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to conduct a study on the feasibility of capturing the image of only the rear license plate of a vehicle at video toll facilities in the State; and requiring the Authority to report its findings on or before December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 340**     **Senator Watson****INTERNET GAMING – AUTHORIZATION AND IMPLEMENTATION**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to issue certain licenses to certain qualified applicants to conduct or participate in certain Internet gaming operations in the State; requiring the Commission to regulate Internet gaming and the conduct of Internet gaming in the State; requiring an Internet gaming licensee to require individuals to provide proof of the registration in order to participate in Internet gaming; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

EC, ED, LE, and SG, Various Sections - amended and SG, §§ 9-1F-01 through 9-1F-13 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 341 Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – RAFFLES – ORGANIZATIONS AFFILIATED WITH A PROFESSIONAL MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL TEAM**

Authorizing certain organizations that are affiliated with a professional major league baseball team that plays its home games in Baltimore City to conduct certain raffles; requiring the organization to obtain a permit to conduct raffles from an agency designated by the Baltimore City government; providing that a permit to hold certain raffles expires at the end of the calendar year in which the permit was issued; authorizing a raffle ticket to be sold and received on an electronic device located within Baltimore City; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

CR, §§ 13-501, 13-503, 13-505, and 13-510 - amended and § 13-505.1 - added  
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 342 Senator Sydnor****VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2025 – COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES**

Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipality that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or influence the outcome of an election by diluting or abridging the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, §§ 8-901 through 8-905 and LG, §§ 4-601 through 4-605 - added  
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 343 Senator Sydnor****STATE'S ATTORNEYS – RECONSTITUTION OF TASK FORCE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM GRANT FUND**

Establishing the State's Attorney Case Management System Grant Fund; reconstituting the Task Force to Study Transparency Standards for State's Attorneys; and requiring the Task Force to develop processes by which prosecutors can collect information and determine what information should be made public and what information may be kept private, and examine existing policies of State's Attorneys' offices across the State relating to transparency of data, the charging of crimes, and sentencing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

CP and SF, Various Sections - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)204. and 205. - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 344**     **Senators Brooks and Watson****PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RETAIL SERVICE STATION CONVERSIONS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on real property if use of the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other certain uses; and requiring, as provided in the State budget, the State to pay to each county or municipal corporation that grants the property tax credit under the Act 50% of forgone revenue.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

TP, § 9-275 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 345**     **Senator Brooks****PESTICIDES – PFAS CHEMICALS – PROHIBITIONS**

Requiring, by January 1, 2026, the Department of Agriculture to develop and maintain a list of certain registered pesticides that list PFAS chemicals as an active ingredient on the labeling accompanying the pesticide; prohibiting, beginning June 1, 2026, a person from using, for certain purposes, PFAS pesticides listed by the Department; prohibiting, beginning June 1, 2028, a person from using PFAS pesticides in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

AG, § 5-210.6 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 346**     **Senator Brooks, et al****MARYLAND BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING REFUND AND LITTER REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program to increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers and reduce the litter, pollution, and costs associated with beverage containers; prohibiting a producer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or importing into the State a redeemable beverage container unless the producer is registered with the Department of the Environment, pays a certain fee, and is part of a certain stewardship organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025

EN, §§ 9-1702(d) and 9-1707(f) - amended and §§ 9-1737 through 9-1755 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 347**     **Senator Love****ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – INVESTIGATIONS AND DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

Authorizing a local department of social services to request assistance from federal law enforcement officers in an investigation relating to an alleged vulnerable adult; and altering certain provisions relating to the disclosure of certain information concerning human services to include adult protective services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

FL, § 14-303 and HU, § 1-201 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 348**     **Senator Love****CRIMINAL LAW – VISUAL SURVEILLANCE WITH PRURIENT INTENT – PRIVATE PLACE**

Altering the definition of “private place” as it relates to the prohibition on conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual without the consent of the individual.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CR, § 3-902 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 349**     **Senator Love****MEDICAL DEBT – COMPLAINTS FOR MONEY JUDGMENT AND REAL PROPERTY LIENS**

Establishing certain requirements for a complaint for a money judgment; prohibiting the creation of a lien on owner-occupied residential property by contract or as a result of a breach of contract for the payment of medical debt; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

CJ, § 11-402 - amended and RP, § 14-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 350 Senator Lam**

## PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – COURSE ON STUDENT WELL-BEING AND FLOURISHING

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop and offer a continuing professional development course on student well-being and flourishing to school personnel and administrators on or before July 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 6-130 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 351 Senator Jackson**

## DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

Altering the residency requirements for certain employees of the Department of State Police; requiring each police appointee to the Department to be a resident of the State or reside within 25 miles outside its borders on the date of appointment and for the duration of the appointee's employment; and requiring certain other qualifications.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

PS, § 2-402 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 352 Senator Salling, et al**

## BALTIMORE COUNTY – REPUBLICAN PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE – ELECTIONS

Altering from four to three the number of members elected from each councilmanic district of Baltimore County to the Baltimore County Republican Party Central Committee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

EL, § 4-203(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 353**     **Senators Salling and Watson****FOOD DESERTS WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Food Deserts Workgroup to study and make recommendations regarding solutions to eliminate food deserts in the State; and requiring the Workgroup to report its key findings and recommended solutions to eliminate food deserts by November 1, 2025, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 354**     **Senator Salling****MARYLAND INVENTORY OF CEMETERIES AND BURIAL SITES WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Inventory of Cemeteries and Burial Sites Workgroup for the purpose of studying issues related to the establishment and maintenance of a State cemetery inventory system; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor by December 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 355**     **Senator Hershey****FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE INSURANCE PROGRAM – DELAY OF IMPLEMENTATION**

Altering, from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2027, and from July 1, 2026, to July 1, 2028, the dates on which the payment of contributions and the submission of claims for benefits, respectively, are to begin under the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

LE, §§ 8.3-601(a)(1), (b), (c)(1), and (d), 8.3-701(a)(1), and 8.3-703(b)(3) and (4) and (e)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 356**     **Senator Smith****PUBLIC HEALTH – REPEAL OF PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF HUMAN IMMUNODEFICIENCY VIRUS (CARLTOWN R. SMITH ACT)**

Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual.  
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, § 18-601.1 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 357**     **Senators Gile and Feldman****PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – AUTHORITY FOR UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS (LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR ALL MARYLANDERS NOW ACT)**

Requiring the Prescription Drug Affordability Board, under certain circumstances, to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for all purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State that the Board determines have led or will lead to affordability challenges; authorizing the Board to reconsider an upper payment limit for a drug that becomes a current shortage; altering requirements related to the setting of upper payment limits by the Board; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

HG, §§ 21-2C-01, 21-2C-13, and 21-2C-14 - amended, §§ 21-2C-11(d) and 21-2C-16 - repealed, and § 21-2C-16 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 358**     **Senator King****MARYLAND DEAF CULTURE DIGITAL LIBRARY – FUNDING AND BUDGET SUBMISSION**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$450,000 to the Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library; and requiring the Deaf Culture Digital Library to submit its annual operating budget to the State Library Agency on or before June 1 each year.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 23-109 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment



**SB 359**     **Senator King**

THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING –  
ALTERATIONS

Altering the fiscal years from 2023 through 2025, to fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, during which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$3,700,000 to the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

ED, § 8-420(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation