



MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
DEPARTMENT OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

**Effective Dates**

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**2026 Chapters – Effective July 1, 2026**

**SB 284**  
**Chapter 6**

**The President (By Request – Administration)**

**BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2026**

Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; authorizing, requiring, or altering the distribution of certain revenue; authorizing the Secretary of Health to establish the retention period for prescription monitoring data and naloxone medication data; providing certain modifications to federal adjusted gross income of an individual or federal taxable income of a corporation for Maryland income tax purposes relating to certain federal depreciation deductions; etc.

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**HB 637**  
**Chapter 7****The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

PUBLIC HEALTH – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMUNIZATIONS, SCREENINGS, AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES – PHARMACIST ADMINISTRATION AND REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (THE VAX ACT)

Requiring the Secretary of Health to issue recommendations for certain immunizations, screenings, and preventive services based on certain evidence-based scientific and clinical guidance; requiring the Secretary, before adopting a recommendation for a certain preventive service, to hold a notice and comment period, obtain a certain analysis from the Maryland Health Care Commission, and cite the basis for the recommendation; altering the health insurance coverage requirements for certain immunizations, screenings, and services; etc.

**SB 385**  
**Chapter 8****The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

PUBLIC HEALTH – RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMMUNIZATIONS, SCREENINGS, AND PREVENTIVE SERVICES – PHARMACIST ADMINISTRATION AND REQUIRED HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE (THE VAX ACT)

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**HB 280**  
**Chapter 11****Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****HEALTH INSURANCE – MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS – CODIFICATION OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Codifying in State law certain provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations related to mental health parity and clarifying the authority of the Maryland Insurance Administration to enforce certain laws; requiring health insurance carriers to collect and report on data in a certain manner; requiring health insurance carriers to provide certain benefits under certain circumstances; requiring health insurance carriers to explain differences in access to care under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 205**  
**Chapter 12****Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)****HEALTH INSURANCE – MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS – CODIFICATION OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS**

Codifying in State law certain provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations related to mental health parity and clarifying the authority of the Maryland Insurance Administration to enforce certain laws; requiring health insurance carriers to collect and report on data in a certain manner; requiring health insurance carriers to provide certain benefits under certain circumstances; requiring health insurance carriers to explain differences in access to care under certain circumstances; etc.

**HB 804**  
**Chapter 15****Delegate Wolek, et al****DEPARTMENT OF AGING – AGING RESILIENCE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Aging Resilience Fund to be used to carry out the mission of the Department of Aging including personnel, partnership development, and any programs, services, or activities within the Department; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; and requiring the Secretary to annually report by January 1 to certain committees of the General Assembly on the total amount in the Fund, the total number of deposits, including amounts and sources, and the amounts and purposes of the expenditures from the Fund.

**SB 860**  
**Chapter 16****Senator Zucker, et al****DEPARTMENT OF AGING – AGING RESILIENCE FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Aging Resilience Fund to be used to carry out the mission of the Department of Aging; authorizing the Fund to be used for administrative expenses including personnel, partnership development, and other programs within the Department; and requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund.

**HB 1142**  
**Chapter 17****Delegate Wilkins****TASK FORCE TO MODERNIZE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL REVENUE STRUCTURES**

Establishing a Task Force to Modernize County and Municipal Revenue Structures to study and evaluate the revenue structure of the county and municipal governments within the State; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

**HB 472**  
**Chapter 18****Delegate Feldmark, et al****INCOME TAX – THEATRICAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Limiting the excess amount of tax credit certificates to \$20,000,000, that the Department of Commerce may carry forward and issue in subsequent taxable years for a credit against the State income tax for certain costs related to certain theatrical productions in the State; prohibiting the Secretary from issuing tax credit certificates for credit amounts totaling more than \$2,000,00 in the aggregate for a single theatrical production; and extending the termination date of the credit to June 30, 2032.

**SB 440**  
**Chapter 19****Senator Guzzone, et al****INCOME TAX – THEATRICAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Limiting the excess amount of tax credit certificates to \$20,000,000 that the Department of Commerce may carry forward and issue in subsequent taxable years for a credit against the State income tax for certain costs related to certain theatrical productions in the State; prohibiting the Secretary from issuing tax credit certificates for credit amounts totaling more than \$20,000,000 in the aggregate for a single theatrical production; and extending the termination date to June 30, 2032.

**HB 380**  
**Chapter 26****Delegate S. Johnson****STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND TIME PERIOD FOR INACTIVE STATUS**

Clarifying that applicants for licensure as an optometrist and certain applicants for reinstatement are required to pass all sections of each part of a licensure examination; repealing the requirement that the State Board of Examiners in Optometry give examinations to licensure applicants; prohibiting the Board from placing a licensee on inactive status for more than 6 consecutive years; etc.

**SB 186**  
**Chapter 27****Senator Augustine****STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND TIME PERIOD FOR INACTIVE STATUS**

Clarifying that applicants for licensure as an optometrist and certain applicants for reinstatement are required to pass all sections of each part of a licensure examination; repealing the requirement that the State Board of Examiners in Optometry give examinations to licensure applicants; prohibiting the Board from placing a licensee on inactive status for more than 6 consecutive years; etc.

**HB 957**  
**Chapter 34****Delegate Wu, et al****CYBERSECURITY – STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring each local school system to designate a local point of contact for certain communications, to comply with, and certify compliance with, the State minimum cybersecurity standards, and to conduct a cybersecurity maturity assessment every 2 years; requiring the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology to annually review and, if necessary, update the State minimum cybersecurity standards; requiring the Department to advise local school systems on certain functions; etc.

**SB 601**  
**Chapter 35****Senator Hester, et al****CYBERSECURITY – STANDARDS AND COMPLIANCE – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring each local school system to designate a local point of contact for certain communications, to comply with, and certify compliance with, the State minimum cybersecurity standards, and to conduct a cybersecurity maturity assessment every 2 years; requiring the Office of Security Management within the Department of Information Technology to annually review and, if necessary, update the State minimum cybersecurity standards; requiring the Department to advise local school systems on certain functions; etc.

**SB 363**  
**Chapter 36****Senator Mautz****MARYLAND–IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP AND TERMINATION – ALTERED AND EXTENDED**

Altering the membership of the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission and extending the termination of the Commission.

**HB 413**  
**Chapter 37****Delegate Kerr, et al****MARYLAND–IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP AND TERMINATION – ALTERED AND EXTENDED**

Altering the membership of the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission and extending the termination of the Commission.

**SB 784**  
**Chapter 40**

**Senator Jackson**

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – CONSUMER CREDIT –  
APPLICATION OF LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Repealing a certain provision of law exempting all persons that acquire or are assigned certain mortgages, mortgage loans, or installment loans under certain circumstances from certain provisions of law governing the licensing of providers of certain financial services in the State.

**HB 838**  
**Chapter 53**

**Delegate Cullison, et al**

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – PRESCRIBER–PHARMACIST  
AGREEMENTS

Authorizing licensed certified midwives to enter into therapy management contracts; repealing a requirement that authorized prescribers submit prescriber–pharmacist agreements to the health occupations board that regulates the authorized prescriber; authorizing pharmacists, under certain circumstances, to enter into prescriber–pharmacist agreements that authorize the pharmacist to treat an opioid use disorder using controlled dangerous substances drug therapy; etc.

**SB 562**  
**Chapter 54**

**Senator Gile**

STATE BOARD OF PHARMACY – PRESCRIBER–PHARMACIST  
AGREEMENTS – TREATMENT OF OPIOID USE DISORDERS

Authorizing licensed certified midwives to enter into therapy management contracts; repealing a requirement that authorized prescribers submit prescriber–pharmacist agreements to the health occupations board that regulates the authorized prescriber; authorizing pharmacists, under certain circumstances, to enter into prescriber–pharmacist agreements that authorize the pharmacist to treat an opioid use disorder using controlled dangerous substances drug therapy; etc.

**HB 720**  
**Chapter 58****Delegate Patterson, et al**

HIGHER EDUCATION – DOUGLAS J. J. PETERS VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE

Repealing the prohibition on awarding the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship after June 30, 2030; and repealing the limitation on renewing the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship if the scholarship recipient received an initial scholarship before June 30, 2030.

**SB 7**  
**Chapter 59****Senator Simonaire, et al**

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**SB 262**  
**Chapter 60****Senator Simonaire, et al**

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES PURCHASED BY TEACHERS – ALTERATION

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for unreimbursed expenses paid or incurred by certain teachers during a taxable year for the purchase of certain classroom supplies to include full-time teachers employed in certain prekindergarten programs in the State; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

**HB 478**  
**Chapter 61****Delegate Patterson, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES PURCHASED BY TEACHERS – ALTERATION**

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for unreimbursed expenses paid or incurred by eligible teachers during a taxable year for the purchase of certain classroom supplies to include prekindergarten classroom teachers employed in publicly funded prekindergarten programs at eligible public providers or lead teachers or consulting teachers employed in a publicly funded prekindergarten program at an eligible private provider in the State; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

**HB 343**  
**Chapter 64****Delegate Rosenberg****HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES**

Requiring a recipient of certain funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide information about certain housing counseling services that are available through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development to certain prospective residents; and requiring the Governor to appropriate \$90,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter for community development organizations to partner with certain housing counseling agencies providing housing counseling services.

**SB 136**  
**Chapter 65****Senators Kramer and Bailey****COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION – POLICE OFFICERS**

Applying certain provisions of law governing collective bargaining for State employees to police officers of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission who, in an official capacity, are authorized to make arrests and who are not supervisory, managerial, or confidential employees.

**HB 228**  
**Chapter 83****Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****HORSE RACING – PROHIBITED ACTS – SLAUGHTER OF RACEHORSES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES**

Prohibiting a person from slaughtering or causing the slaughter of a racehorse in the State for certain commercial purposes; prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, transferring, offering for sale, importing into the State, or transporting a racehorse if the person knows or reasonably should know that the racehorse will be slaughtered for certain commercial purposes; requiring certain fines collected by the State Racing Commission to be distributed to the racing Special Fund; etc.

**SB 231**  
**Chapter 84****Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****HORSE RACING – PROHIBITED ACTS – SLAUGHTER OF RACEHORSES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES**

Prohibiting a person from slaughtering or causing the slaughter of a racehorse in the State for certain commercial purposes; prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, transferring, offering for sale, importing into the State, or transporting a racehorse if the person knows or reasonably should know that the racehorse will be slaughtered for certain commercial purposes; requiring certain fines collected by the State Racing Commission to be distributed to the racing Special Fund; etc.

**SB 176**  
**Chapter 87****Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)****VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PAYOUTS – INTERCEPTS FOR RESTITUTION PAYMENTS, CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS, AND DEBTS OWED TO THE STATE**

Authorizing the Central Collection Unit and the Child Support Administration to certify certain information about certain restitution, child support, and State debt obligors to a video lottery operator for purposes of enforcing a requirement to intercept certain prize payouts at a video lottery facility; requiring a video lottery operator to provide certain notice to a debtor that wins a prize to be paid by the licensee and withhold all or part of the prize; etc.

**HB 289**                      **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 88**                      **Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**

VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PAYOUTS – INTERCEPTS FOR  
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**HB 648**                      **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 95**                      **Departmental – Human Services)**

OFFICE OF HOME ENERGY PROGRAMS – UNIFORM  
REDETERMINATION PROCESS – AGE

Reducing the age at which certain eligible energy customers qualify for a certain redetermination process for enrollment in energy assistance programs from 65 to 60.

**HB 231**                      **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 98**                      **Higher Education Commission)**

HIGHER EDUCATION – GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT  
PROGRAM – APPLICABILITY

Delaying the decentralization of the Guaranteed Access Grant Program until the 2029–2030 financial aid award year.

**SB 207**                      **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 99**                      **Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)**

HIGHER EDUCATION – GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT  
PROGRAM – APPLICABILITY

Delaying the decentralization of the Guaranteed Access Grant Program until the 2029–2030 financial aid award year.

**HB 293**                      **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 100**                **Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center)**

MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER –  
EXTERNAL DATA SHARING WITH THIRD-PARTY DATA  
CENTERS FOR MULTISTATE REPORTING – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to provide certain student and workforce data to a third-party data center under certain circumstances; requiring each third-party data center to agree to comply with certain requirements relating to the data the center receives; requiring the Center to enter into a written data sharing agreement with certain third-party data centers; requiring the Center to submit a report to certain committees within 30 days of entering into a certain agreement; etc.

**SB 56**                      **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 101**                **Request – Departmental – Maryland Longitudinal Data System**  
**Center)**

MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER –  
EXTERNAL DATA SHARING WITH THIRD-PARTY DATA  
CENTERS FOR MULTISTATE REPORTING – AUTHORIZATION

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**HB 269**                    **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 102**                **Departmental – State Ethics Commission)**

MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS – STATE OFFICIALS OF AND CANDIDATES TO BE A STATE OFFICIAL OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts or another body designated by the Supreme Court of Maryland to administer and implement certain provisions of law relating to financial disclosure statements for State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be a State official of the Judicial Branch and maintain and make available to the public the records and statements of State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be a State official of the Judicial Branch; etc.

**SB 80**                        **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 103**                **Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)**

MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS – STATE OFFICIALS OF AND CANDIDATES TO BE A STATE OFFICIAL OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts or another body designated by the Supreme Court of Maryland to administer and implement certain provisions of law relating to financial disclosure statements for State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be a State official of the Judicial Branch and maintain and make available to the public the records and statements of State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be a State official of the Judicial Branch; etc.

**HB 262**                    **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 104**                **Departmental – Information Technology)**

STATE GOVERNMENT – COUNCIL FOR OPEN DATA – MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Renaming the Council on Open Data to be the Council for Open Data; altering the membership and member terms of the Council; and altering the Council's responsibilities to include advising on data initiatives and priorities and identifying and exploring ways in which partnerships may be developed and strengthened to connect Maryland data with communities and social service organizations.

**SB 200**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 105**                **Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**

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**HB 229**                    **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 114**                **Transportation)**

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – REVENUE  
BOND LIMIT – INCREASE

Increasing, from \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000, the limit on the amount of certain revenue bonds that the Maryland Transportation Authority may have outstanding and unpaid on June 30 each year; etc.

**SB 188**                    **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 115**                **– Transportation)**

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – REVENUE  
BOND LIMIT – INCREASE

Increasing, from \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000, the limit on the amount of certain revenue bonds that the Maryland Transportation Authority may have outstanding and unpaid on June 30 each year; etc.

**HB 259**                    **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 131**                **Labor)**

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MARYLAND COMMUNITY  
INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND AND REGULATION OF ENTITIES  
– REVISIONS

Repealing certain fees charged to certain banking institutions by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; altering certain provisions relating to the Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund, including the purpose and administration of the Fund; altering the date by which the Commissioner may match certain investments in the Fund from June 30, 2028, to June 30, 2030; altering and providing for certain assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions; etc.

**SB 43**                        **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**  
**Chapter 132**

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MARYLAND COMMUNITY  
INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND AND REGULATION OF ENTITIES  
– REVISIONS

Repealing certain fees charged to certain banking institutions by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; altering certain provisions relating to the Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund, including the purpose and administration of the Fund; altering the date by which the Commissioner may match certain investments in the Fund from June 30, 2028, to June 30, 2030; altering and providing for certain assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions; etc.

**HB 234**                    **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 133**                **State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE EMPLOYEES AND DEPUTY STATE  
FIRE MARSHALS – REPEAL OF PAY RATE RESTRICTION ON  
PROMOTION

Repealing a requirement that a certain police employee or deputy State fire marshal is entitled to a certain pay rate on promotion to a higher rank if a certain other police employee or deputy State fire marshal in the same rank is at a lower pay rate.

**SB 74**                      **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 134**                **– State Police)**

PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE EMPLOYEES AND DEPUTY STATE  
FIRE MARSHALS – REPEAL OF PAY RATE RESTRICTION ON  
PROMOTION

Repealing a requirement that a certain police employee or deputy State fire marshal is entitled to a certain pay rate on promotion to a higher rank if a certain other police employee or deputy State fire marshal in the same rank is at a lower pay rate.

**HB 275**                      **Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland**  
**Chapter 139**                **Insurance Administration)**

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES – ISSUANCE –  
REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a carrier that issues Medicare supplement policies to issue a Medicare supplement policy to an individual who meets certain criteria during certain special enrollment periods.

**SB 134**                      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland**  
**Chapter 140**                **Insurance Administration)**

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES – ISSUANCE –  
REQUIREMENTS

Requiring a carrier that issues Medicare supplement policies to issue a Medicare supplement policy to an individual who meets certain criteria during certain special enrollment periods.

**HB 640**                    **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 171**                **Departmental – Budget and Management)**

**MANDATED REPORTS, BOARDS, AND COMMISSIONS – REVISIONS**

Modifying certain reporting requirements, boards, and commissions for practicability and efficiency; repealing certain reporting requirements that are unnecessary, obsolete, or duplicative; repealing as obsolete the Renewable Fuels Incentive Board, Criminal Justice Information Advisory Board, Two-Generation Family Economic Security Commission, and Commission on Trauma-Informed Care; repealing as unnecessary the Partnership for Workforce Quality Advisory Board; etc.

**SB 403**                    **Senator McCray, et al**

**Chapter 185**                **SALES AND USE TAX – ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL BOOK FAIRS – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for a sale made at a book fair by an elementary or secondary school or a nonprofit parent-teacher organization or other nonprofit organization within an elementary or secondary school at a book fair, subject to certain limitations.

**HB 358**                    **Delegate Palakovich Carr**

**Chapter 186**                **SALES AND USE TAX – ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL BOOK FAIRS – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for a sale made at a book fair by an elementary or secondary school or a nonprofit parent-teacher organization or other nonprofit organization within an elementary or secondary school at an in-person book fair on school premises; requiring that the net proceeds of the book sale be used solely for the educational benefit of the school or its students; etc.

**SB 413**  
**Chapter 187****Senator Beidle****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –  
BOARD OPERATIONS AND REGULATION OF CREMATORIES  
AND REDUCTION FACILITIES**

Transferring the authority to regulate certain crematories and reduction facilities from the Office of Cemetery Oversight to the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; altering the circumstances under which the Governor may remove an appointed member of the Board; altering the quorum of the Board; and specifying that the Board may take action with a simple majority vote of the quorum.

**HB 698**  
**Chapter 188****Delegate Bhandari, et al****STATE BOARD OF MORTICIANS AND FUNERAL DIRECTORS –  
BOARD OPERATIONS AND REGULATION OF CREMATORIES  
AND REDUCTION FACILITIES**

Transferring the authority to regulate certain crematories and reduction facilities from the Office of Cemetery Oversight to the State Board of Morticians and Funeral Directors; altering the circumstances under which the Governor may remove an appointed member of the Board; altering the quorum of the Board; and specifying that the Board may take action with a simple majority vote of the quorum.

**HB 272**  
**Chapter 189****Chair, Health Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)****FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS – LAVATORY REQUIREMENT AND  
ON-FARM FOOD SERVICE FACILITY LICENSE**

Altering the type of toilet that certain food establishments may use to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory; requiring that the fee for an on-farm food service facility license be determined by the Maryland Department of Health based on certain factors and prohibiting the fee from exceeding \$100; establishing a 1-year term for an on-farm service facility license; and requiring the Department, in consultation with other departments and stakeholders, to adopt regulations governing on-farm service facility licenses.

**Except Section 2**

**HB 1109**  
**Chapter 190****Chair, Health Committee, et al**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH REFORM ACT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to organize the Maryland Medical Reserve Corps; requiring the Department to notify each health officer for a county of a certain procurement to offer the opportunity for the county health department to join the procurement; requiring the Department of Legislative Services to develop a process to assess the health equity impacts of relevant legislation; requiring the Department to convene a workgroup to review local health department recruiting and classification processes; etc.

**SB 419**  
**Chapter 191****Senators Simonaire and Augustine**  
**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Authorizing an individual registered by the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to practice massage therapy in the State to continue to practice massage therapy beyond October 31, 2026; altering the requirements an individual must meet to qualify for a massage therapy license; repealing obsolete qualifications for registered massage practitioners; repealing the requirement that the imposition of a certain administrative penalty be subject to certain hearing requirements; etc.

**HB 42**  
**Chapter 192****Delegate Bagnall**  
**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY EXAMINERS – REVISIONS**

Authorizing an individual registered by the State Board of Massage Therapy Examiners to practice massage therapy in the State to continue to practice massage therapy beyond October 31, 2026; altering the requirements an individual must meet to qualify for a massage therapy license; repealing obsolete qualifications for registered massage practitioners; repealing the requirement that the imposition of a certain administrative penalty be subject to certain hearing requirements; etc.

**SB 466**  
**Chapter 199****Senator King****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PHYSICIAN PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for physician preceptors by repealing a requirement that a student in a physician preceptorship program be enrolled in a medical school or medical training program in the State and reducing the required number of hours for a preceptor rotation for community–based clinical training; limiting to \$100,000, the excess amount of tax credit certificates the Department may carry forward from all prior fiscal years; etc.

**HB 595**  
**Chapter 200****Delegate Lewis, et al****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR PHYSICIAN PRECEPTORS IN AREAS WITH HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE SHORTAGES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering eligibility for a credit against the State income tax for physician preceptors by repealing a requirement that a student in a physician preceptorship program be enrolled in a medical school or medical training program in the State and reducing the required number of hours for a preceptor rotation for community–based clinical training; limiting to \$100,000 the excess amount of tax credit certificates the Department may carry forward; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

**HB 735**  
**Chapter 201****Delegate Palakovich Carr****EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION DELAY AND STUDY**

Delaying the implementation of the Earned Income Tax Credit Assistance Program until taxable year 2030; requiring the Comptroller’s Office, on or before December 1, 2026, to study and make recommendations regarding outreach efforts to encourage eligible taxpayers to claim the State earned income tax credit; and requiring the Department of Service and Civic Innovation to make certain recommendations concerning methods to assist low–income Marylanders with claiming certain credits and obtaining certain assistance.

**SB 519**  
**Chapter 202****Senator King****EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION DELAY AND STUDY**

Delaying the implementation of the Earned Income Tax Credit Assistance Program until taxable year 2030; requiring the Comptroller's Office, on or before December 1, 2026, to study and make recommendations regarding outreach efforts to encourage eligible taxpayers to claim the State earned income tax credit; and requiring the Department of Service and Civic Innovation to make certain recommendations concerning methods to assist low-income Marylanders with claiming certain credits and obtaining certain assistance.

**HB 427**  
**Chapter 207****Delegate Guzzone, et al****TASK FORCE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES – EXTENSION AND MEMBERSHIP**

Extending to December 31, 2027, the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; adding a representative of a historically Black college or university in the State to the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to submit an updated report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2026.

**SB 336**  
**Chapter 208****Senator Feldman****TASK FORCE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES – EXTENSION AND MEMBERSHIP**

Extending to December 31, 2027, the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; adding a representative of a historically Black college or university in the State to the Task Force; and requiring the Task Force to submit an updated report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2026.

**SB 438**  
**Chapter 215****Senators Jackson and Hershey****COMMERCIAL LAW – SELF–SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES – ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting an occupant from using the occupant’s self–service storage facility beyond the term of a rental agreement after delivery of a notice of nonrenewal; requiring an operator to give an occupant at least 30 days after delivery of a notice of nonrenewal to remove the occupant’s personal property from the self–service storage facility; requiring an operator to give an occupant notice of intent to dispose of the occupant’s personal property a certain number of days before the operator disposes of that personal property; etc.

**HB 618**  
**Chapter 216****Delegate A. Johnson****COMMERCIAL LAW – SELF–SERVICE STORAGE FACILITIES – ALTERATIONS**

Prohibiting an occupant from using the occupant’s self–service storage facility beyond the term of a rental agreement after delivery of a notice of nonrenewal; requiring an operator to give an occupant at least 30 days after delivery of a notice of nonrenewal to remove the occupant’s personal property from the self–service storage facility; requiring an operator to give an occupant notice of intent to dispose of the occupant’s personal property at least 10 days before the operator disposes of that personal property; etc.

**SB 39**  
**Chapter 218****Senator Lam****BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RATE METHODOLOGY MODERNIZATION – WORKGROUP ESTABLISHMENT AND STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct an independent cost–driven rate–setting study to set community provider rates for community–based behavioral health services; authorizing the Maryland Health Care Commission to require community providers to submit certain information for the completion of the report; establishing the Workgroup on Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization to develop reimbursement methodologies for certain health clinics, outpatient mental health centers, and independent providers; etc.

- HB 772**  
**Chapter 219**      **Delegate Shetty, et al**  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RATE METHODOLOGY  
MODERNIZATION – WORKGROUP ESTABLISHMENT AND  
STUDY
- Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, rather than the Behavioral Health Administration and the Medical Care Programs Administration, to conduct a certain rate-setting study by June 30, 2028; establishing the Workgroup on Behavioral Health Rate Methodology Modernization in the Maryland Health Care Commission to develop transparent, cost-based reimbursement methodologies for certified community behavioral health clinics, outpatient mental health centers, and independent outpatient providers; etc.
- SB 731**  
**Chapter 228**      **Senator M. Washington**  
HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT  
LIVING COUNCIL – LEGAL STATUS
- Clarifying that the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council is a tax-exempt body politic and corporate.
- HB 851**  
**Chapter 229**      **Delegate Forbes**  
HUMAN SERVICES – MARYLAND STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT  
LIVING COUNCIL – LEGAL STATUS
- Clarifying that the Maryland Statewide Independent Living Council is a tax-exempt body politic and corporate.
- HB 1377**  
**Chapter 243**      **Delegate Kaiser, et al**  
PRESCRIPTION DRUG REPOSITORY PROGRAM – REDIRECTING  
SAFE PRESCRIPTION DRUGS PILOT PROGRAM
- Establishing the Redirecting Safe Prescription Drugs Pilot Program; requiring the Secretary of Health to collaborate with the federal Drug Enforcement Agency and certain drop-off sites in the State to separate and redirect certain prescription medications to a State repository program; and requiring each drop-off site participating in the Pilot Program to ensure that any prescription medications collected are packaged in a certain manner and transferred to a repository.

**SB 828**  
**Chapter 248****Senator Hester, et al**

## STATE FINANCE – DELINQUENT FEDERAL FUNDS (FEDERAL OBLIGATIONS ENFORCEMENT ACT)

Reserving jurisdiction with respect to certain federal land in the State under certain conditions; authorizing the Central Collection Unit of the Department of Budget and Management to collect a certain amount of delinquent federal funds; authorizing the Central Collection Unit, under a certain circumstance, to collect certain federal funds owed to the State, place liens on federal property in the State, and direct the Comptroller to withhold certain payments to the federal government; etc.

**SB 710**  
**Chapter 258****Senator Corderman, et al**

## CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT – EXEMPTION FROM EARNINGS OFFSET

Exempting a retiree of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System from a certain earnings offset if the retiree is reemployed with certain participating employers.

**HB 1194**  
**Chapter 259****Delegate D. Jones**

## CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT AFTER RETIREMENT – EXEMPTION FROM EARNINGS OFFSET

Exempting a retiree of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System from a certain earnings offset if the retiree is reemployed with certain participating employers.

**SB 298**  
**Chapter 263****Senator Henson****DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE – STATEWIDE JURISDICTION**

Altering and expanding the jurisdiction of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services; and establishing that the Department has statewide jurisdiction over and full police authority for the enforcement of the criminal laws and the parking and motor vehicle laws as to the operation, maintenance, and protection of State–owned or State–leased buildings and grounds and extending to the surrounding area, and other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by the Board of Public Works.

**HB 338**  
**Chapter 264****Delegate Simmons, et al****DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE – STATEWIDE JURISDICTION**

Altering and expanding the jurisdiction of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services; and establishing that the Department has statewide jurisdiction over and full police authority for the enforcement of the criminal laws and parking and motor vehicle laws as to the operation, maintenance, and protection of certain State–owned or leased buildings and grounds and other public improvements or grounds designated by law or by the Board of Public Works.

**HB 250**  
**Chapter 273****Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment) and Delegate Odom****ENVIRONMENT – APPROPRIATION OR USE OF WATER AND DAM SAFETY – ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose an administrative penalty for certain violations related to the appropriation or use of water and dam safety; repealing a certain limitation on the Department’s authority to issue certain orders and send certain notices related to dam safety; requiring the Department to take certain actions before imposing certain civil or administrative penalties; etc.

**HB 654**  
**Chapter 276****Delegate Behler, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS  
AUTHORITY – FUNDING AND GRANTS**

Authorizing the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to award certain grants and loans for certain purposes; authorizing the Authority to require matching funds in whatever proportion the Authority considers appropriate; repealing certain requirements for certain grants and loans; decreasing from 10% to 7% or \$600,000, whichever amount is greater, of Program Open Space funds transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund that may be used for certain operating expenses; etc.

**SB 638**  
**Chapter 277****Senator Corderman, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – MARYLAND HERITAGE AREAS  
AUTHORITY – FUNDING AND GRANTS**

Authorizing the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority to award grants and loans to local jurisdictions to develop certain management plans and encourage revitalization of and reinvestment in certified heritage area resources; decreasing from 10% to 7% or \$600,000, whichever is greater, of Program Open Space funds transferred to the Maryland Heritage Areas Authority Financing Fund that may be used for certain operating expenses; and increasing from \$3,000,000 to \$9,000,000 the maximum amount of funding that may be transferred to the Fund.

**SB 649**  
**Chapter 280****Senator Hettleman****ELECTRIC VEHICLE FUEL SOLD AT RETAIL – EQUIPMENT  
REQUIREMENTS, UNITS OF MEASURE, AND FEES**

Requiring the owner or possessor of a weight and measure used for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel to display certain information in a conspicuous manner; requiring all electricity possessed, offered, or exposed for sale and sold at retail as a vehicle fuel to be measured and sold in units of kilowatt-hours; authorizing the owner or possessor of a weight and measure used for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel to charge a certain fee which is required to be itemized on the customer's receipt; etc.

**HB 969**  
**Chapter 281****Delegate Allen, et al****ELECTRIC VEHICLE FUEL SOLD AT RETAIL – EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS, UNITS OF MEASURE, AND FEES**

Requiring the owner or possessor of a weight and measure used for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel to display certain information in a conspicuous manner; requiring all electricity possessed, offered, or exposed for sale and sold at retail as a vehicle fuel to be measured and sold in units of kilowatt–hours; authorizing the owner or possessor of a weight and measure used for the retail sale of electricity as a vehicle fuel to charge certain fees for certain services; etc.

**SB 159**  
**Chapter 282****Senator A. Washington****EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – VEHICLES AND AMBULANCES – REQUIRED SUPPLIES**

Requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to coordinate, with Jurisdictional Emergency Medical Services Operating Programs, the minimum equipment, supplies, and medications needed for early childhood care, including neonatal care, to be available on emergency medical services vehicles.

**SB 656**  
**Chapter 283****Senator Henson****PUBLIC HEALTH – COSMETIC PRODUCTS – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED INGREDIENTS (CROWN AND CARE ACT – PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM HARMFUL HAIR CHEMICALS)**

Making a violation of certain provisions of law regarding the manufacture, sale, delivery, holding, or offering for sale certain cosmetic products an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; providing that a person who violates the is liable for certain civil damages resulting from actual harm sustained by an individual; requiring the Department of Health and the Attorney General to develop a plan for a special fund to support research and treatment related to conditions caused by harmful chemicals in cosmetic products; etc.

**HB 1533**  
**Chapter 284****Delegate Alston, et al**

PUBLIC HEALTH – COSMETIC PRODUCTS – ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES FOR PROHIBITED INGREDIENTS (CROWN AND CARE ACT – PROTECTING COMMUNITIES FROM HARMFUL HAIR CHEMICALS)

Making a violation of certain provisions of law regarding the manufacture, sale, delivery, holding, or offering for sale certain cosmetic products an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice; providing that a person who violates the Act is liable for certain civil damages resulting from actual harm sustained by an individual; requiring the Department of Health and the Attorney General to develop a plan for a fund to support research and treatment of conditions caused by harmful chemicals in cosmetic products; etc.

**SB 940**  
**Chapter 286****Senator Henson**

ENVIRONMENT – WATER QUALITY TESTING – SECONDARY MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS ACTION PLAN

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop a statewide action plan for the enforcement of standards for secondary maximum contaminant levels to address water discoloring, taste, and odor at community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

**HB 1196**  
**Chapter 287****Delegate J. Long, et al**

ENVIRONMENT – WATER QUALITY TESTING – SECONDARY MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVELS ACTION PLAN

Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop a statewide action plan for the enforcement of standards for secondary maximum contaminant levels to address water discoloring, taste, and odor at community water systems and nontransient, noncommunity water systems; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

**SB 337**  
**Chapter 294****Senator Lewis Young (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM –  
MEMBERSHIP – CLARIFICATIONS**

Clarifying the membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain employees of certain Maryland Department of Health facilities; and clarifying that certain participating employees who are appointed, promoted, or transferred are members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System as a condition of employment.

**HB 678**  
**Chapter 295****Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)****CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM –  
MEMBERSHIP – CLARIFICATIONS**

Clarifying the membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain employees of certain Maryland Department of Health facilities; and clarifying that certain participating employees who are appointed, promoted, or transferred are members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System as a condition of employment.

**HB 789**  
**Chapter 296****Delegates Forbes and Griffith****LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY  
SERVICE CREDIT ELIGIBILITY – HELICOPTER PILOTS**

Authorizing certain members and former members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System assigned as helicopter pilots in a State law enforcement aviation unit to receive credit for certain military service if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system; and prohibiting an individual from receiving credit more than one time.

- SB 491**  
**Chapter 297**      **Senator Salling**  
LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS’ PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT ELIGIBILITY – HELICOPTER PILOTS  
Authorizing certain members and former members of the Law Enforcement Officers’ Pension System assigned as helicopter pilots in a State law enforcement aviation unit to receive credit for certain military service if the member receives military service credit in another retirement system; and prohibiting an individual from receiving credit more than one time.
- HB 557**  
**Chapter 302**      **Delegate Harrison, et al**  
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION – CRIMINAL HISTORY – PREDETERMINATION REVIEW PROCESS  
Providing that “department” does not include the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for purposes of certain provisions prohibiting a department from refusing to issue an occupational license or certificate based on a certain conviction under certain circumstances; establishing a predetermination review process for occupational licenses and certificates in certain departments of State government; authorizing a department to charge a criminal history review fee of up to \$100; etc.
- HB 175**  
**Chapter 309**      **Delegate Ziegler, et al**  
INCOME TAX CREDIT – VENISON DONATION – ALTERATIONS  
Increasing from \$300 to \$600 the maximum amount of a credit against the State income tax that an individual may claim for certain expenses incurred for a donation of deer meat to certain organizations; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.
- HB 1279**  
**Chapter 310**      **Delegate Ruff, et al**  
CATALYTIC REVITALIZATION PROJECT TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS  
Adding applications promoting certain workforce housing to the types of applications that certain regulations governing the application process for the catalytic revitalization project tax credit must emphasize.

**SB 163**  
**Chapter 315****Senators West and McCray****INCOME TAX – ADDITION MODIFICATION FOR FEDERAL TAX-EXEMPT INCOME – STUDY**

Requiring the Office of the Comptroller, by December 1, 2026, to study and report to the Governor and the General Assembly regarding certain matters related to an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for certain income exempt from federal tax by federal law or treaty but not State tax.

**SB 579**  
**Chapter 319****Senator Jennings, et al****COUNTIES – NO-COST PREVENTIVE CANCER SCREENINGS FOR VOLUNTEER AND RETIRED VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS**

Requiring counties in which a volunteer fire company is located to offer no-cost preventive cancer screenings in accordance with certain guidelines to volunteer firefighters volunteering and retired volunteer firefighters who volunteered with the volunteer fire company; authorizing a county to satisfy the requirement by providing a certain annual examination or applying for a certain grant; requiring the volunteer fire companies to maintain a list of volunteer firefighters and retired volunteer firefighters; etc.

**HB 613**  
**Chapter 321****Delegate T. Morgan, et al****DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT – WAIVERS FOR LIVING SHORELINES AND NONSTRUCTURAL SHORELINE STABILIZATION MEASURES – REGULATIONS AND SCORING SYSTEM**

Authorizing a person to use living shorelines as a certain erosion control measure; applying the Act only to a shoreline stabilization project for which any portion of the project is in an area that is not designated as appropriate for structural stabilization measures by Department mapping; requiring that certain regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment require the Department to take certain action during the evaluation of a certain waiver request; requiring the Department to develop a certain scoring system; etc.

- HB 1324**  
**Chapter 324**      **Delegate Rosenberg**  
BALTIMORE CITY – NATURAL RESOURCES – ARCHERY  
HUNTING SAFETY ZONES
- Adding Baltimore City to the list of jurisdictions in which the safety zone for archery hunters extends 50 yards from a dwelling house, residence, church, or any other building or camp occupied by human beings.
- HB 1376**  
**Chapter 325**      **Delegate Rosenberg, et al**  
MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, MARYLAND  
CHILDREN’S HEALTH PROGRAM, AND HEALTH INSURANCE –  
TRANSFERS TO SPECIAL PEDIATRIC HOSPITALS –  
REQUIREMENTS
- Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and the Maryland Children’s Health Program to provide a prior authorization determination regarding a transfer on request of a special pediatric hospital within 3 business days after the request is received; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt regulations on or before December 31, 2026, establishing a retrospective review process for special pediatric hospitals.
- HB 547**  
**Chapter 327**      **Delegate Fair, et al**  
INCOME TAX – ENHANCED AGRICULTURAL MANAGEMENT  
EQUIPMENT SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION AND PARENT OF A  
STILLBORN CHILD CREDIT
- Requiring the Secretary of Agriculture, by December 1, 2026, and each December 1 thereafter, to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on additional types of equipment that the Secretary recommends should qualify for the subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for enhanced agricultural management equipment; allowing a certain parent of a stillborn child a refundable credit of \$1,000 against the State income tax for each birth for which a certain certificate has been issued; etc.

**SB 257****Chapter 331****Senator Simonaire****MEL NOLAND WOODLAND INCENTIVES AND FELLOWSHIP FUND – REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include in an annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly the amount of proceeds from a certain agricultural land transfer tax that are attributable to the taxation of certain instruments of writing that transfer title to parcels of land that are entirely woodland that were distributed to the Mel Noland Woodland Incentives and Fellowship Fund during the immediately preceding fiscal year; and requiring the Department to report any uncertainties regarding certain amounts.

**HB 533****Chapter 332****Delegate Stein****MEL NOLAND WOODLAND INCENTIVES AND FELLOWSHIP FUND – REPORTING**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to include in an annual report to certain committees of the General Assembly the amount of proceeds from a certain agricultural land transfer tax that are attributable to the taxation of certain instruments of writing that transfer title to parcels of land that are entirely woodland that were distributed to the Mel Noland Woodland Incentives and Fellowship Fund during the immediately preceding fiscal year; and requiring the Department to report any uncertainties regarding certain amounts.

**HB 590****Chapter 346****Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY – TRANSFER TAX – USE OF PROCEEDS HO. CO. 12–26**

Altering the name of the Howard County Agricultural Land Preservation Fund to be the Howard County Agricultural Preservation and Innovation Fund; and specifying that certain transfer tax proceeds that are distributed to the Fund are to be used to support the Agricultural Land Preservation Program and other programs, services, or initiatives to enhance the commercial viability or environmental sustainability of agriculture in the County.

**SB 388**  
**Chapter 351****The President (By Request – Administration), et al**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – DELIVERING ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND ADVANCING DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS (DECADE) ACT

Altering the designation, administration, and purposes of and eligibility for certain economic development programs; altering the distribution of certain video lottery terminal proceeds; providing for certain requirements relating to the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account; providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of certain information technology services, digital codes, and digital products; requiring the Comptroller and Department of Commerce to evaluate the film production activity credit; etc.

**Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 only**

**HB 898**  
**Chapter 352****The Speaker (By Request – Administration), et al**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – DELIVERING ECONOMIC COMPETITIVENESS AND ADVANCING DEVELOPMENT EFFORTS (DECADE) ACT

Altering the designation, administration, and purposes of and eligibility for certain economic development programs; providing for certain requirements relating to the administration of the Small, Minority, and Women–Owned Businesses Account; providing that the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of certain information technology services and certain digital codes and digital products under certain circumstances; establishing the purpose of the film production activity tax credit; etc.

**Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 only**

**HB 1532**  
**Chapter 353****The Speaker, et al****UTILITY RELIEF (REDUCING ENERGY LOAD INFLATION FOR EVERYDAY FAMILIES) ACT**

Transferring the electric universal service program to the Office of Home Energy Programs and requiring the Office to authorize benefits under the program for certain electric customers; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits Loan Program in the Maryland Clean Energy Center; altering certain required procedures related to the permitting, inspection, and interconnection of certain residential solar energy systems; altering the uses of the Environmental Trust Fund; etc.

**Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 19, and 20 only**

**HB 1523**  
**Chapter 354****Delegate Ross, et al****ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION – UNAUTHORIZED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS – ENFORCEMENT AND SEIZURE**

Altering the violations of law with respect to which the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission is authorized to issue a citation or charging document; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, exposing for sale, or advertising for sale unauthorized consumable products; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, confiscate, or destroy unauthorized consumable products and certain other products; etc.

**SB 820**  
**Chapter 355****Senator Hayes****ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION – UNAUTHORIZED CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS – ENFORCEMENT AND SEIZURE**

Altering the violations of law with respect to which the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission is authorized to issue a citation; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, exposing for sale, or advertising for sale unauthorized consumable products; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, confiscate, or destroy unauthorized consumable products; altering certain provisions governing the enforcement related to unauthorized consumable products; etc.

**HB 252**                    **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 359**                **Departmental – Environment)**

ENVIRONMENT – LEAD PAINT ABATEMENT SERVICES –  
PERFORMANCE BOND AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

Authorizing regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment to include requirements for any person who is accredited by the Department to provide lead paint abatement services to be covered by a reasonable performance bond or reasonable liability insurance.

**HB 856**                    **Delegate Ebersole**  
**Chapter 362**

LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – EDUCATOR SCREENING –  
EDUCATOR IDENTIFICATION CLEARINGHOUSE (SCHOOL  
PERSONNEL VETTING AND HIRING TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring the State Department of Education to register each local school system in the State as an associate member of a certain national membership organization; and requiring each local school system in the State to utilize the Educator Identification Clearinghouse to screen individuals who receive an offer of employment on or after August 1, 2026, for an educator position that requires a license and ensure that each individual who receives an offer applies for and obtains the appropriate license.

**SB 648**                    **Senator Hettleman**  
**Chapter 363**

LOCAL SCHOOL SYSTEMS – EDUCATOR SCREENING –  
EDUCATOR IDENTIFICATION CLEARINGHOUSE (SCHOOL  
PERSONNEL VETTING AND HIRING TRANSPARENCY ACT)

Requiring the State Department of Education to register each local school system in the State as an associate member of a certain national membership organization; and requiring each local school system in the State to utilize the Educator Identification Clearinghouse to screen individuals who receive an offer of employment on or after August 1, 2026, for an educator position that requires a license and ensure that each individual who receives an offer applies for and obtains the appropriate license before certain occurrences.

**HB 1369** Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation  
**Chapter 364** Committee)

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT – AUDIT AND  
FINANCE COMPLIANCE UNIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Audit and Finance Compliance Unit in the Department of Budget and Management; requiring the Governor to implement systems and processes to monitor certain efforts; requiring the Unit to monitor efforts of Departmental Units to correct certain audit findings and provide guidance, coordination, and technical assistance; authorizing the Unit to implement steps to address and prevent audit findings; requiring the Unit to provide direct assistance to Departmental Units with four or more repeat audit findings; etc.

**SB 858** Senator Hettleman (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation  
**Chapter 365** Committee), et al

DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT – AUDIT AND  
FINANCE COMPLIANCE UNIT – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Audit and Finance Compliance Unit in the Department of Budget and Management; requiring the Governor to implement systems and processes to monitor certain efforts; requiring the Unit to monitor efforts of Departmental Units to correct certain audit findings and provide guidance, coordination, and technical assistance; authorizing the Unit to implement steps to address and prevent audit findings; requiring the Unit to provide direct assistance to Departmental Units with four or more repeat audit findings; etc.

**HB 1422** Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation  
**Chapter 366** Committee)

STATE PROCUREMENT AND PERSONNEL – LIQUIDATED  
DAMAGES DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS AND STATE  
FISCAL LEADERSHIP CAPACITY

Requiring units of State government to provide certain documentation to the Board of Public Works and the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee if the unit decides not to pursue certain liquidated damages; authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management to set the pay scale for certain chief financial officer positions in order to assist with recruitment and retention; requiring the Secretary to establish certain minimum qualifications for chief financial officers that consider certain qualifications; etc.

**SB 859** Senator Hettleman (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation  
**Chapter 367** Committee)

STATE PROCUREMENT AND PERSONNEL – LIQUIDATED  
DAMAGES DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS AND STATE  
FISCAL LEADERSHIP CAPACITY

Requiring units of State government to provide certain documentation to the Board of Public Works and the Joint Audit and Evaluation Committee if the unit decides not to pursue certain liquidated damages; authorizing the Secretary of Budget and Management to set the pay scale for certain chief financial officer positions in order to assist with recruitment and retention; requiring the Secretary to establish certain minimum qualifications for chief financial officers that consider certain qualifications; etc.

**HB 1557** Delegate Solomon (By Request – Joint Audit and Evaluation  
**Chapter 368** Committee)

PROCUREMENT – REAL ESTATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND  
PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND LEASE REQUIREMENTS

Establishing a Real Estate Advisory Committee in the Department of General Services to advise the Department, the Board of Public Works, and the General Assembly on certain real estate matters; establishing additional requirements for the Board of Public Works before approving the acquisition or lease of certain real property; providing that the Board may not approve the sale, transfer, exchange, or grant of certain property under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 223** Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By  
**Chapter 372** Request – Departmental – Maryland Energy Administration)

MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – JANE E. LAWTON  
CONSERVATION LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND AND  
MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND

Transferring the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program from the Maryland Energy Administration to the Maryland Clean Energy Center; requiring the Center to hold the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Fund and invest and reinvest the money of the Fund; and altering reporting requirements for the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

**SB 77** Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental  
**Chapter 373** – Commerce)

STATE CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED PROVISIONS – EXEMPTIONS

Exempting certain contracts entered into by the Office of International Trade in the Department of Commerce relating to the development of certain authorized international business activities and opportunities from certain prohibitions on the provisions that may be included in State contracts; etc.

**HB 300**                    **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 374**                **Departmental – Commerce)**

STATE CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED PROVISIONS – EXEMPTIONS

Exempting certain contracts entered into by the Office of International Trade from certain prohibitions on the provisions that may be included in State contracts.

**HB 622**                    **Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Maryland**  
**Chapter 375**                **Cannabis Administration)**

CANNABIS – LICENSEES – DISPENSARY LICENSES, MICRO DISPENSARY EMPLOYEES, AND CANNABIS AGENT TRAINING PROGRAMS

Extending by one year the time period during which a holder of a certain dispensary license may continue to deliver medical cannabis; increasing from 10 to 20 the number of individuals a micro dispensary is permitted to employ; altering certain provisions relating to training requirements for certain cannabis agents; and requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to give priority to applications for programs that were previously approved as responsible vendor training programs when reviewing training programs for approval.

**HB 1581**                    **Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 376**                **Stadium Authority), et al**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – HORSE RACING FACILITIES, PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY BLUE LINE CORRIDOR FACILITIES, AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT – ALTERATIONS

Altering the entities to which the State Racing Commission may issue a license and award racing days for racing at mile tracks; altering the definitions of “Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor” and “Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor facility” for purposes of expanding the location of the corridor and types of facilities that may be located in the corridor; altering certain requirements for the thoroughbred racetrack operator of and certain long-term agreements related to the Pimlico racing facility site; etc.

**Except Sections 2 and 3**

**SB 770**  
**Chapter 377****Senators Ferguson and James****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND’S FUTURE BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland’s Future Board under the Department of Commerce to develop, evaluate, and revise a visionary plan for the future of Maryland by January 1, 2027, and make recommendations for projects based on the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly; establishing the Maryland’s Future Fund to fund projects recommended by the Board; and requiring the Comptroller to submit a report on economic growth trends in the State to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

**HB 1473**  
**Chapter 378****The Speaker****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND’S FUTURE BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland’s Future Board under the Department of Commerce to develop, evaluate, and revise a visionary plan for the future of Maryland by January 1, 2027; requiring the Board to make recommendations for projects based on the plan to the Governor and the General Assembly by August 1, 2027 and each August 1 thereafter; establishing the Maryland’s Future Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to study economic growth trends for certain industries and report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

**SB 905**  
**Chapter 379****Senator Zucker, et al****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – MARYLAND ADVANCED MANUFACTURING GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Advanced Manufacturing Grant Program in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to support the growth of companies that specialize in regenerative medicine and other advanced manufacturing by providing certain grants; authorizing grant proceeds to be used only for acquisitions, renovations or construction of certain space, infrastructure improvements, and purchase of equipment; etc.

**HB 487**  
**Chapter 380****Delegate Feldmark****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – INVESTMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to adopt certain regulations regarding the consideration of remedies for investments in certain businesses that no longer meet the definition of a qualified business for purposes of provisions of law governing the Corporation; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Corporation to divest itself of an interest under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Corporation to pursue certain other remedies under those circumstances.

**HB 1598**  
**Chapter 382****Delegates McCaskill and Toles****HORSE RACING – RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT GRANTS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain racing licensee to receive a grant for a capital construction plan from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account without providing and expending a matching fund; requiring the racing licensee that receives the grant without providing and expending a matching fund to conduct live racing in the State for at least 10 years after the construction plan is complete; and requiring the State Racing Commission to recapture certain grant funds under certain circumstances and in a certain manner.

**SB 762**  
**Chapter 383****Senator Guzzone, et al****HORSE RACING – RACETRACK FACILITY RENEWAL ACCOUNT GRANTS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing, rather than requiring, a certain racing licensee to receive a grant for a capital construction plan from the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account; requiring the racing licensee that receives the grant without providing and expending a matching fund to conduct live racing days in the State for at least 10 years after the construction plan is complete; altering the amount of the balance in the Racetrack Facility Renewal Account that is to be made available to certain racing licensees if certain racetracks are closed; etc.

**HB 1248**  
**Chapter 386****Delegate Wolek****WORKGROUP FOR AN INCLUSIVE STATE WORKPLACE – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Workgroup for an Inclusive State Workplace to study and make recommendations regarding the expansion of part-time State employment opportunities for individuals who are challenged by the traditional full-time employment structure; and requiring the Department of Budget and Management, taking into consideration the Workgroup's findings and recommendations, to develop and distribute guidance to State agencies on expanding part-time employment opportunities.

**HB 798**  
**Chapter 391****Delegate Wolek****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ACCOUNTS – MANAGEMENT FEES (SMALL BUSINESS INCREASED ACCESS TO CAPITAL ACT)**

Authorizing the Department of Commerce to authorize an eligible fund manager to receive, use, and retain a certain management fee; and authorizing the Department to set an annual cap on the cumulative amount of certain management fees an eligible fund manager may receive.

**SB 920**  
**Chapter 392****Senator Harris, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ACCOUNTS – MANAGEMENT FEES (SMALL BUSINESS INCREASED ACCESS TO CAPITAL ACT)**

Authorizing the Department of Commerce to authorize an eligible fund manager to receive, use, and retain a certain management fee; and authorizing the Department to set an annual cap on the cumulative amount of certain management fees an eligible fund manager may receive.

**HB 483**  
**Chapter 393****Delegate Wolek****BUSINESS REGULATION – CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS –  
AUDIT AND REVIEW THRESHOLDS**

Increasing the minimum gross income amounts from charitable contributions at which a charitable organization must include a certain audit or a certain review with a registration statement; increasing the amount of cash receipts from charitable contributions the Secretary of State may accept an affidavit attesting to under certain circumstances; increasing the maximum amount of gross income of a charitable organization at which the Secretary of State may require an audit or review from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000; etc.

**SB 354**  
**Chapter 394****Senators Kagan and Waldstreicher****BUSINESS REGULATION – CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS –  
AUDIT AND REVIEW THRESHOLDS**

Increasing the minimum gross income amounts from charitable contributions at which a charitable organization must include a certain audit or a certain review with a registration statement; increasing the amount of cash receipts from charitable contributions the Secretary of State may accept an affidavit attesting to under certain circumstances; increasing the maximum amount of gross income of a charitable organization at which the Secretary of State may require an audit or review from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000; etc.

**SB 305**  
**Chapter 403****Senator Hettleman, et al****QUALIFYING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – INCARCERATED  
INDIVIDUAL TRAINING AND REENTRY GRANT FUND –  
EXTENSION**

Extending the fiscal years through 2029 in which the Governor may include an appropriation of \$1,000,000 in the annual budget bill for certain qualifying nonprofit organizations that provide automotive repair training and reentry assistance to incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals; and extending the termination date for provisions relating to funding for certain services to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.

- SB 472**  
**Chapter 404**      **Senator Hettleman**  
BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2025 EDITION – LEGALIZATION  
Legalizing the 2025 Edition of the Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.
- HB 732**  
**Chapter 405**      **Delegate Ebersole**  
BALTIMORE COUNTY CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS – 2025 EDITION – LEGALIZATION  
Legalizing the 2025 Edition of the Baltimore County Code of Public Local Laws and any supplement to the extent to which that code or supplement contains laws enacted by the General Assembly.
- SB 625**  
**Chapter 411**      **Senator Feldman**  
CARBON DIOXIDE CAPTURE, REMOVAL, AND SEQUESTRATION PROJECTS – REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS FOR BIOCHAR AND WOOD VAULT TECHNOLOGIES  
Requiring the Department of the Environment to develop, in consultation with the Department of Agriculture, and to adopt regulations and standards governing the permitting of carbon dioxide capture, removal, and sequestration projects that utilize biochar or wood vault technologies by January 1, 2028.
- SB 594**  
**Chapter 416**      **Senators Beidle and Gile**  
CANNABIS – ADVERTISING – ALTERATIONS  
Altering the ownership and control percentage requirement for a social equity applicant for a cannabis license; prohibiting cannabis advertising from directly targeting individuals under the age of 21 years; authorizing a standard dispensary to place exterior signage for a certain limited purposes; requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to accept certain advertising audience composition data and develop a process for accepting a certain attestation from a certain person regarding audience composition; etc.

**HB 1063**  
**Chapter 421****Delegate Boyce, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – HUNTING – MANAGEMENT**

Providing that the Department of Natural Resources may authorize the reduction of the deer population on certain property with deer damage using certain methods; altering the time restrictions for Sunday deer hunting in certain counties during deer firearms season; repealing certain time restrictions that apply to the hunting of game birds and mammals on certain Sundays on private property in Wicomico County; authorizing the Department to allow a person to hunt deer on each Sunday of the deer bow hunting season in Baltimore City; etc.

**Except Section 2****SB 114**  
**Chapter 434****Senator Kagan, et al****3–1–1 SYSTEMS – EXPANSION PROGRAM AND OVERSIGHT BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland 3–1–1 Oversight Board in the Maryland Information Network to oversee the expansion of 3–1–1 systems in Maryland; establishing the 3–1–1 Program to use certain artificial intelligence to answer certain questions and route certain calls in certain counties; and requiring creation and implementation of a plan to expand the 3–1–1 Program to all of the counties in Maryland after a certain time period.

**SB 85**  
**Chapter 436****Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)****DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT FUND – USES**

Authorizing the Information Technology Investment Fund, at the discretion of the Secretary of Information Technology, to be used to support State–owned communication sites, communication facilities, and telecommunications equipment used in connection with certain information technology agreements; requiring, by January 15 each year, the Secretary to submit a report to the General Assembly specifying the amount of money paid into the Fund that was allocated to certain programs and how the funds were allocated; etc.

**HB 266**                    **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 437**                **Departmental – Information Technology)**

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT FUND – USES

Authorizing the Information Technology Investment Fund, at the discretion of the Secretary of Information Technology, to be used to support State-owned communication sites, communication facilities, and telecommunications equipment used in connection with certain technology agreements; and requiring, by January 15 each year, the Secretary to submit a report to the General Assembly specifying the amount of money paid into the Fund that was allocated to certain programs.

**SB 11**                        **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 442**                **Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

CAMPAIGN FINANCING – CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING  
DEADLINE AND FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND  
DISTRIBUTIONS

Altering the day that a certain campaign finance report is due to be filed with the State Board of Elections; requiring that a certain campaign finance report cover a certain period of time; altering, from January 1 of the year of the election to July 1 of the year before the election, the earliest date on which the State Board of Elections may begin making distributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; etc.

**HB 260**                    **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request –**  
**Chapter 443**                **Departmental – State Board of Elections)**

CAMPAIGN FINANCING – CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTING  
DEADLINE AND FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND  
DISTRIBUTIONS

Altering the day that a certain campaign finance report is due to be filed with the State Board of Elections; requiring that a certain campaign finance report cover a certain time period; and altering, from January 1 of the year of the election to July 1 of the year before the election, the earliest date on which the State Board of Elections may begin making distributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund.

**SB 825**  
**Chapter 446****Senator Hester, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION**

Establishing the Critical Infrastructure Protection Branch in the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center; requiring the Department of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Center, to take certain action in response to an attack on the State’s critical infrastructure; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to allow the owner or operator of critical infrastructure to become a member of the Maryland Information Sharing and Analysis Center and provide cybersecurity reporting standards to the owner or operator.

**HB 1239**  
**Chapter 447****Delegate Kaiser, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROTECTION**

Establishing the Critical Infrastructure Protection Branch in the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center; requiring the Department of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Center, to take certain action in response to an attack on the State’s critical infrastructure; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to allow the owner or operator of critical infrastructure to become a member of the Maryland Information Sharing and Analysis Center and provide cybersecurity reporting standards to the owner or operator.

**HB 329**  
**Chapter 452****Delegate Simpson, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS – PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH STUDENTS**

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a student enrolled in a school where the law enforcement officer is assigned as a school resource officer; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a term of imprisonment of up to 3 years or a fine not exceed \$3,000 or both.

- SB 81**  
**Chapter 453**      **Senator Folden**  
CRIMINAL LAW – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS – PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH STUDENTS  
Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a student enrolled in a school where the law enforcement officer is assigned as a school resource officer.
- SB 184**  
**Chapter 472**      **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES CRIMES UNIT – REPORTING REQUIREMENT  
Altering the date, from November 30 to October 1 each year, by which the Office of the Attorney General must report on certain activities of the Office’s Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit and certain activities taken by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources in response to findings of the Unit.
- HB 218**  
**Chapter 473**      **Chair, Environment and Transportation Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)**  
OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES CRIMES UNIT – REPORTING REQUIREMENT  
Altering the date, from November 30 to October 1 each year, by which the Office of the Attorney General must report on certain activities of the Office’s Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit and certain activities taken by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources in response to findings of the Unit.
- HB 896**  
**Chapter 481**      **Chair, Government, Labor, and Elections Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**  
MILITARY DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL GUARD STATE ACTIVE DUTY MOBILIZATION FUND  
Establishing the National Guard State Active Duty Mobilization Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund in the Military Department to provide funds for State active duty mobilization of the National Guard.

- SB 606**  
**Chapter 488**      **Senator McCray, et al**  
MARYLAND E-ZPASS COMMUTER FAIRNESS AND  
TRANSPARENCY ACT OF 2026
- Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly by September 1, 2026, on E-ZPass discount plans and unused commuter trips that contains certain data; requiring the Authority to provide recommendations for lowering the amount of unused commuter trips and mitigating consumer harm; requiring the Authority, under certain circumstances, to submit a certain corrective action plan or eliminate certain forfeitures; etc.
- HB 1345**  
**Chapter 502**      **Delegates Cardin and Taylor**  
MARYLAND TRUST ACT – IN TERROREM CLAUSE – VOID
- Establishing that, under the Maryland Trust Act, a certain in terrorem clause contained in a trust is void under certain circumstances.
- SB 277**  
**Chapter 503**      **Senator West**  
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – VENUE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
JUDICIAL PROBATE AND APPLICATION OF INHERITANCE TAX
- Altering certain criteria for determining the venue for administrative or judicial probate of decedents who were not domiciled in the State; providing that, for purposes of the application of the Maryland inheritance tax, the situs of intangible personal property is the domicile of the decedent; repealing a certain exemption from the Maryland inheritance tax for personal property that passes from a nonresident decedent; etc.
- HB 17**  
**Chapter 504**      **Delegate Cardin, et al**  
ESTATES AND TRUSTS – VENUE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND  
JUDICIAL PROBATE AND APPLICATION OF INHERITANCE TAX
- Altering certain criteria for determining the venue for administrative or judicial probate of decedents who were not domiciled in the State; providing that, for purposes of the application of the Maryland inheritance tax, the situs of intangible personal property is the domicile of the decedent; repealing a certain exemption from the Maryland inheritance tax for personal property that passes from a nonresident decedent; etc.

**SB 968**  
**Chapter 524****Senator Gallion****EDUCATION – SCHOOL BUS – FIRE SAFETY STANDARDS**

Exempting the driver's seat of a school bus from the requirement that a school bus be constructed with certain materials that enable it to meet all the criteria of the school bus seat upholstery fire block test established by the National School Transportation specifications and procedures adopted by the most recent National Congress on School Transportation.

**SB 556**  
**Chapter 525****Senator Gallion****WATER COMPANIES, SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES, AND WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES – LIMITED-INCOME MECHANISMS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to require a water company, sewage disposal company, or water and sewage disposal company to adopt a certain limited-income mechanism subject to the approval of the Commission; and requiring the Commission to study the feasibility of requiring certain companies to adopt a limited-income mechanism to benefit limited-income customers and report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

**HB 1164**  
**Chapter 526****Delegate Foley****WATER COMPANIES, SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES, AND WATER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL COMPANIES – LIMITED-INCOME MECHANISMS**

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to require a water company, sewage disposal company, or water and sewage disposal company to adopt a certain limited-income mechanism subject to the approval of the Commission; and requiring the Commission to study the feasibility of requiring certain companies to adopt a limited-income mechanism to benefit limited-income customers and to report its findings to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2026.

**Except Section 1**

**HB 1152**  
**Chapter 531****Delegate Williams****DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS  
– STUDY**

Requiring the Department of State Police to conduct a study regarding the employment and use of special police officers; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2026.

**HB 470**  
**Chapter 548****Delegate Boafu, et al****DIGITAL ASSET AND BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY TASK  
FORCE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Digital Asset and Blockchain Technology Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the use and regulation of blockchain technology and cryptocurrency in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee by October 1, 2027.

**SB 376**  
**Chapter 549****Senator Watson****DIGITAL ASSET AND BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY TASK  
FORCE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Digital Asset and Blockchain Technology Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the use and regulation of blockchain technology and cryptocurrency in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations on or before October 1, 2027, to the Governor, the General Assembly, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Economic Matters Committee.

**SB 558**  
**Chapter 552****Senator Bailey, et al****CHESAPEAKE BAY – ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND MARYLAND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Enhancement Program in the Department of Natural Resources to provide funding for certain oyster propagation and replenishment projects that mitigate the effects of certain transportation projects on the State’s oyster population; establishing the Maryland Seafood Industry Financial Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance to certain commercial watermen and small businesses; prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from making certain approvals for tidal fish licenses; etc.

**Sections 2 and 3 only**

**HB 1599**  
**Chapter 553****Delegate Jacobs, et al****CHESAPEAKE BAY – ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM AND MARYLAND SEAFOOD INDUSTRY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FUND – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Chesapeake Bay Enhancement Program to provide funding for certain oyster propagation and replenishment projects that mitigate the effects of certain transportation projects on the State’s oyster population; establishing the Maryland Seafood Industry Financial Assistance Fund to provide financial assistance to certain commercial watermen and small businesses; and prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from making certain approvals for tidal fish licenses or authorizations of certain borrowers.

**Sections 2 and 3 only**

**SB 357**  
**Chapter 554****Senator Bailey****ST. MARY’S COUNTY – GAMING BY QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION – PERMIT REQUIRED**

Requiring a qualified organization to hold a gaming permit whenever the qualified organization operates a certain gaming device in St. Mary’s County; authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County to adopt regulations, in consultation with a certain designee, to administer and enforce the gaming device permit required by the Act; and requiring the Board to designate a person to administer the issuance of gaming permits in the county.

- HB 610**  
**Chapter 555**      **Delegate T. Morgan**  
ST. MARY’S COUNTY – GAMING BY QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION – PERMIT REQUIRED
- Requiring a qualified organization to hold a gaming permit whenever the qualified organization operates a certain gaming device in St. Mary’s County; authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County to adopt certain regulations; and requiring the Board to designate a person to administer the issuance of gaming permits in the county.
- HB 1156**  
**Chapter 556**      **Calvert County Delegation**  
CALVERT COUNTY – LENGTH OF SERVICE AWARD PROGRAM – BENEFITS
- Altering a certain benefit amount for certain fire and rescue volunteers in Calvert County.
- HB 601**  
**Chapter 557**      **Montgomery County Delegation**  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS PILOT PROGRAM – GAITHERSBURG AND ROCKVILLE MC 5–26
- Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in the City of Gaithersburg and the City of Rockville under the pilot program authorized for Prince George’s County, certain school zones in Baltimore City, and the City of Takoma Park if authorized by local law.
- HB 608**  
**Chapter 563**      **The Speaker (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)**  
JUDICIAL AND QUASI-JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES – COMPENSATION
- Authorizing the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court of Maryland and a judge who serves as an administrative judge for a circuit court or the District Court to receive an annual stipend in addition to the judge’s annual salary; and altering the compensation of the Chairman of the Worker’s Compensation Commission to be at least equal to the salary of the Chief Judge of the District Court.

- SB 313**  
**Chapter 564**      **The President (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)**  
JUDICIAL AND QUASI-JUDICIAL EMPLOYEES –  
COMPENSATION
- Authorizing the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court of Maryland and a judge who serves as an administrative judge for a circuit court or the District Court to receive an annual stipend in addition to the judge’s annual salary; and altering the compensation of the Chairman of the Workers’ Compensation Commission to be at least equal to the salary of the Chief Judge of the District Court.
- SB 877**  
**Chapter 569**      **Senator Attar**  
BALTIMORE CITY – STOP SIGN MONITORING SYSTEMS PILOT  
PROGRAM – 41ST LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT
- Authorizing the use of stop sign monitoring systems in school zones in the 41st legislative district of Baltimore City under the pilot program authorized for Prince George’s County, the 45th and 46th legislative districts of Baltimore City, and the City of Takoma Park if authorized by local law.
- SB 705**  
**Chapter 575**      **Caroline County Senators**  
CAROLINE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER  
COMPENSATION – INCREASE
- Increasing the annual compensation of the president and voting members of the Caroline County Board of Education from \$4,000 and \$3,500 to \$6,000 and \$5,500, respectively.
- HB 1171**  
**Chapter 578**      **Howard County Delegation**  
HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT  
MEMBER – VOTING HO. CO. 7–26
- Altering the matters on which the student member of the Howard County Board of Education may vote.

**HB 1176**  
**Chapter 580****Howard County Delegation**

HOWARD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET – PERCENTAGE OF COUNTY GENERAL FUND REVENUE HO. CO. 10–26

Requiring, in the submission of the annual budget to the Howard County Council, the Howard County Executive to include the percentage of the county’s general fund revenue, excluding one–time expenses, that is allocated to the operating budget of the Howard County Board of Education and operating costs associated with the Howard County school system; requiring that a copy of the budget be placed on the county board’s public–facing website, in an easily identifiable location; etc.

**HB 1252**  
**Chapter 582****Montgomery County Delegation**

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – MONTGOMERY COUNTY STUDY MC 19–26

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a study and make recommendations on the availability and affordability of housing in Montgomery County; and requiring the Department to issue two interim reports and its final report of the findings and recommendation by February 1, 2029, to certain entities in Montgomery County and the Montgomery County Delegation to the General Assembly.

**HB 423**  
**Chapter 583****Prince George’s County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – DRUG DETECTION PRODUCTS PG 501–26

Requiring, subject to certain conditions, the Prince George’s County Board of Education to provide, at no charge, drink spiking detection products and drug detection strips to public high school students in the county through school–based health clinics or school libraries beginning in the 2026–2027 school year; and requiring each public high school in the county to submit a certain report to Maryland’s Office of Overdose Response on or before October 1 each year.

- HB 569**  
**Chapter 585**      **Delegate Arentz, et al**  
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUES FROM DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES – EXPANSION  
Authorizing the County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County to use revenue from development impact fees to finance the capital costs related to the replacement of public school facilities.
- SB 833**  
**Chapter 586**      **Senator Hershey**  
QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – AUTHORIZED USES OF REVENUES FROM DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEES – EXPANSION  
Authorizing the County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County to use revenue from development impact fees to finance the capital costs related to the replacement of public school facilities.
- HB 1582**  
**Chapter 593**      **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)**  
EDUCATION – PROGRAM OF EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY – ALTERATIONS (COMPREHENSIVE OUTCOMES AND MEASURES OF PROGRESS FOR SUPPORTING SCHOOLS (COMPASS ACT))  
Altering the school quality indicators authorized for an educational accountability program in public schools; and prohibiting the use of certain indicators in an educational accountability system.
- HB 849**  
**Chapter 594**      **Delegate Mireku–North, et al**  
CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – FREEZE IN ENROLLMENT – EXCEPTIONS AND WAITLIST  
Prohibiting a freeze in enrollment in the Child Care Scholarship Program from including certain individuals enrolled in certain governmental support programs, children with siblings enrolled in the Program, and children who are homeless; requiring the State Department of Education to establish a waitlist for the Program under certain conditions; requiring the Department to give priority for enrollment in the Program to certain individuals on the waitlist; requiring a new application for the program that collects certain information; etc.

**HB 1321**  
**Chapter 595****Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al****CHILD CARE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – APPLICATION PROCESS AND COPAYS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to identify, inform, and assist Child Care Scholarship Program applicants who qualify for enrollment in publicly funded prekindergarten, Head Start, and Early Head Start subject to certain conditions; requiring the process for identifying and assisting eligible applicants whose children qualify for a program to continue as long as the waitlist is in effect; and limiting certain copays for certain individuals under the Program.

**Contingency – Subject to the taking effect of Chapter 594 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2026**

**HB 525**  
**Chapter 596****Delegate Boafo, et al****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION DEVICE USE POLICY – ESTABLISHMENT (JOANNE C. BENSON MARYLAND PHONE-FREE SCHOOLS ACT)**

Requiring each county board of education to develop and implement, by the 2027–2028 school year, a policy prohibiting the use of certain electronic communication devices by a student during the academic school day; and prohibiting the policy from restricting the use of an electronic communication device for purposes of accommodations related to a disability, including for any purpose in a student’s individual education program, to address a documented health issue, to access language translation tools, or to meet caregiving responsibilities.

**HB 235**  
**Chapter 597****Chair, Economic Matters Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – LOCAL APPROVAL REQUIREMENT**

Altering from 45 to 15 the number of days that a political subdivision has to approve or deny a certain application for financial assistance under the Neighborhood Business Development Program from the Department of Housing and Community Development.

**SB 218**                    **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By**  
**Chapter 598**                **Request – Departmental – Education)**

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – PROLONGED STATE  
OF EMERGENCY – AUTHORITY TO DECLARE

Authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to declare a prolonged state of emergency for an event that prevents regular, in-person attendance at a public school for at least 14 consecutive school days, subject to certain requirements; establishing that if an emergency threatens a particular school within a local system the State Superintendent may declare a prolonged state of emergency for that school; requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations relating to a prolonged state of emergency; etc.

**HB 288**                    **Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental –**  
**Chapter 599**                **Education)**

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – PROLONGED STATE  
OF EMERGENCY – AUTHORITY TO DECLARE

Authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to declare a prolonged state of emergency for an event that prevents regular, in-person attendance at a public school for at least 14 consecutive school days, subject to certain requirements; and requiring the State Board to adopt certain regulations including establishing minimum criteria for the adoption and implementation of virtual education plans by a county board during a prolonged state of emergency affecting the local school system.

**SB 48**                    **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental**  
**Chapter 600**                **– Public School Construction)**

EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION –  
ALTERATIONS

Clarifying the type of proposals and plans that require the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools; requiring a county board of education to request and receive approval from the State Superintendent before a county board may proceed with certain actions; repealing the requirement for the Commission to approve 75% of the preliminary school construction allocation by a certain date; requiring the Commission, at least once every 4 years, to review a certain cost threshold amount; etc.

**SB 311**            **The President (By Request – Accountability and Implementation**  
**Chapter 602**       **Board)**

EDUCATION – THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE –  
REVISIONS

Extending the time period during which a certain method is used to calculate compensatory education enrollment through fiscal year 2028; repealing a termination date for the use of funds under the Concentration of Poverty Grant Program for the purpose of providing certain programs; altering the qualifications for an initial teacher certificate; requiring the State Department of Education to suspend operation of the Expert Review Team Program during the 2026–2027 school year; etc.

**SB 892**            **Senator Gile, et al**  
**Chapter 605**

HEALTH OCCUPATIONS, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND INSURANCE –  
MENOPAUSE – PROVIDER TRAINING COVERAGE  
REQUIREMENTS, POLICY INITIATIVES, AND ACCESS TO CARE

Altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness; requiring health occupations boards that require licensees or certificate holders to complete certain continuing education to grant at least 2 hours for every hour of continuing education for menopause and menopause–associated symptoms; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the evaluation and management of menopause and menopause–associated conditions; etc.

**Except Sections 1 and 2**

**HB 1365**  
**Chapter 606****Delegate Pena–Melnyk, et al****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS, PUBLIC HEALTH, AND INSURANCE –  
MENOPAUSE – PROVIDER TRAINING COVERAGE  
REQUIREMENTS, POLICY INITIATIVES, AND ACCESS TO CARE**

Altering the membership of the State Advisory Council on Health and Wellness; requiring certain health occupations boards to grant a certain number of hours for every hour of continuing education for menopause and menopause–associated symptoms; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for the evaluation and management of menopause and menopause–associated conditions; requiring the Maryland Commission for Women to conduct a certain evaluation; etc.

**Except Sections 1 and 2**

**SB 776**  
**Chapter 607****Senator Smith, et al****COMMISSION ON THE HOUSE OF REFORMATION AND  
INSTRUCTION FOR COLORED CHILDREN – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Commission on the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children to research the history, operations, and resident deaths at the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children and provide a complete and public accounting of the children who died and were buried on the grounds; and requiring the Commission to submit a final report to the Governor and General Assembly by December 31, 2029.

**HB 552**  
**Chapter 608****Delegate J. Long, et al****COMMISSION ON THE HOUSE OF REFORMATION AND  
INSTRUCTION FOR COLORED CHILDREN – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Commission on the House of Reformation and Instruction for Colored Children; requiring the Commission to direct and oversee the investigation by contracting with qualified professional experts, universities, research institutions, and independent practitioners; providing exemptions to general laws due to the unique historical nature of the site; requiring a final report from the Commission to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2029; etc.

**SB 324**  
**Chapter 613****Senator Augustine****HIGHER EDUCATION – PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – DIRECT ADMISSION PROGRAM AND STUDY**

Establishing a direct admission program at participating public senior higher education institutions for eligible high school students beginning in the 2028–2029 academic year; requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the State Department of Education, and public senior higher education institutions to establish eligibility requirements for the direct admission program; requiring a student to have completed all prerequisite courses, met certain eligibility requirements, and applied by a certain deadline; etc.

**SB 428**  
**Chapter 614****Senator Augustine****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL – COST SHARING PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from imposing a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model statewide in primary care settings that provide services to Program recipients; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for services provided in accordance with the Model; and requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study the impact of eliminating cost-sharing for certain health care services.

**Except Sections 2 and 4**

**HB 746**  
**Chapter 615****Delegate Bagnall, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COLLABORATIVE CARE MODEL – COST SHARING PROHIBITION AND COVERAGE REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from imposing a copay, coinsurance, or deductible for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model; requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for services provided in accordance with the Collaborative Care Model; requiring the Maryland Health Care Commission to study the impact of eliminating cost-sharing for services provided under the Collaborative Care Model; etc.

**Except Sections 2 and 4**

**HB 748**  
**Chapter 618****Delegates Mireku–North and Palakovich Carr****PUBLICLY FUNDED PREKINDERGARTEN – EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR CAREER LADDER FOR PRIVATE PROVIDERS – NEW PATHWAYS**

Adding new pathways to the early childhood career ladder for eligible private prekindergarten providers that allow educators to meet certain experiential and educational qualifications within certain periods of time; etc.

**HB 586**  
**Chapter 621****Delegate Behler, et al****COUNTY BOARDS OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP – STUDENT MEMBER**

Authorizing a county board of library trustees to provide for the selection of a student member of the board; and establishing the qualifications, setting a 1-year term of office, and providing for the voting rights of the student member of a county board of library trustees, if selected.

- SB 535**                    **Senator King**  
**Chapter 622**            COUNTY BOARDS OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES – MEMBERSHIP –  
STUDENT MEMBER
- Authorizing a county board of library trustees to provide for the selection of a student member of the board; and establishing the qualifications, setting a 1-year term of office, and providing for the voting rights of the student member of a county board of library trustees, if selected.
- HB 561**                    **Delegates Palakovich Carr and McCaskill**  
**Chapter 623**            MARYLAND CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL PROGRAM –  
EXTENSION OF FUNDING
- Requiring the Governor, in each of fiscal years 2028 through 2030, to appropriate to the Maryland Child Care Credential Program \$5,687,000.
- SB 467**                    **Senator King**  
**Chapter 624**            MARYLAND CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL PROGRAM –  
EXTENSION OF FUNDING
- Requiring the Governor, in each of fiscal years 2028 through 2030, to appropriate to the Maryland Child Care Credential Program \$5,687,000.
- SB 378**                    **Senator Guzzone, et al**  
**Chapter 625**            PUBLIC LIBRARIES – YOUNG READERS MATCHING GRANT  
PROGRAM, FUNDING, AND SERVICES
- Renaming the Young Readers Matching Grant Program to be the Young Readers Grant Program; altering the purpose and application requirements of the Program; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$450,000 for the program in each fiscal year; altering the calculation of certain funding for certain regional resource centers and each county public library system for certain fiscal years; and altering the types of services of which each public library is required to offer at least one service.

**SB 587**  
**Chapter 626****Senator Guzzone, et al****MARYLAND PATIENT SAFETY CENTER FUND – FUNDING**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, the Governor to include an appropriation of \$1,000,000 to the Maryland Patient Safety Center Fund in the annual budget bill for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter.

**SB 379**  
**Chapter 627****Senator Guzzone****RECOVERY RESIDENCE GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Extending through fiscal year 2030 the requirement that an appropriation of \$500,000 be included in the annual budget bill for the Recovery Residence Grant Program.

**HB 575**  
**Chapter 630****Delegate Wilkins, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – STUDENT ATTENDANCE – EXCUSED OR DISCRETIONARY ABSENCES FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT**

Requiring the student attendance policy of each county board of education to include a provision allowing an excused or discretionary absence for a public school student participating in civil engagement activities; and clarifying that civic engagement includes testifying virtually or in person at a hearing of a legislative body, meeting with members of the legislative body, contributing to the consideration, development, or implementation of policy issues, or participation in the Maryland General Assembly Page Program.

**SB 941**  
**Chapter 631****Senator Henson****SAFE AND HEALTHY HOMES FOR ALL ACT**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Landlord and Tenant Affairs in consultation with the Attorney General to develop a plan to identify certain severe health and safety risk properties in the State and take related actions; requiring the Department to submit the plan with recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by August 31, 2027; and requiring the Department to publish on its website the list of severe health and safety properties, including the names of the properties.

**HB 1218**  
**Chapter 632****Delegates Wilkins and Phillips****SAFE AND HEALTHY HOMES FOR ALL ACT**

Requiring the Department of Housing and Community Development, Office of Landlord and Tenant Affairs in consultation with the Attorney General to develop a plan to identify certain severe health and safety risk properties in the State and take related actions; requiring the Department to submit the plan and certain recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by August 31, 2027; and requiring the Department to publish a list of the names of the severe health and safety risk properties publicly on its website.

**SB 597**  
**Chapter 633****Senator Hester, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE PARTNERSHIP**

Establishing the Maryland Artificial Intelligence Partnership in the University System of Maryland to provide a single nexus for certain stakeholders in artificial intelligence initiatives to advance artificial intelligence in the State; establishing the Artificial Intelligence Public Services Fellowship in the University System of Maryland; establishing, subject to a certain condition, the Artificial Intelligence Incubation Lab in the University System of Maryland to assist State agencies for certain purposes; etc.

**SB 891**  
**Chapter 636****Senator Gile, et al****HEALTH, HEALTH INSURANCE, AND HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PERINATAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for screening for perinatal behavioral health conditions at certain times; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to identify certain screening tools and to assist certain health care providers with accessing resources and referral services related to screening for perinatal behavioral health conditions; etc.

**Except Sections 1 and 2**

**HB 1118**  
**Chapter 637****Delegate White Holland, et al****HEALTH, HEALTH INSURANCE, AND HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PERINATAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONDITIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for screening for perinatal behavioral health conditions at certain times; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to identify certain screening tools and to assist certain health care providers with accessing resources and referral services related to screening for perinatal behavioral health conditions; etc.

**Except Sections 1 and 2**

**SB 890**  
**Chapter 638****Senator Gile****INSURANCE – CAPTIVE INSURERS – PREMIUM RECEIPTS TAX STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Insurance Administration to conduct a study on the use, regulation, and taxation of captive insurance companies by entities in the State and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health Committee by January 1, 2027.

**SB 685**  
**Chapter 639****Senator Gile****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SEXUAL ABUSE AND SEXUAL MISCONDUCT MODEL RESPONSE POLICY – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop a model sexual abuse and sexual misconduct response policy that includes, at minimum, a communications plan, an e-mail and other electronic communication documents retention policy, a requirement to link to a centralized resource platform, and an after-action review plan; requiring each local school system to adopt a response policy based on the model policy by September 1, 2027, and post in a conspicuous place on its website a link to a certain centralized resource platform; etc.

**HB 102**  
**Chapter 644****Delegate Patterson****EDUCATION – DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS – ADVANCE ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES**

Requiring a county superintendent of schools to allow a certain dependent child of an active service member to advance enroll in a school in the county in a certain manner; requiring the remote registration process to provide an opportunity for the service member or other parent or guardian of a dependent child with a disability to note whether the child has an individualized education program or a 504 plan in the sending state; and requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to publish information on advance enrollment.

**SB 263**  
**Chapter 645****Senator Brooks, et al****EDUCATION – DEPENDENT CHILDREN OF ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS – ADVANCE ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES**

Requiring a county superintendent of schools to allow a certain dependent child of an active service member to advance enroll in a school in the county in a certain manner; requiring the remote registration process to provide an opportunity for the service member or other parent or guardian of a dependent child with a disability to note whether the child has an individualized education program or a 504 plan in the sending state; and requiring the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families to publish information on advance enrollment.

**HB 326**  
**Chapter 648****Delegate Ebersole****EDUCATION – MARYLAND CENTER FOR SCHOOL SAFETY – ANONYMOUS REPORTING SYSTEM**

Requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety to develop and administer an anonymous reporting system to receive information related to a school or student safety concern; requiring the Center to develop operational guidelines and procedures, and to provide training relative to the system; requiring each local school system to participate in the anonymous reporting system, subject to a certain exception; requiring a certain custodian of records to deny inspection of information and materials related the system; etc.

- HB 828**  
**Chapter 649**      **Delegate Ebersole**  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERSHIP – EMPLOYEE OF  
A COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
- Authorizing the Governor to appoint as a member of the State Board of Education an individual who is an employee of a county board of education, under certain circumstances; altering the number of members required to affirmatively vote for the State Board to take an action on certain matters.
- HB 866**  
**Chapter 656**      **Delegate Kaufman, et al**  
WORKGROUP FOR THE DEAF, DEAFBLIND, AND HARD OF  
HEARING – EXTENSION
- Extending the deadline for the report of findings and recommendations from the Workgroup for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing from June 1, 2025, to December 1, 2028; and extending the termination date for the Workgroup from June 30, 2026, to December 31, 2028.
- SB 507**  
**Chapter 665**      **Senator Zucker, et al**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES –  
ACCESSIBILITY AND EMERGENCY PLANNING
- Requiring each local school system to identify, in its regular safety evaluation, issues of accessibility for individuals with disabilities; and requiring local school systems to include in a certain confidential annual report instances in which a public school facility became inaccessible for a student with a disability in a manner that could impede evacuations or emergency response.
- HB 311**  
**Chapter 666**      **Delegate Kaufman, et al**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS – INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES –  
ACCESSIBILITY AND EMERGENCY PLANNING
- Requiring each local school system to identify, in its regular safety evaluation, issues of accessibility for individuals with disabilities; and requiring local school systems to include in a certain annual report instances in which a public school facility became inaccessible for a student with a disability in a manner that could impede evacuations or emergency response.

**HB 1587**  
**Chapter 669****Delegate Patterson****GAMING – OPERATION OF ELECTRONIC INSTANT BINGO MACHINES AND REPORT BY STATE LOTTERY AND GAMING CONTROL AGENCY**

Altering the definition of “slot machine” to increase from 54 to 100 the number of bingo cards certain handheld devices may allow a user to play at the same time; providing that an electronic instant bingo machine is not required to print a paper ticket for each instant bingo game played unless the player elects to print the ticket; requiring the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2026, on all relevant impacts associated with an expansion of electronic instant bingo machines; etc.

**HB 623**  
**Chapter 670****Delegate Patterson, et al****EDUCATION – PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND PURPLE STAR COLLEGES PROGRAM**

Altering the definition of “military–connected student” under the Purple Star Schools Program to conform with certain terms defined under State law; and establishing the Purple Star Colleges Program to recognize certain colleges that provide strong services and support for military–connected students.

**SB 709**  
**Chapter 671****Senator Carozza, et al****EDUCATION – PURPLE STAR SCHOOLS PROGRAM AND PURPLE STAR COLLEGES PROGRAM**

Altering the definition of “military–connected student” under the Purple Star Schools Program to conform with certain terms defined under State law; and establishing the Purple Star Colleges Program to recognize certain colleges that provide strong services and support for military–connected students.

**SB 486****Chapter 672****Senator Carozza, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS**

Expanding eligibility under the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program to include students attending the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and enrolled in certain Physician Assistant, Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, or Veterinary Medicine degree programs.

**HB 1075****Chapter 673****Delegate Smith****HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS**

Expanding eligibility under the Maryland Graduate and Professional Scholarship Program to include students attending the University of Maryland Eastern Shore and enrolled in certain degree programs.

**HB 1076****Chapter 674****Delegate Smith****HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – OVER-THE-COUNTER CONTRACEPTION – ACCESS AND REPORTING**

Requiring each public senior higher education institution and community college to submit a report on contraception access to the Maryland Higher Education Commission each year; requiring the Commission to submit a report on contraception access to the General Assembly each year beginning October 1, 2026; and requiring each community college to provide students with access to all methods of over-the-counter contraception.

**SB 532**  
**Chapter 675****Senators Kagan and Feldman****HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – OVER-THE-COUNTER CONTRACEPTION – ACCESS AND REPORTING**

Requiring each public senior higher education institution and community college to submit a report on contraception access to the Maryland Higher Education Commission each year by September 1; requiring the Commission to submit a report on contraception access to the General Assembly by October 1 each year; and requiring each community college to provide students with access to all methods of over-the-counter contraception.

**HB 57**  
**Chapter 676****Delegate Vogel****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – MARYLAND CIVIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program for public high school students that exhibit civic readiness and engagement; requiring a certain capstone project be included in the Program; authorizing a local school system to participate in the Program to recognize students for their civic readiness and civic engagement; and requiring the State Board of Education, no later than the 2027–2028 school year, to adopt certain regulations to establish criteria for awarding a seal of civic excellence.

**SB 204**  
**Chapter 677****Senator Kagan, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – MARYLAND CIVIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program that recognizes the civic readiness and civic engagement of public high school students in the State; requiring that a certain capstone project be included in the Program; authorizing a local school system to participate in the Program to recognize certain students who meet certain criteria; and requiring the State Board, no later than the 2027–2028 school year, to adopt regulations to establish the criteria for awarding a seal of civic excellence to a qualified student.

**HB 168**  
**Chapter 678****Delegate Vogel****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – EDUCATOR WORKFORCE HOUSING AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

Authorizing a county board of education to consider the provision of educator workforce housing as a school purpose under certain provisions of law; altering the eligible recipients of certain financial assistance and the housing innovation projects the Department of Housing and Community Development shall prioritize for certain financial assistance under the Housing Innovation Pilot Program; etc.

**SB 101**  
**Chapter 679****Senator Bailey, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – LOAN REPAYMENT AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Adding correctional officers as eligible recipients in the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers and Probation Agents and the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program.

**HB 852**  
**Chapter 680****Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Altering the eligibility criteria for the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program to include correctional officers.

**SB 285**  
**Chapter 681****Senators Carozza and Bailey****HIGHER EDUCATION – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Altering the eligibility criteria for the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program to include correctional officers.

**SB 461**  
**Chapter 685****Senator McCray****SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – HEAT AND EAT PROGRAM – STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to study the potential number of households excluded from automatic standard utility allowance eligibility for the Heat and Eat Program within the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program due to enactment of the federal One Big Beautiful Bill Act of 2025; and requiring the Department to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, by December 1, 2026, to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee and the House Appropriations Committee.

**SB 607**  
**Chapter 686****Senator McCray, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT INCOME – AMOUNT**

Increasing from \$15,000 to \$20,000 over a period of 5 taxable years the amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee.

**SB 194**  
**Chapter 689****Senator Simonaire, et al****INCOME AND PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVES – MEMBERS AND VETERANS OF THE SPACE FORCE – APPLICATION**

Applying certain provisions of law relating to the job creation tax credit and certain property tax credits and exemptions for certain members, veterans, and surviving spouses of certain members and veterans of the military, naval, or air service to certain members, veterans, and surviving spouses of certain members and veterans of the space force.

- SB 6**  
**Chapter 695**      **Senators Kramer and Lam**  
STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING –  
NONTENURE TRACK FACULTY
- Providing collective bargaining rights to nontenure track faculty of system institutions of higher education, Morgan State University, or St. Mary’s College of Maryland whose primary assignments involve academic instruction, including teachers, researchers, and department heads and those in comparable positions; and establishing a separate collective bargaining unit for nontenure track faculty.
- HB 742**  
**Chapter 699**      **Delegate Solomon**  
GROWING FAMILY CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM –  
FUNDING
- Requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$450,000 in the annual budget bill for the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program for fiscal years 2028 through 2030.
- SB 503**  
**Chapter 700**      **Senator King**  
GROWING FAMILY CHILD CARE OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM –  
FUNDING
- Requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$450,000 in the annual budget bill for the Growing Family Child Care Opportunities Program for fiscal years 2028 through 2030.
- SB 646**  
**Chapter 701**      **Senator King**  
PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED  
PROVISIONS
- Prohibiting certain provisions from being included in certain public school system contracts; specifying that certain provisions are void if included in a public school system contract; specifying the applicable law and interpretation of public school system contracts; and applying the Act prospectively.

- SB 410**  
**Chapter 702**      **Senator King, et al**  
PUBLIC LIBRARIES – STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER – FUNDING  
Altering the calculation of certain funding for the State Library Resource Center for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.
- HB 660**  
**Chapter 703**      **Delegate D. Jones, et al**  
PUBLIC LIBRARIES – STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER – FUNDING  
Altering the calculation of certain funding for the State Library Resource Center for fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter.
- HB 1280**  
**Chapter 704**      **Delegate Wims, et al**  
SUPPORTING OUR CAREGIVER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM – FEASIBILITY STUDY  
Requiring the University of Maryland, College Park, with assistance from the Department of Human Services, to conduct a feasibility study for establishing and operating the Supporting Our Caregiver Infrastructure Program; and requiring the University of Maryland, College Park, to submit a final report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to certain committees of the General Assembly by July 1, 2028.
- SB 809**  
**Chapter 705**      **Senator King**  
SUPPORTING OUR CAREGIVER INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM – FEASIBILITY STUDY  
Requiring the University of Maryland, College Park, with assistance from the Department of Human Services, to conduct a feasibility study for establishing and operating the Supporting Our Caregiver Infrastructure Program; and requiring the Comptroller, on or before July 1, 2028, to submit a final report of its findings, conclusions, and recommendations to certain committees.

**HB 845**  
**Chapter 712****Wicomico County Delegation****HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ALTERATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

Altering the eligibility for the Community College Promise Scholarship to include residents of Delmar, Maryland who graduated from Delmar High School in Delmar, Delaware; authorizing an institution of postsecondary education to award a scholarship under the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Program to certain individuals including a surviving transportation worker and certain individuals related to a surviving transportation worker or a fallen transportation worker; etc.

**SB 728**  
**Chapter 713****Senators Carozza and Mautz****HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – ALTERATIONS TO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

Altering the eligibility for the Community College Promise Scholarship to include residents of Delmar, Maryland who graduated from Delmar High School in Delmar, Delaware; authorizing an institution of postsecondary education to award a scholarship under the Fallen Transportation Workers Scholarship Program to certain individuals including a surviving transportation worker and certain individuals related to a surviving transportation worker or a fallen transportation worker; etc.

**HB 1466**  
**Chapter 715****Delegate Wims****DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – APPRAISAL GAP FROM HISTORIC REDLINING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – QUALIFIED PROPERTIES**

Expanding the definition of a qualified property for purposes of the Appraisal Gap From Historic Redlining Financial Assistance Program.

**SB 339**  
**Chapter 720****Senator Lewis Young****MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf from 19 members to 13 members and requiring that at least 7 members be deaf.

- HB 1052**  
**Chapter 721**      **Delegate Feldmark**  
MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES – ALTERATIONS  
Altering the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf from 19 members to 13 members and requiring that at least 7 members be deaf.
- HB 457**  
**Chapter 722**      **Delegate Feldmark, et al**  
INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS – REQUIREMENT  
Requiring each institution of higher education that provides on-campus housing to provide, free of charge, menstrual hygiene products in all student health centers at the institution on or before August 1, 2028.
- HB 571**  
**Chapter 727**      **Delegate Allen**  
NONPROFIT HOUSING CORPORATIONS – TAXES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS EXEMPTIONS – ALTERATIONS  
Altering the definition of “nonprofit housing corporation” for purposes of eligibility for an exemption from real property taxes and special assessments of the State or a political subdivision; exempting certain real property owned by certain subsidiary entities of a certain nonprofit housing corporation from taxes and special assessments of the State or a political subdivision; etc.
- HB 325**  
**Chapter 728**      **Delegate Guyton**  
EDUCATION – PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND TEACHER EDUCATION BOARD – COMPOSITION  
Altering the composition of the Professional Standards and Teacher Education Board by removing a member who is chosen from a list of nominees provided by the Association of Independent Schools and increasing the number of members chosen from lists provided by the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities.

- HB 500**  
**Chapter 729**      **Delegate Hartman, et al**  
SALES AND USE TAX – PRECIOUS METAL BULLION OR COINS  
– EXEMPTION  
Altering eligibility for an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of precious metal bullion or coins by repealing a requirement that the sale occur at the Baltimore Convention Center.
- SB 309**  
**Chapter 730**      **Senator Jennings, et al**  
SALES AND USE TAX – PRECIOUS METAL BULLION OR COINS  
– EXEMPTION  
Altering eligibility for an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of precious metal bullion or coins by repealing a requirement that the sale occur at the Baltimore Convention Center.
- SB 193**  
**Chapter 731**      **Senator Corderman**  
WASHINGTON COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION –  
TARGET REDEVELOPMENT AREA  
Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment that is purchased for use in the Mount Aetna Technology Park in Washington County; requiring the buyer to maintain for at least 3 years after the date of sale a record of the amount of tax that was not paid as a result of the exemption; and requiring on or before December 31, 2027, that the Comptroller submit an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the aggregate amount of tax not paid due to the exemption.
- HB 430**  
**Chapter 732**      **Delegate Kerr, et al**  
FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – RESERVE COMPONENT  
MEMBERS – SUBSTITUTE PROVIDER  
Requiring a family child care provider who is a member of a reserve component to designate a substitute to provide family child care for not more than 45 working days in any 12-month period while the family child care provider is absent for required training and active service.

**SB 420**  
**Chapter 734****Senator M. Washington****PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – PLAN AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to collect data regarding the parental status of students from each public institution of higher education; requiring public institutions of higher education to collect and report certain demographic data from students; requiring all public institutions of higher education to adopt a plan for pregnant and parenting students; and requiring the Commission to submit a report, by September 1, 2027, to certain committees of the General Assembly, that summarizes the data collected.

**HB 6**  
**Chapter 735****Delegate Kerr****PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – PLAN AND REPORTING**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to collect data regarding the parental status of students from each public institution of higher education; requiring public institutions of higher education to collect and report certain demographic data from students; requiring community colleges to adopt a certain plan for pregnant and parenting students; requiring the Commission to submit a report, by September 1, 2027, to certain committees of the General Assembly, that summarizes the data collected.

**SB 657**  
**Chapter 743****Senator Henson****MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL (PAREA) GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal Grant Program to provide grants to certain individuals with the goal of becoming a real estate appraiser in certain communities; providing the purpose of the Program is to assist in closing appraisal gaps that occur in historically redlined neighborhoods and underrepresented communities; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program.

**HB 919**  
**Chapter 744****Delegate Taylor, et al****MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF REAL ESTATE APPRAISAL (PAREA) GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Practical Applications of Real Estate Appraisal Grant Program to provide grants to certain individuals with the goal of becoming a real estate appraiser in certain communities; providing the purpose of the Program is to assist in closing appraisal gaps that occur in historically redlined neighborhoods and underrepresented communities; and requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to administer the Program.

**SB 805**  
**Chapter 755****Senator Hettleman****INCOME TAX – STUDENT LOAN DEBT RELIEF TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain provisions of law governing the recapture of certain amounts of the credit against the State income tax for certain individuals with student loan debt to require the recapture of the unused amount of the credit rather than the total amount; authorizing the Maryland Higher Education Commission to extend the period of time that an individual who claims the credit has to prove that the individual used the credit to repay the individual's student loan debt under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 253**  
**Chapter 756****Senator Hettleman****BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing supervisory employees of the Baltimore County Public Library to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; authorizing certain bargaining units for the employees of the Baltimore County Public Library; and altering certain provisions to provide that an employee may be deemed a certain management employee, rather than a supervisory employee, under certain circumstances.

**HB 388****Chapter 757****Delegate Forbes, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing supervisory employees of the Baltimore County Public Library to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; authorizing certain bargaining units for the employees of the Baltimore County Public Library; and altering certain provisions to provide that an employee may be deemed a certain management employee, rather than a supervisory employee, under certain circumstances.

**HB 546****Chapter 758****Delegate Wolek, et al****PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – EDUCATOR PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – COURSE ON WELL-BEING AND FLOURISHING**

Requiring the State Department of Education to make available a professional development course on educator well-being and flourishing to school personnel and administrators on or before July 1, 2027; and requiring the Department to make the course available only if it can be provided at no cost or at a cost comparable to that which the Department pays for providing a commensurate course.

**HB 811****Chapter 759****Delegate Wolek****AGING-IN-PLACE PROGRAMS – GRANTS – MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES (VILLAGE MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES ACT)**

Authorizing the Department of Aging to make grants to nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to support social connection for individuals in aging-in-place programs through events or gatherings at multigenerational third places; and defining “multigenerational third place” as a community space other than a personal home or workplace that supports social connection, events, or gathering among individuals of different ages.

**SB 530**  
**Chapter 760****Senator Hettleman**

AGING-IN-PLACE PROGRAMS – GRANTS –  
MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES (VILLAGE  
MULTIGENERATIONAL THIRD PLACES ACT)

Authorizing the Department of Aging to make grants to nonprofit organizations and area agencies on aging to support social connection for individuals in aging-in-place programs through events or gatherings at multigenerational third places.

**SB 340**  
**Chapter 761****Senator Hettleman**

OFFICE OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN –  
MANDATORY APPROPRIATION

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill a minimum \$2,000,000 appropriation for the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman from certain money remitted by managed care organizations and, under certain circumstances, general funds.

**HB 671**  
**Chapter 762****Delegates Shetty and Lopez**

OFFICE OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN –  
MANDATORY APPROPRIATION

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill, for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, a minimum appropriation for the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman from certain money remitted by managed care organizations and, under certain circumstances, general funds.

**SB 668**  
**Chapter 764****Senator Harris, et al****CHILDREN’S CABINET FUND – RENAMING AND FUNDING FOR GRANTS TO LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS**

Renaming the Children’s Cabinet Fund to be the Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2028 through 2030, to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill at least equal to the appropriation in fiscal year 2027 to the Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund to be used for grants to the local management boards; and requiring for fiscal year 2031, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation \$500,000 above the appropriation for fiscal year 2030.

**HB 680**  
**Chapter 765****Delegate Shetty, et al****CHILDREN’S CABINET FUND – RENAMING AND FUNDING FOR GRANTS TO LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARDS**

Renaming the Children’s Cabinet Fund to be the Children’s Cabinet Interagency Fund; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2028 through 2030, to include an appropriation in the annual budget bill to the Fund of an amount at least equal to the appropriation to the Fund in fiscal year 2027; and requiring, in fiscal year 2031, the Governor to provide an appropriation to the Fund of \$500,000 above the appropriation for fiscal year 2030, to be used for grants to the local management boards.

**SB 529**  
**Chapter 766****Senator Harris****SOUTHERN MARYLAND EARLY COLLEGE TEACHER PATHWAY PROGRAM WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHMENT**

Requiring the University System of Maryland to develop, in consultation with the State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission, certain recommendations for a Southern Maryland Early College Teacher Pathway Program and a teacher preparation pathway in a certain manner; and establishing the Southern Maryland Early College Teacher Pathway Program Workgroup to develop recommendations for the Program and report by June 30, 2029 to certain committees of the General Assembly.

**HB 1430**  
**Chapter 767****Delegates Chang and Stonko****MARYLAND PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL PROGRAM – SCHOOL FACILITIES – FUNDING**

Requiring the Interagency Commission on School Construction to distribute funds to public charter schools for capital improvements to public charter school facilities; beginning in fiscal year 2028, requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation for the capital improvements to public charter school facilities that is equal to the total aggregate student enrollment in the Maryland Public Charter School Program for the prior fiscal year multiplied by \$200; etc.

**HB 854**  
**Chapter 768****Delegates Boyce and Barnes****SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – NONPUBLIC SPECIAL EDUCATION SCHOOL RENOVATION PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Nonpublic Special Education School Renovation Program in the Interagency Commission on School Construction to provide grant funding to certain nonpublic special education schools for certain renovations and improvements to classrooms, upgrades to residential cottages on school grounds, health, safety and accessibility upgrades, and infrastructure modernization; and stating it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Governor include at least \$5,000,000 in the annual capital budget bill for the Program for each fiscal year.

**HB 14**  
**Chapter 775****Delegate Foley****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – BULLYING, HARASSMENT, OR INTIMIDATION – INFORMATION COLLECTION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the contents of a certain bullying, harassment, or intimidation form to require, if the incident is believed to have been motivated in whole or in substantial part by certain actual or perceived personal characteristics, identification of those personal characteristics, if known; requiring each county board of education to report information about groups with certain characteristics under certain circumstances; requiring the State Department of Education to establish certain standards by July 1, 2027; etc.

**HB 809**  
**Chapter 780****Delegate Rosenberg****WALTER SONDHEIM JR. PUBLIC SERVICE INTERNSHIP SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM – FUNDING**

Specifying the intern fellowships that exist in the Walter Sondheim Jr. Public Service Internship Scholarship Program; increasing the maximum scholarship award amount under the Program from \$5,000 to \$6,000; and requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2028, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation for the Program that is at least a 125% of the appropriation provided in fiscal year 2026.

**HB 1554**  
**Chapter 783****Delegates Hornberger and Sample–Hughes****SALES AND USE TAX – ELECTRICITY FOR AGRICULTURE PURPOSES – STUDY AND REPORT**

Requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with certain entities, to study and report to the General Assembly by December 15, 2026, on exempting from the sales and use tax electricity used for agricultural purposes such as raising livestock or poultry, preparing, irrigating, or tending the soil, or planting, maintaining, or transporting seeds or crops; and requiring the report to include an estimate of the fiscal impact of the exemption.

**SB 198**  
**Chapter 784****Senator A. Washington, et al****PRINCE GEORGE’S COMMUNITY COLLEGE – AEROSPACE AND AVIATION SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS – FEASIBILITY STUDY**

Requiring Prince George’s Community College, in consultation with certain entities, to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study and program design assessment for aerospace and aviation systems technology workforce training programs; requiring Prince George’s Community College to report the results of the feasibility study to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2027; and requiring the Governor to include \$100,000 in the 2028 annual budget bill for Prince George’s Community College to complete the study.

- SB 864**  
**Chapter 785**      **Senator A. Washington**  
HIGHER EDUCATION – TUITION EXEMPTION FOR FOSTER CARE RECIPIENTS – ELIGIBILITY
- Altering the definition of a “foster care recipient” to mean an individual who resided in an out-of-home placement on or after the individual’s 8th birthday rather than 13th birthday for purposes of determining eligibility for a certain tuition exemption.
- HB 1540**  
**Chapter 797**      **Delegate Harrison, et al**  
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CAPITAL REGION MEDICAL CENTER – FUNDING – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE
- Repealing the sunset termination of a requirement for the Governor to include \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill for certain purposes related to the University of Maryland Capital Region Medical Center; and altering certain findings by the General Assembly including that the University of Maryland Capital Region Health requires State support and investment to continue its mission to provide high-quality care and transform health care delivery in Prince George’s County and the southern Maryland region.
- HB 3**  
**Chapter 798**      **Delegate Schindler, et al**  
HIGHER EDUCATION – STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – DEPENDENTS OF STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES (MARYLAND FALLEN HEROES TUITION BENEFITS ACT)
- Exempting spouses and financially dependent children of State or local public safety employees who die as a result of or in the course of performance of duties from paying out-of-state or out-of-county tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State; and altering the method for allocating funds for the Edward T. and Mary A. Conroy Memorial Scholarship Program and the Jean B. Cryor Memorial Scholarship Program.

**HB 1530**  
**Chapter 799****Delegate Woorman, et al****HIGHER EDUCATION – UNDOCUMENTED STUDENTS –  
OUT-OF-STATE TUITION EXEMPTION ELIGIBILITY**

Decreasing from 3 years to 2 years the number of years for which an individual or the individual's parent or guardian must file taxes before the academic year for eligibility to receive an out-of-state tuition exemption at a public institution of higher education.

**HB 936**  
**Chapter 805****Montgomery County Delegation****MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – JANE E. LAWTON  
LOCAL FOOD PROCUREMENT MC 7-26**

Requiring the Montgomery County public school system to identify and publish certain data on food procured from certified local farms and certified Chesapeake invasive species providers during the 2026–2027 school year; requiring the Montgomery County public school system to set certain targets for the 2028–2029, 2030–2031, 2031–2032, 2033–2034, and 2036–2037 school years; requiring the Montgomery County public school system, in coordination with the Office of Food Systems Resilience and public input, to establish a certain plan; etc.

**SB 636**  
**Chapter 813****Senator M. Washington (By Request – Baltimore City  
Administration)****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES –  
REVISIONS**

Repealing the deadline by which a certain fee must be paid by the holder of a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to exercise certain Sunday sales privileges; and altering the deadline by which a license holder must present to the Board certain proof that all of the license holder's personal property taxes due to Baltimore City and the State have been paid.

**HB 1425**  
**Chapter 814****Delegate Clippinger****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – REVISIONS**

Repealing the deadline by which a certain fee must be paid by the holder of a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to exercise certain Sunday sales privileges; and altering the deadline by which a license holder must present to the Board certain proof that all of the license holder's personal property taxes due to Baltimore City and the State have been paid.

**HB 121**  
**Chapter 815****Baltimore County Delegation****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Providing that certain authorization for the holders of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in a certain manner applies only if the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County has adopted certain regulations; authorizing the holders of certain licenses in Baltimore County that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant or bar to sell certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 72**  
**Chapter 816****Senator Jackson****BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Providing that certain authorization for the holders of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in a certain manner applies only if the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County has adopted certain regulations; authorizing the holders of certain licenses in Baltimore County that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant or bar to sell certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption under certain circumstances; etc.

- HB 456**  
**Chapter 817**      **Howard County Delegation**  
HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GIFT BASKET PERMIT HO. CO. 2–26
- Establishing, in Howard County, a gift basket permit that authorizes a permit holder to sell and deliver gift baskets containing beer, wine, or liquor to certain individuals under certain circumstances; providing that certain distance requirements do not apply to the issuance of the permit; and providing a gift basket permit fee of \$100.
- SB 76**  
**Chapter 818**      **Senator Simonaire, et al**  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C (VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION) LICENSES – MEMBERSHIP
- Altering membership criteria for a Class C (veterans’ organization) alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County by including certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service and repealing a requirement that members of the veterans’ organization served in a war; etc.
- HB 727**  
**Chapter 819**      **Delegate Rogers, et al**  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C (VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION) LICENSES – MEMBERSHIP
- Altering membership criteria for a Class C (veterans’ organization) alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County by including certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service, and repealing a requirement that members of the veterans’ organization served in a war; etc.
- HB 754**  
**Chapter 820**      **Wicomico County Delegation**  
WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B (GOLF COURSE) LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE
- Altering the hours during which a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (golf course) license in Wicomico County may sell alcoholic beverages so as to begin at 7 a.m. rather than 10 a.m., Monday through Sunday.

- SB 700**  
**Chapter 821**      **Wicomico County Senators**  
WICOMICO COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B (GOLF COURSE) LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE
- Altering the hours during which a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (golf course) license in Wicomico County may sell alcoholic beverages so as to begin sales at 7 a.m. rather than 10 a.m., Monday through Sunday.
- SB 972**  
**Chapter 822**      **Senator Hayes**  
BALTIMORE CITY – 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REVISIONS
- Authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for the odd side of the 1000 block of West Baltimore Street and the even side of the 800 block of North Charles Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, subject to certain limitations; and prohibiting certain license holders in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages before 10 a.m. or after 10 p.m.
- HB 406**  
**Chapter 823**      **Prince George’s County Delegation**  
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – MULTIPLE LICENSES PROHIBITION – EXCEPTIONS PG 313–26
- Adding Class B (on-sale) beer and wine and Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses to the list of alcoholic beverages licenses for which the prohibition against issuing multiple licenses for the same person or premises in Prince George’s County does not apply.
- HB 558**  
**Chapter 824**      **Prince George’s County Delegation**  
PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – WINE FESTIVAL LICENSES PG 316–26
- Repealing the restriction on the number of wine festival licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County may issue annually; and repealing a prohibition on issuing a wine festival license for use in the 24th legislative district.

- HB 664**  
**Chapter 825**      **Cecil County Delegation**  
CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALTERATION OF LICENSE QUOTA  
Altering the quota on the number of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County may issue to apply only to Class A licenses based on a certain ratio.
- SB 897**  
**Chapter 826**      **Cecil County Senators**  
CECIL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ALTERATION OF LICENSE QUOTA  
Altering the quota on the number of alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Cecil County may issue to apply only to Class A licenses based on a certain ratio; and establishing that the Board may not issue fewer than two Class A licenses in each election district in the county.
- SB 802**  
**Chapter 827**      **Senator McKay**  
GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2026  
Adding a substitute member to the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County; establishing a certain special event permit that the Board may issue to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license; establishing certain additional requirements for certain holders of certain licenses with a catering option and for the holder of a certain caterer’s license; requiring a certain statement on an alcoholic beverages license application about the citizenship status of an applicant; etc.

**HB 1203**  
**Chapter 828****Delegate Hinebaugh****GARRETT COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2026**

Adding a substitute member to the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County; establishing a certain special event permit that the Board may issue to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license; establishing certain additional requirements for certain holders of certain licenses with a catering option and for the holder of a certain caterer's license; requiring a certain statement on an alcoholic beverages license application about the citizenship status of an applicant; etc.

**SB 414**  
**Chapter 829****Senator Beidle****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CONSUMPTION-ONLY NONPROFIT SWIM CLUB LICENSE**

Establishing a consumption-only nonprofit swim club license in Anne Arundel County which authorizes the license holder to allow members of the swim club and their guests to bring beer, wine, and liquor onto the licensed premises for on-premises consumption during designated events; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue the license to a nonprofit swim club in Anne Arundel County; and providing for an annual license fee of \$100.

**HB 874**  
**Chapter 830****Delegate Simmons****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – ALTERATIONS**

Increasing from three to five the membership of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; requiring the Governor to appoint members to the Board from a list of individuals recommended by the Anne Arundel County delegations to the General Assembly; altering eligibility requirements for Board membership; and requiring the Board to adopt and publish a certain ethics policy.

**SB 398**  
**Chapter 831****Anne Arundel County Senators**

## ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – ALTERATIONS

Increasing from three to five the membership of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; requiring the Governor to appoint members to the Board from a list of individuals recommended by the Anne Arundel County delegations to the General Assembly; altering eligibility requirements for Board membership; and requiring the Board to adopt and publish a certain ethics policy.

**HB 1474**  
**Chapter 832****Baltimore County Delegation**

## BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES – TRANSFERS AND CONVERSIONS

Repealing certain prohibitions on a transfer to different premises or a conversion to a different class of license that apply to certain alcoholic beverages licenses issued, reissued, or transferred by the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County; and requiring certain Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses in existence on a certain date to be converted into certain Class B hotel and restaurant licenses before a certain date.

**Except Section 2****SB 974**  
**Chapter 833****Caroline County Senators**

## CAROLINE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – INSPECTOR

Specifying that the inspector for the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County is the county codes administrator or an individual the Board appoints as inspector.

**HB 1101**  
**Chapter 834****Worcester County Delegation**

WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TEMPORARY TO–GO EVENT PERMIT AND CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO–GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a temporary to–go event permit in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue a temporary to–go event permit to a holder of a Class B liquor license or a Class D license under certain circumstances; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to–go beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per diem municipal to–go beer, wine, and liquor license to certain municipalities in the county; etc.

**SB 846**  
**Chapter 835****Senator Carozza**

WORCESTER COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – TEMPORARY TO–GO EVENT PERMIT AND CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO–GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE

Establishing a temporary to–go event permit in Worcester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Worcester County to issue a temporary to–go event permit to a holder of a Class B license or a Class D license under certain circumstances; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to–go beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per diem municipal to–go beer, wine, and liquor license to certain municipalities in the county; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; etc.

**HB 1526**  
**Chapter 836****Carroll County Delegation**

CARROLL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 1 DISTILLERY ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION PERMIT

Establishing in Carroll County a Class 1 distillery on–premises consumption permit; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Carroll County to issue the permit to a holder of a Class 1 distillery license; authorizing the holder of a permit to sell, prepare, and serve certain food, nonalcoholic beverages, and alcoholic beverages for on–premises consumption; and authorizing the holder of the permit to use the licensed premises for events.

**HB 583**  
**Chapter 837****Prince George’s County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE PG 319–26

Updating the name of a certain office from the County Department of Environmental Resources to the Department of Permitting, Inspections, and Enforcement to which the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County must provide notice when issuing a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license.

**HB 443**  
**Chapter 838****Prince George’s County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–SEC (SMALL EVENT CENTER) LICENSE PG 312–26

Establishing a Class B–SEC (small event center) beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George’s County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County to issue the license for use in certain small event centers in the county; defining “small event center” as a venue that operates on a per–event basis or on a limited schedule without standard daily hours of operation; limiting the number of Class B–SEC licenses that the Board may issue per license year and per State legislative district; etc.

**SB 684**  
**Chapter 841****Harford County Senators**

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS HC (HEALTH CLUB) LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE

Extending the hours from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m., rather than 9 p.m., during which a holder of a Class HC (health club) beer and wine license in Harford County may sell alcoholic beverages.

**HB 991**  
**Chapter 842****Harford County Delegation**

HARFORD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS HC (HEALTH CLUB) LICENSE – HOURS OF SALE

Extending from 1 p.m. to 11 p.m., rather than 9 p.m., the hours during which a holder of a Class HC (health club) beer and wine license in Harford County may sell alcoholic beverages.

**SB 927**  
**Chapter 843****Senator Hayes, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RELATED EVENT PROMOTER’S PERMIT**

Establishing a related event promoter’s permit in Baltimore City for the Kappa Alpha Psi 2027 Conclave; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a related event promoter’s permit to certain applicants under certain circumstances; and requiring a holder of a State caterer’s license to obtain a certain Class C per diem license from the Board before the holder may act as a participating license holder at a related event.

**SB 852**  
**Chapter 846****Anne Arundel County Senators****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**

Authorizing a holder of a barbershop and beauty salon license in Anne Arundel County to provide to a customer on any one visit 1.7 ounces of liquor for on–premises consumption in addition to beer and wine.

**HB 1286**  
**Chapter 847****Delegate Behler, et al****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – BARBERSHOP AND BEAUTY SALON LICENSE**

Authorizing a holder of a barbershop and beauty salon license in Anne Arundel County to provide to a customer during any one visit not more than 1.7 ounces of liquor for on–premises consumption in addition to beer and wine.

**SB 361**  
**Chapter 848****Senator Attar****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE EXTENSION**

Extending until the end of July 1, 2029, the expiration of a racetrack alcoholic beverages license issued for the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue in Baltimore City for the purposes of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal and completing renovations at the same location.

**HB 348**  
**Chapter 849****Delegate Rosenberg, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE EXTENSION**

Extending until the end of July 1, 2029, the expiration of a racetrack alcoholic beverages license issued for the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue in Baltimore City for the purposes of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal and completing renovations at the same location.

**HB 682**  
**Chapter 850****Delegate Pruski****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GOLF COURSE LICENSE AND SPORTS ACTIVITY VENUE LICENSES**

Establishing in Anne Arundel County a Class GC (golf course) license that authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a golf course with at least nine holes; and establishing in Anne Arundel County sports activity venue licenses that authorize the holder to sell beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a certain sports activity venue.

**SB 441**  
**Chapter 851****Anne Arundel County Senators****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GOLF COURSE LICENSE AND SPORTS ACTIVITY VENUE LICENSES**

Establishing in Anne Arundel County a Class GC (golf course) license that authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a golf course with at least nine holes; and establishing in Anne Arundel County sports activity venue licenses that authorize the holder to sell beer and wine or beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a certain sports activity venue.

**SB 401**  
**Chapter 852****Anne Arundel County Senators****ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND PART-TIME INSPECTORS – COMPENSATION**

Increasing the annual salaries for the chair, certain part-time inspectors, and other members of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; and including any cost of living increase available to nonrepresented Anne Arundel County employees.

**HB 512**  
**Chapter 853****Delegate Pruski**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS AND PART-TIME INSPECTORS – COMPENSATION

Increasing the annual salaries and providing for cost-of-living salary increases for the chair, certain part-time inspectors, and other members of the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

**HB 519**  
**Chapter 854****Delegate Pruski**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS

Altering the titles of certain entertainment permits for certain alcoholic beverages license holders in Anne Arundel County; altering the authorized forms of entertainment that certain entertainment permit holders in the county may provide; and adding a 100-foot zoning distance requirement from any residential property applicable to certain entertainment permit holders in the county.

**SB 400**  
**Chapter 855****Anne Arundel County Senators**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – ENTERTAINMENT PERMITS

Altering the titles of certain entertainment permits for certain alcoholic beverages license holders in Anne Arundel County; altering the authorized forms of entertainment that certain entertainment permit holders in the county may provide; and adding a 100-foot zoning distance requirement from any residential property applicable to certain entertainment permit holders in the county.

**SB 396**  
**Chapter 856****Anne Arundel County Senators**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – CHIEF INSPECTOR – COMPENSATION

Increasing the minimum and maximum salary amounts for the chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

- SB 399**  
**Chapter 857**      **Anne Arundel County Senators**  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
LICENSES – CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSE FEES
- Altering the license fee structure for Class C per diem beer, beer and wine, and beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.
- HB 522**  
**Chapter 858**      **Delegate Pruski**  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES  
LICENSES – CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSE FEES
- Altering the license fee structure for Class C per diem beer, beer and wine, and beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.
- SB 442**  
**Chapter 859**      **Anne Arundel County Senators**  
ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – POPULATION RATIO QUOTA FOR  
CLASS A (OFF-SALE) AND CLASS D (OFF-SALE) LICENSES –  
EXEMPTION
- Establishing an exemption to the population ratio quota for certain Class A (off-sale) and Class D (off-sale) licenses in Anne Arundel County for an application filed on or after January 1, 2023, and approved by the Board of License Commissioners before July 1, 2025.
- HB 999**  
**Chapter 860**      **Delegate Clippinger**  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 9 LIMITED DISTILLERY  
LICENSE – ALTERATION
- Authorizing the holder of a Class 9 limited distillery license to manufacture, rectify, or bottle more than one brand of alcoholic beverage; and authorizing the holder to manufacture or rectify up to 31,000 gallons of product of an entity other than the holder.

**SB 807**  
**Chapter 861****Senator Bailey****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSES**

Requiring that a holder of a Class 8 farm brewery license engage in certain agritourism activity; altering certain standards and requirements for food service under a Class 8 farm brewery license; providing an exception to a prohibition against issuing an alcoholic beverages license for a premises that does not comply with local zoning laws; and providing that the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission has exclusive regulatory authority over the operation of a Class 8 farm brewery.

**SB 803**  
**Chapter 862****Senator Beidle****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS 3 WINERIES AND CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERIES – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the definition of “pomace brandy” authorized to be produced and sold by the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license; clarifying that the holder of a Class 4 limited winery license must report all pomace brandy distilled and bottled by the holder as a distilled spirit for purposes of the alcoholic beverage tax; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Montgomery County to issue a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license to the holder of a Class 3 winery license under certain circumstances; etc.

**SB 13**  
**Chapter 863****Senator Simonaire****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE FEE REFUND REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain alcoholic beverages license fee refund requirements to allow for certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service to be eligible for a refund of a portion of the license fee; etc.

**HB 1335**  
**Chapter 871****Delegate Kaiser, et al****DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY –  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STAFFING AND CAPABILITY  
ASSESSMENT – INDEPENDENT STUDY**

Requiring the Department of Information Technology to procure the services of a third-party entity to conduct a certain independent study related to the staffing, capability assessment, and workforce alignment of information technology and cybersecurity professionals in the State; and requiring the Department of Information Technology to submit the study to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 1, 2027.

**HB 711**  
**Chapter 874****Delegate Charkoudian, et al****DATA PRIVACY – CONSUMER DATA, PUBLIC RECORDS, AND  
MESSAGE SWITCHING SYSTEM (DATA PRIVACY ACT)**

Prohibiting a certain controller from knowingly selling the personal data of a consumer to a certain governmental unit that has engaged in or supported civil immigration enforcement under certain circumstances; requiring a custodian of a public record to take reasonable steps to determine whether a public record is accessed for enforcing immigration law; requiring an entity that operates a certain message switching system to take certain actions regarding system access; etc.

**SB 148**  
**Chapter 877****Senators Kagan and Carozza****INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR 9–1–1 SPECIALIST RETIREMENT  
INCOME (SUPPORTING OUR 9–1–1 SPECIALISTS ACT)**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a 9–1–1 specialist; and requiring the Department of Emergency Management to report to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2028, on the number of retired 9–1–1 specialists who were issued a tax credit under the Act and the number of specialists employed in the State who have vested under a certain employee retirement system.

## 2025 Chapters – Effective July 1, 2026

**HB 36**                      **Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request –  
Chapter 33**                      **Departmental – Aging)**

DEPARTMENT OF AGING – AGING SERVICES – PROGRAM  
REPEAL AND CONSOLIDATION

Repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Aging to develop certain congregate housing and assisted living programs for seniors; repealing the Interagency Committee on Aging Services and transferring certain responsibilities of the Committee to the Department of Aging; requiring the Department, beginning in June 2025, in coordination with area stakeholders, to conduct program transition planning and to co-design the new, consolidated program required by the Act; etc.

**Except Section 3**

**SB 212**                      **Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)**  
**Chapter 34**

DEPARTMENT OF AGING – AGING SERVICES – PROGRAM  
REPEAL AND CONSOLIDATION

Repealing provisions of law requiring the Secretary of Aging to develop certain congregate housing and assisted living programs for seniors; repealing the Interagency Committee on Aging Services and transferring certain responsibilities of the Committee to the Department of Aging; requiring the Department to engage with key stakeholders to conduct program transition planning, to co-design the new consolidated program required by the Act, and to provide certain services to certain older adults; etc.

**Except Section 3**

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**HB 246**                    **Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**  
**Chapter 37**

HUMAN SERVICES – ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Specifying that certain provisions of law relating to confidentiality do not prohibit the disclosure of certain information relating to adult protective services or the disclosure of the identity of certain persons making certain reports under certain circumstances; expanding the definition of “health practitioner” to include certain emergency medical providers; and authorizing individuals who are required in specific instances to report information regarding alleged vulnerable adults to make a report by calling the statewide reporting hotline.

**Section 2 only**

**SB 205**                    **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**  
**Chapter 38**

HUMAN SERVICES – ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Specifying that certain provisions of law relating to confidentiality do not prohibit the disclosure of certain information relating to adult protective services or the disclosure of the identity of certain persons making certain reports under certain circumstances; expanding the definition of “health practitioner” to include certain emergency medical providers; and authorizing certain individuals who are required in specific instances to report information regarding alleged vulnerable adults to make a report.

**Section 2 only**

**SB 117**  
**Chapter 460**

**Senator Hester**

ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE PROGRAM

Prioritizing funding first to failing sewage systems and holding tanks in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area, second to those located within the Maryland Chesapeake Bay 8–digit watershed that have a relative effectiveness for total nitrogen reduction of 9.24 or higher based on the Chesapeake Bay watershed model, third to failing systems with the 500–year floodplain, and fourth to certain other failing systems; and expanding certain funding eligibility criteria for on–site and community sewage systems.

**HB 131**  
**Chapter 461****Delegate Stein, et al****ENVIRONMENT – BAY RESTORATION FUND – SEPTIC SYSTEM UPGRADE PROGRAM**

Updating the funding priorities for failing sewage systems and holding tanks; requiring as a second priority those located within the Maryland Chesapeake Bay 8–digit watershed that have a relative effectiveness for total nitrogen reduction of 9.24 or higher based on the Chesapeake Bay watershed model; requiring as a third priority funding for failing systems within the 500–year floodplain, and fourth to certain other failing systems; and expanding certain funding eligibility criteria for on–site and community sewage systems.

**HB 352**  
**Chapter 604****The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2025**

Establishing or altering certain administrative penalties; altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; establishing certain funds; authorizing, requiring, or altering the distribution of certain revenue; altering the rates and rate brackets under the State income tax on certain income of individuals; increasing the cap on the percentage that may be deducted from all open purses and paid to a certain organization; etc.

**Section 7 only****HB 1503**  
**Chapter 606****Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Budget and Management)****STATE PERSONNEL – PAID FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE**

Requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management and the governing body of a public institution of higher education to adopt regulations governing paid family and medical leave benefits for Executive Branch employees; establishing certain parameters for the paid family and medical leave; authorizing, beginning July 1, 2026, Executive Branch employees to submit a request for paid family and medical leave in accordance with established procedures; etc.

## 2024 Chapters – Effective July 1, 2026

### **HB 108**      **Baltimore County Delegation**

#### **Chapter 357**

BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – NONSTUDENT MEMBER COMPENSATION AND STUDENT MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the annual compensation of certain nonstudent members of the Baltimore County Board of Education from \$7,500 to \$16,500; providing that the chair of the county board is entitled to receive \$17,500 annually as compensation; and increasing the amount that a student member of the board is granted for a certain scholarship from \$7,500 to \$10,000.

### **SB 451**      **Senators Brooks and Hettleman**

#### **Chapter 358**

BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – NONSTUDENT MEMBER COMPENSATION AND STUDENT MEMBER SCHOLARSHIPS – ALTERATIONS

Increasing the annual compensation of nonstudent members of the Baltimore County Board of Education who are not the chair of the county board from \$7,500 to \$16,500; providing that the chair of the county board is entitled to receive an annual compensation of \$17,500; and increasing from the amount that a student member of the county board is granted as a scholarship to be applied toward the student's higher education costs \$7,500 to \$10,000.

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## 2023 Chapters – Effective July 1, 2026

**SB 424**

**Senators Elfreth and Feldman**

**Chapter 201**

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS – PROCUREMENT OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (BUY CLEAN MARYLAND ACT)

Requiring producers of eligible materials to submit environmental product declarations to the Department of General Services by December 31, 2024; requiring the Department to assess and establish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for certain categories of eligible materials used in certain eligible projects; requiring a unit of State government to specify the eligible materials that will be used in an eligible project in the solicitation for an eligible project; etc.

**Section 2 only**

**HB 261**

**Delegate Kerr, et al**

**Chapter 202**

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS – PROCUREMENT OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS (BUY CLEAN MARYLAND ACT)

Requiring producers of any cement or concrete mixture used in the construction of an eligible project to submit environmental product declarations to the Department of General Services by December 31, 2024; requiring the Department to establish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for certain categories of eligible materials by January 1, 2026; establishing an Environmental Product Declaration Assistance Fund to support the development of certain environmental product declarations; etc.

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**HB 723**  
**Chapter 541****Delegate Love, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST PRESERVATION AND RETENTION**

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; altering certain methods of calculating forest afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; authorizing local jurisdictions to adopt certain alternative afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; requiring the Department of Natural Resources to establish a workgroup to evaluate and recommend incentives for private landowners to conserve forest; etc.

**Sections 1, 2, and 3 only****SB 526**  
**Chapter 542****Senator Elfreth, et al****NATURAL RESOURCES – FOREST PRESERVATION AND RETENTION**

Altering the definition of “qualified conservation” for purposes of provisions of law related to forest mitigation banks; altering exemptions from certain afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; altering certain methods of calculating forest afforestation, reforestation, and preservation requirements; adding certain tree plantings and practices as methods that certain municipal corporations may use to meet afforestation or reforestation requirements; providing for judicial review of certain plans; etc.

**Sections 1, 2, and 3 only**

## 2022 Chapter – Effective July 1, 2026

**HB 1451**  
**Chapter 380**

**Delegate McIntosh**

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – BUSINESS PROJECTS AND THE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Authorizing the Community Development Administration to provide certain forms of financial assistance for business projects; altering the requirements for a project to qualify as a certain business project; authorizing the Department of Housing and Community Development to provide certain forms of financial assistance under the Business Development Program; and authorizing the Department to sell or assign a certain equity interest without approval or execution by the Board of Public Works.

**Section 2 only**

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## 2019 Chapter – Effective July 1, 2026

**HB 1246** Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo, etc.

**Chapter 213** CLEAN CARS ACT OF 2019

Expanding the vehicle excise tax credit for the purchase of certain plug–in electric drive vehicles to include the purchase of certain fuel cell electric vehicles; providing for the credit for a plug–in electric drive vehicle and a fuel cell electric vehicle; prohibiting a person from selling hydrogen as a motor fuel in the State if the hydrogen was produced by natural gas reforming; altering the name, membership, and required activities of the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; etc.

**Section 1 only**

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