



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 3, 2026**  
**Schedule 13**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** February 13 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 12.  
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

**HB 737** Delegate Hill, et al

**HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS – PAYMENTS TO  
NONPARTICIPATING PROVIDERS – REIMBURSEMENT RATE**

Altering the reimbursement rate at which health maintenance organizations are required to pay certain nonparticipating health care providers for services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 19-710.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 738 Delegate Phillips, et al****REAL PROPERTY – TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DEED – ESTABLISHMENT**

Altering the Maryland Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act to provide for the disclaimer of nonprobate transfers at death; providing for the creation, revocation, recordation, and effects of a transfer-on-death deed for real property; providing example forms for the creation and revocation of a transfer-on-death deed; altering certain recording requirements for the clerks of the circuit court; exempting a certain transfer-on-death deed from certain property transfer taxes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ET, RP, and TP, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 739 Delegate Martinez****HEALTH INSURANCE – PROMPT PAYMENT OF CLAIMS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to send certain communications in a certain manner; establishing that certain communications by insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations shall be considered denials of all or part of certain claims for reimbursement; and requiring insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to deny all or part of certain claims for reimbursement under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 15-1005 - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 740 Delegate Stinnett, et al****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES – FULL-TIME THERAPIST**

Requiring each public school to employ a full-time therapist that provides school-based mental health services to students during the instructional day; and requiring the full-time therapist to be licensed and certified by the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-401 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Health

**HB 741 Delegate Taylor****FIREARMS DEALERS AND EMPLOYEES – REQUIRED TRAINING AND EXAM**

Requiring the Secretary of State Police to approve a certain training course and offer a certain exam for certain individuals licensed as, applying to be licensed as, or employed by a State-regulated firearms dealer; requiring certain individuals to complete training and satisfactorily pass a certain exam described in the Act; requiring the Secretary to disapprove an application for a dealer's license under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 5-110(a) - amended and PS, § 5-145.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 742 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.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 9.5-114(e) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 743 Delegate Taylor****PRIVATE HOME DETENTION MONITORING AGENCIES – NOTIFICATION OF VIOLATION**

Repealing the requirement that a private home detention monitoring agency provide notice to the designated law enforcement agency for violating a condition of home detention monitoring under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, § 20-401(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary