



SYNOPSIS

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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.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2026

HB 1019 Delegate Howard

SCHOOL BUS TRANSITION – PROPANE-POWERED SCHOOL BUSES – GRANT PROGRAM, FUND, AND PURCHASE

Altering certain provisions of law relating to funding and grants to transition to zero-emission vehicle school buses to include propane-powered school buses; and authorizing a county board of education, beginning in fiscal year 2030, to enter into a new contract for the purchase of school buses that are propane-powered.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, §§ 2-1501 through 2-1505 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)112. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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HB 1020 Delegate Chang**STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MANDATORY RETIREMENT AGE – ALTERATION**

Increasing the age to 62 at which certain members of the State Police Retirement System are required to retire; increasing the age to 62 at which certain retirees must end participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program; and authorizing certain individuals, subject to certain limitations and requirements, to elect to extend their participation in the Deferred Retirement Option Program.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SP, §§ 24-401 and 24-401.1(c), (d), and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1021 Delegate White Holland, et al**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – LICENSED PSYCHOLOGISTS – PRESCRIPTIVE AUTHORITY**

Authorizing a licensed psychologist to use prescriptive authority under certain circumstances if the psychologist is certified by the State Board of Examiners of Psychologists; establishing the Prescriptive Authority Advisory Committee to advise the Board on oversight and implementation of certain provisions of the Act; establishing application and qualification requirements for certified prescribing psychologists; and establishing requirements for prescribing psychologists who use prescriptive authority.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, §§ 12-101(b), 12-102(e), and 18-101(f) - amended and §§ 18-3B-01 through 18-3B-09 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 1022 Delegate Ruth, et al**PFAS CHEMICALS – PRODUCT PHASE OUTS AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting manufacturers from selling, offering for sale, distributing, or distributing for sale in the State, certain products containing intentionally added per- and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) chemicals on or after certain dates; establishing registration requirements for certain products that contain intentionally added PFAS chemicals; providing for the testing of certain products to determine compliance with the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN and SF, Various Sections - added, amended, repealed, and renumbered

Assigned to: Health and Environment and Transportation

HB 1023 Delegate Rose, et al

LAB-GROWN MEAT – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the sale, offer for sale, distribution, and manufacture in the State of lab-grown meat for human consumption; and establishing a civil penalty of \$5,000 for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 21-501 and 21-502 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 1024 Delegate Rose, et al

EMINENT DOMAIN – AGRICULTURAL AND CONSERVATION EASEMENTS – PROHIBITED TAKING

Prohibiting the State or any of its instrumentalities or political subdivisions from taking certain property that is subject to a perpetual agricultural or conservation easement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 12-101 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1025 Delegates Rose and Miller

STATE BOARD OF COSMETOLOGISTS – LICENSING – EYELASH EXTENSIONS

Repealing the option for an applicant for a limited license to provide eyelash extension services to pass a practical and written examination administered by the State Board of Cosmetology in order to be licensed; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, § 5-305 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1026 Delegate Queen**BUSINESS REGULATION – ROUNDING CASH TRANSACTIONS – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a merchant to round certain cash transactions in a certain manner or round the amount of change due to a customer in a certain manner; authorizing an employer to round a wage that the employer pays using cash in a certain manner; and providing that certain provisions of the Act shall preempt existing regulations, rules, and ordinances that conflict with certain provisions of the Act.

EMERGENCY BILL

BR, §§ 1-601 through 1-607 and LE, § 3-502(g) - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1027 Delegate Terrasa, et al**ELECTION LAW – TELEPHONE VOTING SYSTEM – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to select, certify, and acquire a telephone voting system for absentee voting by voters who have attested to having a print disability; defining “print disability” as a condition that prevents or inhibits an individual from reading, holding, or processing standard printed materials in an original format; providing for the eligibility of a voter to use the telephone voting system; requiring the State Board to place certain voters on the telephone voting system list; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

EL, § 9-102.1 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 1028 Caroline County Delegation**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.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 3-3A-05(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1029 Delegate Roberts, et al**REAL PROPERTY – TERMINATION OF RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE CONTRACTS – CONTINGENCY CLAUSES**

Altering the definition of “contingency clause” as the term applies to the circumstances under which a residential real estate contract may be terminated by a purchaser; and altering the time period from 30 days to 5 days, within which a holder of trust money must distribute trust money to a purchaser.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 10-803 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1030 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**OFFICE OF THE STATE PROSECUTOR – INVESTIGATION OF THREATS – JUDGES**

Authorizing the Office of the State Prosecutor to investigate a threat made against a judge or judge-elect.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP § 14-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1031 Delegate Bartlett**LAW ENFORCEMENT – USE OF FORCE – NATIONAL GUARD MEMBERS**

Establishing certain use of force standards applicable to certain National Guard members acting in the State; and prohibiting a National Guard member from violating the use of force standards, resulting in serious physical injury or death to a person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-524.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1032 Delegate Wolek**PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAMS AND PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS – STUDENT PRIVACY POLICY REQUIREMENTS AND DISCRIMINATION REPORTING**

Requiring public and nonpublic primary and secondary schools to adopt certain written student privacy policies and procedures; requiring nonpublic prekindergarten programs and nonpublic primary and secondary schools, beginning September 1, 2027, to report the number of incidents of alleged discrimination to the State Department of Education annually; and requiring, beginning December 31, 2027, the submission of an annual report discussing relevant findings and trends for the immediately preceding reporting period.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 7-137 and 26-706 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1033 Delegate Wolek**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY – MARYLAND CHAMBER OF COMMERCE GRANT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED (BUSINESS NETWORKS ACCESS ACT)**

Establishing the Maryland Chamber of Commerce Grant Program in the Department of Social and Economic Mobility to provide grants for membership subsidies for underrepresented individuals and inter-chamber events; specifying certain application requirements for the Program; requiring Program applicants to meet certain eligibility requirements; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$100,000 for the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, § 9-4109 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1034 Delegate Stinnett, et al**CHILD CARE ENTITIES – CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT – TRAINING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a child care provider to complete certain training on the identification, prevention, and reporting of child abuse at certain intervals; requiring each child care entity to certify to the Division of Early Childhood Development in the State Department of Education that each provider is in compliance with the training requirements; establishing certain penalties for providers and child care entities who violate certain requirements; and requiring a provider to provide notice or make reports of suspected child abuse or neglect.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 9.5-118 - added and FL, § 5-701(g) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1035 Delegate Fisher, et al**INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – OVERTIME COMPENSATION**

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain overtime compensation; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025, but before January 1, 2029.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-208(dd) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1036 Delegate Bartlett**OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIONS DIVISION – FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OR IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT**

Requiring the Independent Investigations Division of the Office of the Attorney General to investigate the death of a person that occurs in connection with an interaction with federal law enforcement or federal immigration enforcement; requiring the Division to submit a certain report to the Governor and the General Assembly after conducting the investigation; and requiring the Attorney General to prosecute a certain case under certain circumstances.

EMERGENCY BILL

SG, § 6-605 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1037 Delegate Foley, et al

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION – BROADBAND AND VOICE OVER INTERNET PROTOCOL SERVICE – OVERSIGHT (BROADBAND ACCOUNTABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY ACT)

Authorizing the Public Service Commission to exercise certain oversight of broadband service and voice over Internet protocol service; requiring the Commission to assess the adequacy of certain plans for each Internet service provider; authorizing the Commission to conduct certain evaluations or audits and require certain remedial action under certain circumstances; and repealing provisions of law prohibiting the Commission from regulating voice over Internet protocol service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 5-107 - added and §§ 8-601 and 8-602 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1038 Caroline County Delegation

CAROLINE COUNTY – REGULATION OF ANIMALS – DOGS

Repealing a requirement that, before a certain date each year, a dog owner or keeper must apply for a license from a certain county employee; and repealing a requirement that a certain county employee issue a tag to a dog owner or keeper.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LG, § 13-116 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 1039 Delegate Fisher, et al

EDUCATION – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS – ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL OPTIONS (RIGHT TO LEARN ACT)

Requiring, on or before January 1 each year, each county board of education to provide certain information to the parent or legal guardian of a student who attends a failing school; requiring that a failing school continue to be designated as a failing school until certain conditions are met; requiring that a student who is attending a failing school be provided the opportunity to attend an alternative school; establishing the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 5-244 and 5-245 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1040 Delegates Stein and Watson**MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND –
MANDATED USES – CLIMATE CHANGE PROGRAMS**

Requiring that money in the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund be allocated in certain amounts in fiscal years 2028 through 2032 to certain programs that reduce the impact of climate change.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, § 9-20B-05 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

HB 1041 Delegate Spiegel, et al**YOUTH CAMPS – STRUCTURES IN FLOOD HAZARD AREAS –
PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the Maryland Department of Health from issuing or renewing a certificate or accepting alternative accreditation for a youth camp if any structures that are or will be used to house a camper are located in a flood hazard area.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 14-403(a)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 1042 Delegate Woorman**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – STRUCTURAL RACISM TRAINING –
FUNDING SOURCES**

Clarifying that it is the intent of the General Assembly regarding the development and offering of structural racism training that applicants for the renewal of a health occupations license are required to take be developed and offered at no cost to the State using funding from certain external sources.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Chapter 478 of the Acts of 2025, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 1043 Delegate Smith**HOMESCHOOL STUDENTS IN MARYLAND – RIGHT TO PLAY**

Authorizing a public high school to allow certain homeschool students to participate in athletic activities sponsored by the school under certain circumstances; authorizing certain homeschool students to participate in an athletic activity sponsored by certain public high schools, subject to certain requirements; and requiring that certain liability insurance cover certain homeschool students under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-118 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1044 Delegate Valentine, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POSTCONVICTION RELEASE – CRIMES RESULTING IN DEATH OF YOUNG VICTIM**

Prohibiting the release of a defendant pending sentencing or exhaustion of appellate review after conviction of a specified crime resulting in the death of a victim under the age of 14 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 5-301 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1045 Delegate Cullison**PRESCRIPTION DRUG MONITORING PROGRAM – DATA DISCLOSURE TO FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT – LIMITATION**

Altering the circumstances under which the Prescription Drug Monitoring Program is required to disclose prescription monitoring data to a federal law enforcement agency to prohibit the disclosure if the Protected Health Care Commission determines that the data is sensitive health services information that has been determined by the Secretary of Health to be legally protected health care.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, § 21-2A-06(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 1046 Delegate Guyton**SCHOOL AND SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES – REPORT OF SUSPECTED ABUSE OR NEGLECT – PARENTAL NOTIFICATION**

Requiring a school to provide notice to the parent, guardian, or caretaker of a child if a mandated reporter reports certain suspected abuse or neglect that occurs at a school or school-sponsored activity, unless the parent, guardian, or caretaker is the subject of the report; and requiring the notice to be provided not later than 24 hours after the report is made.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-455 - added and HU, § 1-202(a) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1047 Delegate Hutchinson**STATE BOARD OF PHYSICIANS – DELEGATION OF DUTIES – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring an individual to be registered with the State Board of Physicians to perform limited X-ray machine operations in the State; establishing certain disciplinary procedures for limited X-ray machine operators; recodifying certain provisions of law related to registered cardiovascular invasive specialists and supervised medical graduates; and authorizing a physician assistant to perform X-ray duties under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, Various Sections - amended and §§ 14-206(e)(2)(x), 14-306.1, 14-306.2, 14-306.3, and 14-306.4 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 1048 Delegate Shetty, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – CHAIN RESTAURANTS – SODIUM AND ADDED SUGARS WARNING ICONS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to adopt certain regulations relating to the sale of food items with a high added sugars content or high sodium content by a chain restaurant by January 1, 2027, and to administer a certain continuing education campaign during calendar year 2027; and requiring certain chain restaurants to display certain icons next to certain food items with a high added sugars content or high sodium content on each menu or menu board beginning January 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 21-330.3 and 21-330.4 - renumbered, § 21-330.3 - added, and § 12-1214 - amended and ED, § 13-517(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 1049 Delegate CrosbyCREDIT UNIONS – MERGERS AND CONSOLIDATIONS –
ALTERATION OF VOTING REQUIREMENT

Authorizing a majority of the board of a surviving credit union to approve a proposed merger without the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the surviving credit union, subject to certain requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FI, § 6-803(d) through (g) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 1050 Delegate FeldmarkSTATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – ORGAN DONATION –
DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Requiring the State Department of Education to consult with a certain entity that operates the donor registry and procurement organizations in the development, updating, or approving of certain educational materials relating to organ, eye, and tissue donation.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-455 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1051 Delegate Rosenberg

PUBLIC HEALTH – PATIENT ACCESS TO MEDICATION

Establishing the Meds-to-Beds Program in the Maryland Department of Health: providing the purpose of the Program is to reduce hospital readmissions by using a licensed pharmacist to deliver discharge medications to patients before they leave the hospital; requiring each hospital in the State to participate in the Program; authorizing certain health care facilities to use automated drug dispensing systems and remote dispensing systems; and altering the definition of “telehealth” as it applies to certain insurance coverage.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 13-5901, 13-5902, 19-2701, and 19-2702 and HO, § 12-515 - added and HG, § 15-141.2 and IN, § 15-139 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 1052 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 8-3A-04(c) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1053 Delegate Schmidt

CRIMINAL LAW – SECOND DEGREE ASSAULT – SPORTS OFFICIAL

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an official, an umpire, a referee, or a judge officiating at a sporting event; authorizing a police officer to arrest a person without a warrant if the police officer has probable cause to believe that the person has committed a certain assault; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor of assault in the second degree and is subject to certain penalties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 3-203 and CP, § 2-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1054 Delegate Phillips, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – ETHICS VIOLATIONS, MALFEASANCE, MISFEASANCE, AND NONFEASANCE – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS

Increasing the statute of limitations from 2 years to 3 years for prosecutions relating to the commission of, attempt to commit, or conspiracy to commit a criminal offense under the Maryland Public Ethics Law and other criminal provisions prohibiting malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance by certain public officers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 5-106(f) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1055 Delegate Solomon, et al

HEALTH – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM – GAUCHER DISEASE

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health, as part of the newborn screening system, to screen for Gaucher disease.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 13-111 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 1056 Delegate Alston, et al

GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE DAYS – PURPLE LIGHTS NIGHT

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim October 1 as Purple Lights Night to honor the individuals in the State who are victims or survivors of domestic violence and express support for the elimination of domestic violence in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

GP, §§ 7-417 through 7-421 - renumbered and § 7-417 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 1057 Delegate Ebersole, et al

EDUCATION – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE – GUIDELINES, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT, AND COLLABORATIVE (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE READY SCHOOLS ACT)

Requiring the State Department of Education to provide certain guidance on artificial intelligence to Local school systems, educators, parents, and student through an online platform; requiring the Department to publish certain guidance for certain groups; requiring the Department to develop strategies to implement certain guidelines and best practices; requiring each county board to designate a coordinator for the use of artificial intelligence in the local school system; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

ED, §§ 7-2201 through 7-2204 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1058 Delegate Woods, et al**YOUTH DELINQUENCY PREVENTION FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Youth Delinquency Prevention Fund to provide grants to community-based programs that provide services for youth suicide prevention, drug and alcohol use prevention, and youth development, and to ameliorate conditions that contribute to delinquency, youth suicide, substance use disorder, and family disruption; and requiring the Office to submit a certain report to certain committees of the General Assembly by December 1, 2027, and each year thereafter.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213. - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)214. and SG, §§ 9-3603 and 9-3604 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1059 Delegate Valderrama, et al**EDUCATION – ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND LIBRARY MATERIALS**

Requiring the State Board of Education to evaluate certain Asian American history training programs for inclusion in the State Department of Education's continuing professional development program establishing the Asian American History Grant Program to provide expanded access to professional development in Asian American history to educators and to provide funding to school libraries to purchase certain materials; and requiring the Governor in fiscal year 2028 to include \$500,000 in the annual budget bill for the Program. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-132 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1060 Delegate Smith**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS – PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION – REQUIREMENT FOR TRACKING AND REPORTING AND STUDY**

Requiring the State Department of Education to develop and certain schools to implement a system to track and report certain petitions for emergency evaluations made during the school year; requiring county boards of education, certain schools, and the Department to submit certain reports on petitions for emergency evaluations; requiring the Department to convene a workgroup to study the use of petitions for emergency evaluations in school settings; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-455 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Health

HB 1061 Delegate Williams**CRIMINAL LAW – WEARING, CARRYING, OR TRANSPORTING A HANDGUN – PRIOR CONVICTIONS**

Altering the list of convictions that subject a defendant to enhanced sentencing for wearing, carrying, or transporting a handgun to include certain extra-jurisdictional crimes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 4-203(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1062 Delegates Embry and Taveras**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – JURISDICTION OVER PROPERTY OF MINORS OR DISABLED PERSONS – AUTHORIZED TRANSACTIONS**

Authorizing a circuit court to authorize or direct a transaction that grants access to financial records or establishes eligibility for government assistance programs for a minor or disabled person under a certain circumstance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ET, § 13-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1063 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 the prohibition against hunting migratory game birds on Sundays and authorizing the Department to allow Sunday hunting for migratory game birds, subject to a certain requirement; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

NR, §§ 10-206 and 10-410(a) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1064 Delegate Bagnall, et alMARYLAND OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL –
ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland Office of the Inspector General; transferring the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Education and the Maryland Office of the Inspector General for Health to be within the Maryland Office of the Inspector General; providing for the appointment, qualifications, salary, and term of office of the Inspector General; providing for the employment of certain staff by the Inspector General; establishing provisions related to the powers and duties of the Inspector General; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, §§ 9.10-102 and 9.10-103(f) - amended and § 9.10-104(j) - repealed and HG, SG, and SP, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 1065 Delegate Lehman, et al**COAL COMBUSTION BY-PRODUCT MATERIALS – GRANT PROGRAM AND PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE**

Establishing the Coal Combustion By-Product Materials Grant Program in the Department of the Environment to award grants to eligible manufacturers of cement, concrete, or construction materials in the State that use coal combustion by-products sourced in the State; and requiring each unit of State government to give preference to certain bids that demonstrate the use of certain coal combustion by-products sourced in the State when awarding procurement contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 9-292 and SF, § 14-419 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1066 Delegate Lehman, et al**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS – QUALIFIED ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS – AUTHORIZATION FOR USE**

Authorizing a municipality to conduct a municipal election through the use of a qualified electronic transmission system; and prohibiting a municipality from using information received from a voter using a qualified electronic transmission system for certain purposes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LG, § 4-107.1 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 1067 Delegates Guyton and Allen**HUNTING – LEAD AND LEAD-BASED AMMUNITION – PHASE-OUT**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to require, through a certain phasing-out process, the use of nonlead ammunition for the hunting of all game species on or before July 1, 2029; and requiring the Department to authorize the use of lead ammunition for muzzleloaders, handguns, rifles, and shotguns if nonlead ammunition is not commercially available for the specific firearm.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, § 10-408 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 9, 2026**HJ 9 Delegate Acevero, et al**

CONDEMNING VIOLENCE AND VIOLATIONS OF LAW –
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO, GAZA, AND SUDAN

Condemning all acts of violence against civilians and violations of international humanitarian and human rights law occurring in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Gaza, and Sudan; stating grave concern over certain reports and the risk of genocide in these regions; and urging the government of the United States to perform certain actions.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 6, 2026**HB 561 Delegate Palakovich Carr**

MARYLAND CHILD CARE CREDENTIAL PROGRAM – EXTENSION
OF FUNDING

Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2028, to appropriate each year to the Maryland Child Care Credential Program an amount that is at least equal to the amount appropriated in fiscal year 2024.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 9.5-904 - amended

Reassigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 609 Delegate Griffith, et al

STATE TRANSFER TAX – LAND PRESERVATION SPECIAL FUND –
REVENUE ALLOCATION

Repealing a requirement that for fiscal years 2027, 2028, and 2029 \$25,000,000 of the balance of a special fund dedicated to certain land preservation programs be allocated to the General Fund of the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TP, § 13-209(c), (d), and (h) - amended

Reassigned to: Appropriations

HB 660 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.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 23-205(c) and (d) - amended

Reassigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 807 Delegate Lehman, et al**EDUCATION – TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS – ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNER TEACHER COMPETENCY REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a teacher preparation program to include certain training in English language learner–related teacher competencies and include English language learner–related teacher competencies in other courses throughout the curriculum; and requiring a teacher preparation program to include a certain course in teaching English language learners beginning in the 2028–2029 academic year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-121 - amended

Reassigned to: Ways and Means

HB 810 Delegate Taylor, et al**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – BLOCKCHAIN–BASED REAL PROPERTY TITLE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Blockchain–Based Real Property Title Pilot Program in the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to explore the use of blockchain technology for securely recording and verifying real property ownership and to assess its potential for use by law enforcement and courts in resolving real property disputes involving squatting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Reassigned to: Economic Matters

HB 816 Delegate Taylor, et al**MARYLAND AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE FUND – AFFORDABILITY –
PURPOSE OF FUND AND AUTHORIZED PROGRAM**

Altering the purpose of the Maryland Automobile Insurance Fund to specify that the financial security provided by the Fund be provided at rates that are affordable; and authorizing the Executive Director of the Fund to establish an affordability program that may otherwise be considered to be inconsistent with certain provisions of insurance law.

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IN, §§ 20-301(a) and 20-507(b) - amended

Reassigned to: Judiciary

HB 823 Delegate Griffith**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION –
BLOCKCHAIN–BASED REAL PROPERTY TITLE PILOT PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Blockchain–Based Real Property Title Pilot Program in the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to explore the use of blockchain technology for securely recording and verifying real property ownership and to assess its potential for use by law enforcement and courts in resolving real property disputes involving squatting.

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Reassigned to: Economic Matters

HB 898 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; redesignating the Economic Development Opportunities Program Account to be the Strategic Closing Fund within the Department of Commerce; altering the purposes for and methods by which the Fund may be utilized; altering the termination date of the Build Our Future Grant Pilot Program, Job Creation Tax Credit, Research and Development Tax Credit, and Employer Security Clearance Costs Tax Credit; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Various Articles and Various Chapters of the Acts of Various Years, Various Sections - Various Actions

Reassigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

HB 916 Delegate Spiegel, et al

TRANSPORTATION – REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES

Establishing the Baltimore region, capital region, and Southern Maryland region transportation authorities to develop and implement certain transportation plans; establishing the Baltimore region, capital region, and Southern Maryland region transportation funds as special, nonlapsing funds; imposing certain transportation authority sales tax surcharges, hotel surcharges, and transfer tax surcharges; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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TR, §§ 10.5-101 thru 10.5-413 - added and SF, TG, and TP, Various Sections - added and amended

Reassigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations