



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 15, 2026
Schedule 3**

PLEASE NOTE: January 23 – Bill request deadline.
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 JANUARY 15, 2026

HB 302 Delegate Grammer

MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – PATAPSCO RIVER TOLL BRIDGE – DESIGN

Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to design and locate the entrances, exits, and associated roads of the new bridge over the Patapsco River that will replace the collapsed Francis Scott Key Bridge to ensure that a vehicle that will not cross the bridge is not required to pay a toll.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 4-408 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

Department of Legislative Services

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HB 303 Delegate Grammer**HANDGUNS – WEAR, CARRY, AND TRANSPORT LAWS – HANDBOOK PUBLICATION**

Requiring, by October 1, 2026, and each October 1 thereafter, the Office of the Attorney General to publish a handbook summarizing State law, federal law, and case law related to wearing, carrying, and transporting a handgun in public in Maryland; and requiring the handbook to be drafted in plain language so it can be easily understood without special knowledge of relevant law and in a format that can be easily used to teach certain required firearms courses.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PS, § 5-306(a-3) - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 304 Delegate Grammer**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DATA MANIPULATION**

Establishing that a new public record is not created if, in responding to a certain request under the Public Information Act, a custodian conducts certain data manipulation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, § 4-205(c) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 305 Delegate Grammer**BALTIMORE COUNTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Altering the definitions of “community association” and “local code violation” to authorize community associations to seek judicial relief for nuisance abatement in Baltimore County; requiring certain notices relating to nuisance actions to be provided to the county code enforcement agency and certain tenants and property owners; repealing a provision of law requiring a certain court to determine the amount and conditions of a bond filed by a community association in a certain nuisance action; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 14-125 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 306 Delegates Qi and Hill

VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – PRICES LISTED ON DEALER WEBSITES (“JACK FITZGERALD PRICE TRANSPARENCY ACT”)

Providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not take an adverse action against a dealer for disclosing on its website that the advertised price of a vehicle is the manufacturer’s minimum allowable advertised price and that the dealer may offer a lower price for the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 15-207(h) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 307 Delegates Qi and Hill

COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND – ALTERATIONS

Altering the purpose of the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; requiring the Comptroller to administer the Fund at the direction of the Office of Social Equity; altering requirements for a certain county plan for the distribution of funds from the Fund; requiring a county to consult with the Office to make any adjustments to the county plan; altering the requirements for a certain report on the Fund; requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Office, to ensure compliance with provisions of law governing the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 1-3A-01 and 1-3A-03 - amended and § 1-3A-04 - added and SG, § 9-4108 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 308 Delegates Qi and Hill

CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – PRINCIPAL OFFICES – PRIVATE MAILBOXES

Authorizing an address supplied by a commercial mail receiving agency to be designated as the principal office of a Maryland corporation, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, or limited partnership, under certain circumstances; and providing for the disclosure of certain contact information on request by a commercial mail receiving agency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CA, § 1-101(w) - amended and § 1-407 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 309 Delegate Stewart**JUDICIAL FACILITIES – STOPS, DETENTIONS, AND ARRESTS –
LIMITATIONS**

Prohibiting a person from being stopped, detained, or arrested for certain civil offenses while the individual is in a judicial facility or is traveling within 1 mile of a judicial facility for the purpose of attending a meeting, a hearing, or another official proceeding in the Judicial facility except under certain circumstances; establishing that evidence obtained in violation of the Act is inadmissible in a proceeding over which a State court or State or local agency has jurisdiction; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 13-801 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 310 Delegate Kaufman, et al**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – RESTRICTIVE HOUSING –
INDIVIDUALS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL OR INTELLECTUAL
DISABILITIES**

Authorizing an incarcerated individual to undergo a certain assessment at intake at a State correctional facility by a certain clinical professional; authorizing a certain clinical professional to make a certain recommendation about a certain incarcerated individual; and prohibiting a State correctional facility from putting a certain incarcerated individual in restrictive housing for more than 15 consecutive days in a 30–day time period unless the individual commits a certain prohibited act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, § 9-614.3 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 311 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; 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; and requiring a certain annual report to be confidential and limiting disclosure of the report to certain individuals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-1510(a) and (f) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 312 Delegate Simpson**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – REDEPOSIT OF ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing a member of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to receive certain service credit on the redeposit of contributions from the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, § 25-304 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 313 Delegate Stewart**LANDLORD AND TENANT – RESIDENTIAL HOUSING – RENTAL APPLICATIONS AND TENANT SCREENING**

Prohibiting a landlord from collecting an application fee unless the rental unit is available or will become available within 30 days of receiving the application; requiring a landlord to provide certain written disclosures before accepting an application or screening fee; prohibiting a landlord from taking certain adverse actions against a prospective tenant unless a landlord provides certain written notice to the prospective tenant; prohibiting a landlord from taking certain actions relating to certain records; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL § 13-301(14)(xlvii) - amended and CL, § 13-301(14)(xlix) and RP, § 8-222 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 314 Delegate Stewart**AUTOMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPLOYMENT ASSESSMENT AND
DISPLACED EMPLOYEE RETRAINING FUND – ESTABLISHED**

Requiring employers with 100 or more employees that reduced their workforce in the State by a least 10 employees while using automation technology to submit certain information to the Secretary of Labor concerning the number of employees employed, automation technology deployed or used, and certain employees separated from employment during the immediately preceding calendar year; requiring a certain covered employer to pay a certain assessment for each displaced employee reported by the covered employer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LE, §§ 11-1801 through 11-1807 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 315 Delegate Stewart**HUMAN RELATIONS – DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING – INCOME–
BASED HOUSING SUBSIDIES**

Providing that a certain landlord may not refuse to rent to a prospective tenant who pays rent with the assistance of an income–based housing subsidy under certain circumstances; providing that a certain landlord may collect financial information from a perspective tenant under certain circumstances; and providing that a violation of the Act is a discriminatory housing practice and is subject to enforcement by the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, §§ 20-701(c) and 20-1020(e) - amended and § 20-705.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 316 Delegate Kaufman, et al**CONFIDENTIALITY OF MEDICAL RECORDS – DEFINITION OF
MEDICAL RECORD**

Altering the definition of “medical record” for purposes of law governing the confidentiality of medical records to require that certain information be recorded by a health care provider through certain means, instead of entered into the record of a patient or recipient, and to include certain electronic messages.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 4-301(k) - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 317 **Delegate Stewart****RECIPIENTS OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE OR STATE CONTRACTS – CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LABOR LAWS**

Requiring certain persons that receive certain State economic development assistance to make a certification each year that the person was not the subject of a certain final adverse determination and is not currently failing to comply with certain outstanding requirements under a prior final judgment or order; requiring a certain unit of State government to initiate a pause on disbursements or approvals of certain economic development assistance or the award or renewal of certain State contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, § 5-108 and SF, §§ 17-1001 and 17-1002 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters