



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

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HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 23, 2026

HB 1625 Delegate Hill

PUBLIC HEALTH – NEWBORN SCREENING PROGRAM – FEES AND CORE CONDITIONS

Altering the amount of fees the Maryland Department of Health may establish for newborn testing under the newborn screening program; requiring the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders to advise the Department on certain information related to the implementation of testing for a core condition added to the Recommended Uniform Screening Panel and provide recommendations regarding whether testing should be implemented; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HG, § 13-111 - amended

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HB 1626 Delegate Metzgar

AGRICULTURE – ACCESS TO FOOD (MARYLAND FOOD SECURITY, ACCESS, AND EQUITY ACT)

Establishing the Food Security Coordination Office within the Department of Agriculture; requiring the Department to establish a rural-to-urban produce distribution program to connect local farmers with urban and suburban communities experiencing food insecurity; requiring the Department to establish the Maryland Rural-to-Urban Produce Financing Program to provide financial assistance for projects that stabilize and expand the movement of Maryland-grown produce to certain communities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

AG, §§ 2-106 and 10-1601 - amended and §§ 2-2501 through 2-2511 - added

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HB 1627 Howard County Delegation

HOWARD COUNTY – OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL – ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS HO. CO. 15–26

Providing that the Office of the Inspector General for Howard County shall have access to and inspect certain public records under certain circumstances; prohibiting a custodian from denying the Office of the Inspector General for Howard County access to a public record under certain circumstances; and providing that redisclosure of certain information is subject to certain restrictions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, § 4-302 - added

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