



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 16, 2026
Schedule 4**

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 16, 2026

HB 318 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
MARYLAND–NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION AND WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION – VENDOR REGISTRATION PG/MC 107–26
Requiring the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to accept as a registered vendor any person that is registered through a vendor registration process as a vendor with Montgomery County or Prince George's County; and authorizing the Maryland–National Capital Park and Planning Commission and the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission to enter into certain memoranda of understanding with Montgomery County and Prince George's County.
EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026
LU, § 15-206 and PU, § 20-401 - added
Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 319 Delegate Sample–Hughes**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT TRANSPORTATION – SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that authorize a county board of education to provide transportation to and from school for certain students using a vehicle other than a certain type of school vehicle under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Chapters 197 and 198 of the Acts of 2021, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 320 Delegate Behler, et al**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RURAL LEGACY PROGRAM**

Authorizing the governing body of Anne Arundel County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on real property that is located in a Rural Legacy Area, subject to certain land preservation programs, and for which the property owner has sold certain development rights under the Rural Legacy Program; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-303(d) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 321 Delegate Lehman**ENVIRONMENT – SYNTHETIC TURF INDUSTRY AND DISPOSAL STUDY – DEADLINE EXTENSION**

Extending the deadline by which the Department of the Environment is required to submit a certain report on the synthetic turf industry and synthetic turf disposal from July 1, 2026, to January 15, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Chapter 567 of the Acts of 2024, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 322 Delegate Kerr**MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Maryland Health Care Commission by reducing from nine to eight the number of members who are individuals who do not have any connection with the management or policy of a health care provider or payor and including a representative of a hospital; and altering from five to four the number of Commission members who must be residents of different counties with a population of 300,000 or more.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 19-104 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 323 Delegate Stewart**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR INCOME TAXES AND PENALTIES DUE TO FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain income taxes and penalties attributable to an early withdrawal of retirement funds due to financial exploitation; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 324 Delegates Simpson and Taylor**FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS**

Authorizing the Child Support Administration to take action to secure an assignment to the State of any rights to support on behalf of a child receiving foster care maintenance payments; and requiring a court to terminate a child support order that was previously established or assigned for a child receiving a foster care maintenance payment under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, §§ 5-525.4 and 12-104.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 325 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 a certified nonpublic school classroom teacher and increasing the number of members of the Maryland Association of Nonpublic Special Education Facilities.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-703 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 326 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-1502(g) and GP, § 4-314.1(a) - amended and ED, § 7-1514 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 327 Delegate Ebersole**EDUCATION – BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the number of members on the Board of Community College Trustees for Baltimore County; and altering the membership of the Board to reflect the change in Baltimore County councilmanic districts.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

ED, § 16-402 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 328 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
BICOUNTY COMMISSIONS – PUBLIC ETHICS – FINANCIAL
DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS PG/MC 105–26

Requiring an applicant for appointment as a commissioner of a bicounty commission to submit a certain statement to the Prince George's County Office of Ethics and Accountability; requiring the chief administrative officer for Prince George's County to transmit the financial disclosure statements of commissioners or appointed applicants of bicounty commissions to the Office; and requiring the Office, rather than the chief administrative officer for Prince George's County, to take certain actions regarding the statements.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, §§ 5-825(b)(1), 5-826, and 5-827 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 329 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.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CL, § 3-314(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 330 Delegate Kaufman

MARYLAND LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION – BOARD OF
DIRECTORS – MEMBERSHIP

Increasing the number of members on the Board of Directors of the Maryland Legal Services Corporation from 9 to 12.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HU, § 11-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary