



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 19, 2026**  
**Schedule 5**

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**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.

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 19, 2026**

**HB 331 Delegate Terrasa, et al**

**MARYLAND BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING REFUND AND LITTER REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program to increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers and reduce the litter, pollution, and costs associated with beverage containers; prohibiting a producer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or importing into the State a redeemable beverage container unless the producer is registered with the Department of the Environment, pays a certain fee, and is part of a beverage container stewardship organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EN, §§ 9-1702(d) and 9-1707(f) - amended and §§ 9-1737 through 9-1756 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

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**HB 332 Delegate Charkoudian**

CIVIL ACTIONS – VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS (NO KINGS ACT)

Establishing certain civil liability for an individual who, under color of law, deprives another of a right, a privilege, or an immunity secured by the U.S. Constitution.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 3-2701 and 3-2702 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 333 Delegates Palakovich Carr and Griffith**

GENERAL ASSEMBLY VACANCY – POLITICAL PARTY CENTRAL COMMITTEE – PROCEDURES

Establishing requirements for the filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and voting; and requiring a member of the central committee who has applied to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting on the individual to fill the vacancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EL, § 4-101 - amended and § 4-206 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 334 Delegate Ruth, et al**

STATE PROCUREMENT – CONSTITUTIONAL VIOLATIONS – PROHIBITED

Requiring a procurement officer to require a certain certification from a bidder or offeror and to include a certain clause in a State procurement contract relating to unconstitutional activity.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, §§ 13-212.2 and 13-230 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 335 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****REAL PROPERTY – DEDICATION – ROADS**

Establishing that a private road open to public travel for 20 years or more shall be considered offered for dedication to public use; and establishing that the State, a county, or a municipality shall be considered to have accepted an offer for the dedication of a road to public use under the Act if the State, county, or municipality repairs and maintains the road in the same manner as a public road.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 14-134 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 336 Delegate Addison, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – DISTRICT COURT COMMISSIONERS AND FALSE STATEMENTS**

Prohibiting a District Court commissioner from issuing an arrest warrant to an individual other than a police officer or a State's Attorney; and increasing the penalty for making a certain false statement or report to a certain governmental official or unit from 6 months to up to 3 years imprisonment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 2-607(c) and CR, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 337 Delegate Moon, et al****SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION AND HOUSING – SCHOOL ZONES AND ADEQUATE PUBLIC FACILITIES ORDINANCES**

Requiring each county board of education to submit a student residency and school zones report to the Department of Planning and the Interagency Commission on School Construction on or before July 1 each year, beginning on July 1, 2026; prohibiting certain adequate public facilities ordinances from delaying the processing and completion of subdivision or site development plans; and authorizing certain adequate public facilities ordinances to delay the issuance of final permits.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

ED, § 4-148 and LU, § 7-106 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 338 Delegate Simmons, et al**

DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE – STATEWIDE JURISDICTION

Altering the jurisdiction of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, §§ 4-601 and 4-605 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 339 Delegates Simmons and Pruski**

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS – CHIEF INSPECTOR – COMPENSATION

Increasing the minimum and maximum salary amounts for the chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 11-204(b)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 340 Delegate Mireku-North, et al**

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST INTERSTATE LICENSURE COMPACT

Entering into the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing licensed school psychologists who hold multistate licenses to provide school psychological services in member states; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission; providing for the withdrawal from the Compact; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, §§ 25-401 and 25-402 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 341 Delegate Wims, et al****MARYLAND COMMISSION FOR BOYS' AND MEN'S HEALTH – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Commission for Boys' and Men's Health in the Maryland Department of Health; providing the purpose of the Commission is to raise public awareness of health issues specific to boys and men, including prostate and testicular cancer, oral cancer, cardiovascular disease, depression, diabetes, and substance use disorders; and requiring the Commission to submit a report every 2 years beginning in 2028, to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly, with recommendations for certain policy changes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 13-2401 through 13-2409 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 342 Delegate Behler****FORESTRY LICENSES – APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring that an institution from which an applicant for a forestry license graduates on completion of a certain curriculum has certain approval and accreditation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, § 7-304 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 343 Delegate Rosenberg****HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS – HOUSING COUNSELING SERVICES**

Requiring a recipient of funding from the Department of Housing and Community Development for any project to construct, acquire, or rehabilitate residential property for use as housing to offer housing counseling services to certain prospective residents; and requiring the Governor to appropriate \$200,000 in fiscal year 2028 and each fiscal year thereafter for community development organizations to partner with certain housing counseling agencies providing housing counseling services.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HS, § 2-304 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 344 Delegate Rosenberg****BUSINESS REGULATION – SALE OF MOTOR FUEL – PRICING SIGNAGE**

Altering the requirements for signs displaying a standard price and a conditional price for motor fuel products at retail service stations; and authorizing the Comptroller to assess certain penalties under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

BR, § 10-315 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 345 Delegate Charkoudian, et al****PUBLIC UTILITIES – SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS AND SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS (AFFORDABLE SOLAR ACT)**

Authorizing the purchase, installation, and use of a certain portable solar energy generating system for certain purposes; altering the renewable energy portfolio standard; requiring that certain alternative compliance fees be paid into a certain escrow account rather than into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; requiring the Public Service Commission to require electric companies to procure a certain number of SRECs and SREC-IIIs; requiring the Commission to issue certain solicitations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, Various Sections - added and amended and TG, §§ 8-404 and 8-408 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 346 Delegate Pruski****WORKERS’ COMPENSATION – VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES – RETROACTIVE COMPENSATION**

Requiring an employer or its insurer to retroactively pay retroactive compensation to a covered employee as if the covered employee was temporarily totally disabled if the covered employee did not receive compensation during the period between the date maximum medical improvement was attained and the date vocational rehabilitation services began.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, §§ 9-670 and 9-674 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 347 Delegate Pruski****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE  
PRESUMPTIONS – HYPERTENSION**

Establishing that certain firefighters, fire fighting instructors, rescue squad members, advanced life support unit members, and members of the Office of the State Fire Marshal suffering from hypertension are presumed to have an occupational disease that is compensable under workers' compensation law and are presumed to be disabled if certain requirements are met.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 9-503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 348 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE  
EXTENSION**

Extending until the end of July 1, 2029, the expiration of a racetrack alcoholic beverages license issued for the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue in Baltimore City for the purpose of completing renovations at the same location.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 349 Delegate Simmons, et al****PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT – USE OF BODY-WORN  
CAMERAS**

Altering certain provisions of law to require a certain law enforcement agency to require the use of body-worn cameras, subject to a certain policy, by each sworn law enforcement officer, regardless of rank, employed by the law enforcement agency while the officer is in uniform, in public, and conducting law enforcement related duties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-511(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 350 Delegate Wims, et al****VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2026 – COUNTIES AND MUNICIPAL CORPORATIONS**

Prohibiting the imposition or application of a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipal corporation that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of the members' choice or the member's ability to influence the outcome of an election as a result of the dilution or the abridgement of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

EL, §§ 15.7-101 through 15.7-107 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 351 Delegates Moon and Martinez****PUBLIC SAFETY – FEDERAL AGENTS – DIGITAL UNMASKING**

Authorizing the Office of the Attorney General or a State's Attorney, upon receipt of a complaint of federal agent misconduct, to direct the Maryland State Police to gather and securely retain certain identifying digital data about a certain federal agent or federal agents; and authorizing a certain complainant to obtain certain identifying digital data only pursuant to a court order issued in a certain case.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-535 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 352 Delegate Wims****CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM – PERSONNEL AND PER PUPIL GRANTS – ELIGIBLE USES**

Repealing the limitation on the authorization to use personnel grants and per pupil grants under the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program to provide certain fine arts instructional programs through fiscal year 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 5-223(c)(9) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 353 Prince George's County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – TERMINATION OF GAS OR ELECTRIC SERVICE TO MULTIFAMILY DWELLING UNITS – NOTIFICATION PG 406-25

Requiring a public service company that intends to terminate, because of nonpayment, electric or gas service to a certain multifamily dwelling unit located in Prince George's County to notify each county elected official representing the district in which the multifamily dwelling unit is located before the termination of gas or electric service under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-307.3 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 354 Delegate Kipke, et al**

MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION – ACQUISITION OF LAND IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Requiring the Maryland Port Administration to provide written notice to the Anne Arundel County Delegation to the General Assembly at least 2 weeks prior to the announcement of a public hearing on the acquisition of land or improvements on land in Anne Arundel County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR - § 6-309(b) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 355 Delegate S. Johnson**

EDUCATION – SEXUAL ABUSE AND ASSAULT AWARENESS AND PREVENTION PROGRAM – HUMAN AND SEX TRAFFICKING

Requiring that a certain program on the awareness and prevention of sexual abuse and assault include, for students in grades 6 through 8, material promoting the awareness and prevention of human and sex trafficking.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-439 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 356 Delegates Schmidt and Rosenberg****HUMAN RELATIONS – PROTECTION OF THE FREE EXERCISE OF RELIGION**

Prohibiting a governmental authority, under certain circumstances, from burdening a person's exercise of religion; and authorizing a person aggrieved by a violation of the Act to obtain certain relief in a civil action.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, §§ 20-1301 through 20-1305 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 357 Delegate Palakovich Carr****MUNICIPALITIES – ELECTION DATES – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring each municipality to report municipal election dates to the State Board of Elections not less than 6 months before each regular election and within 5 business days after a special election is scheduled; and requiring the State Board, each local board of elections, and each municipality that has a website to display certain information relating to municipal elections on their websites.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LG, § 4-108.5 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 358 Delegate Palakovich Carr****SALES AND USE TAX – ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY SCHOOL BOOK FAIRS – EXEMPTION**

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for a sale made at a book fair by an elementary or secondary school or a nonprofit parent-teacher organization or other nonprofit organization within an elementary or secondary school at an in-person book fair on school premises; requiring that the net proceeds of the book sale be used solely for the educational benefit of the school or its student; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 11-204(b)(7) and (8) - amended and § 11-204(b)(9) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 359 Delegate Roberson, et al**

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – URBAN AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY – ALTERATIONS

Altering eligibility for a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on certain urban agricultural property; and requiring a county or municipal corporation that grants the tax credit to provide notice of the termination of the credit at least 1 year in advance and the opportunity to be heard to the public before the county or municipal corporation may exercise its authority to terminate the credit.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-253 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 360 Delegate Moon, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – AUTOMATED EXPUNGEMENT (CLEAN SLATE ACT OF 2026)

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services and the Judiciary to expunge all cases meeting certain criteria on or before July 1, 2028; and requiring the Department and the Judiciary to expunge certain newly eligible cases on a monthly basis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 10-112.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 361 Delegate Arentz, et al**

QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS

Increasing to two the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne's County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CJ, § 1-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 362 Delegate Grammer****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – EFFECT**

Establishing that a person who has been granted an expungement shall be determined for all purposes not to have been arrested for, cited for, charged with, or convicted of the underlying offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 10-101.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 363 Delegate Palakovich Carr****INCOME TAX – LOCAL CHILD TAX CREDIT – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing a county to provide, by law, a credit against the county income tax for certain dependent children; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TG, §§ 10-706, 10-751, and 10-809 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 364 Delegate Kipke****STATE VETERANS’ CEMETERIES – INTERMENT**

Defining the term “interment location” for the purposes of provisions of law governing the interment of individuals in State veterans’ cemeteries; and requiring the Department of Veterans and Military Families to provide an outer burial receptacle, rather than a grave liner, or a columbarium niche and marker at no cost with each interment location at a State veterans’ cemetery.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, §§ 5-101(p) and 5-803, HO, § 7-406, and SG, §§ 9-901, 9-905.1, 9-906(a) and (e) through (i), and 9-907 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 365 Delegate Grammer****FIREARMS – RIGHT TO PURCHASE, OWN, POSSESS, AND CARRY**

Providing that a person may not be denied the right to purchase, own, possess, or carry a firearm solely on the basis that the person is authorized to use medical cannabis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 5-901 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 366 Delegate Pruski****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – EXEMPTION FROM EXCLUSIVITY OF REMEDY – ACTION FOR WRONGFUL DEATH BY NONDEPENDENT CHILD**

Prohibiting the Maryland Workers' Compensation Act from being construed to prohibit a child of a covered employee who is determined not to be a dependent of the covered employee from filing an action for damages related to the wrongful death of the covered employee.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 9-509 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 367 Delegate Kipke****HEALTH INSURANCE – PHYSICAL THERAPY – COPAYMENTS, COINSURANCE, AND DEDUCTIBLES**

Prohibiting insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations from imposing a copayment, coinsurance, or deductible for covered physical therapy services that is greater than the copayment, coinsurance, or deductible imposed for an annual physical or wellness visit under the same plan or contract.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

IN, § 15-864 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 368 Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SUPPLEMENTAL HOMEOWNERS' PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – REQUIRED PG 412-26**

Requiring the governing body of Prince George's County to grant a certain property tax credit to supplement the State homeowners' property tax credit; providing that the State Department of Assessments and Taxation is responsible for certain administrative duties with respect to the credit; requiring the county to reimburse the Department for the reasonable cost of administering the credit; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-215(a) - amended and § 9-318(k) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 369 Prince George's County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – NEW BUSINESSES PG 407–26

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George's County to grant, by law, a certain property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on the property of new businesses that add at least 10 new full-time jobs in an industry targeted for expansion by the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-318(k) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 370 Prince George's County Delegation**

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR EMPLOYERS PROVIDING PARENTAL ENGAGEMENT LEAVE PG 419–26

Allowing employers who provide certain parental engagement leave to certain qualified employees during the taxable year a credit against the State income tax; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain certification form; establishing that the credit equals the qualified employee's hourly wage rate times the number of parental leave hours used by the employee during the taxable year, up to \$800; making the credit refundable under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 371 Delegate Ebersole****STATE LOTTERY – COURIER SERVICES – LICENSURE**

Authorizing the Director of the State Lottery and Gaming Control Agency to issue a license to certain persons to conduct certain lottery courier services in the State, subject to certain requirements and limitations; defining “courier service” as the process of delivering a lottery ticket to a purchaser through the online account of a licensed courier; providing that certain contracts between a licensed courier and a State lottery sales agent are not subject to disclosure under the Public Information Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 9-111(e)(1) - amended and § 9-111.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 372 Delegate Lopez****HOSPITALS – EMERGENCY PREGNANCY-RELATED MEDICAL CONDITIONS – PROCEDURES**

Requiring a hospital to conduct screening on a patient presenting at an emergency department of the hospital to determine whether the patient has an emergency pregnancy-related medical condition; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the treatment and transfer of a patient who has an emergency pregnancy-related medical condition; requiring a hospital to allow the termination of a pregnancy in certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 19-342.1 - added and § 20-214(b) - amended

Assigned to: Health

**HB 373 Delegate Kipke****STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS – DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS**

Authorizing the State Board of Dental Examiners to conduct unannounced inspections of the office of certain dentists to determine compliance with certain guidelines for infection control; altering the grounds for discipline of dentists, dental hygienists, and dental and dental hygienist license applicants; and authorizing the Board to take disciplinary action against certified expanded function dental assistants and certificate applicants under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, §§ 4-205(a)(6) and 4-315(a)(30), (37), and (38) and (c)(18) - amended and § 4-315(a)(39) and (d) - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 374 Delegate White Holland****STATE ACUPUNCTURE BOARD – REVISIONS**

Defining “manual therapies” as it relates to the practice of acupuncture; requiring the State Acupuncture Board to make available proof of renewal, rather than issuing a renewal certificate; prohibiting a person from employing an individual to practice acupuncture without a license or aiding or abetting the unauthorized practice of acupuncture; and providing that a person who violates the Act, for a first offense, is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to a fine of up to \$5,000 or imprisonment of up to 1 year or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, §§ 1A-101, 1A-302(b), 1A-306(e), and 1A-403 - amended and § 1A-403 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 375 Delegate Stinnett****ESTATES AND TRUSTS – INTERPRETATION OF WILLS – EVIDENCE OF INTENT (GRANNY’S LAW)**

Authorizing, under certain circumstances, a personal representative to petition the orphans’ court to interpret a decedent’s will in accordance with the decedent’s intent as demonstrated by certain extrinsic evidence; authorizing the personal representative to require a certain legatee to demonstrate the use of a legacy under the decedent’s will; requiring the court to interpret a will in a certain manner if certain language is included in the will; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ET, § 7-402 - amended and HG, § 1-102 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 376 Prince George’s County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – PROCUREMENT PREFERENCE PROGRAMS – REGULATION PG 404-26**

Authorizing the governing body of Prince George’s County to enact a local law to regulate certain procurement activities of the Prince George’s County public school system and Prince George’s Community College; and requiring certain procurement preference programs for procurements made by the Prince George’s County Board of Education or the Board of Community College Trustees for Prince George’s County to be subject to certain requirements adopted by the governing body of Prince George’s County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, §§ 4-125, 4-125.1, and 16-311 - amended and § 4-125.2 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 377 Delegate S. Johnson**

**PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS – PARITY WITH OTHER HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS**

Altering certain provisions of law to include physician assistants in the health care practitioners who may take certain actions, including actions related to the guardianship of disabled persons, admission of individuals to mental health facilities, the Emergency and Allergy Treatment Program, and the Attendant Care Program; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to cover charges related to examinations by a physician assistant for certain emergency evaluatees; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, ET, HG, HU, and SP, Various Sections - amended and HG, §§ 10-601(g) and 18-214(d)(12) - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 378 Prince George's County Delegation**

**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR PARENT AND GUARDIAN VOLUNTEERS IN ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS PG 420-26**

Allowing certain eligible taxpayers who volunteer in certain schools in Prince George's County a credit against the State income tax in an amount equal to \$20 for each volunteer hour, not to exceed \$500; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Comptroller, to develop and make available a certain application and tax credit certificate; requiring a certain county board member or school administrator to issue tax credit certificates in a certain manner; making the credit refundable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 379 Prince George's County Delegation****PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SURCHARGES – DEFERRAL OF PAYMENT PG 405–26**

Authorizing the Prince George's County Council and the Governing Body of Prince George's County to defer the payment of the school facilities surcharge and the public safety and behavioral health surcharge until the final inspection of the new residential construction, the issuance of a use and occupancy permit for the property, or the time of closing of the first sale of the property occurring after the issuance of the building permit.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

PLL of Prince George's Co, Art. 17, §§ 10-192.01(d) and 10-192.11(c) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 380 Delegate S. Johnson****STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS IN OPTOMETRY – EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS AND TIME PERIOD FOR INACTIVE STATUS**

Clarifying that applicants for licensure as an optometrist and certain applicants for reinstatement are required to pass all sections of each part of a licensure examination; repealing the requirement that the State Board of Examiners in Optometry give examinations to licensure applicants; prohibiting the Board from placing a licensee on inactive status for more than 6 consecutive years; etc.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

HO, §§ 11-302(e), 11-304, 11-305, and 11-310 - amended

Assigned to: Health