



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 21, 2026**  
**Schedule 6**

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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 21, 2026**

**HB 381 Delegate Lehman, et al**

STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – URBAN CORE AND URBAN CENTER TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES – NO TURN ON RED

Requiring the State Highway Administration, by July 1, 2029, to install traffic control devices prohibiting a vehicle from making a right turn while facing a steady red signal at certain intersections on State highways in urban cores and urban centers; and authorizing the Administration to choose not to install a certain traffic control device at a specific intersection if the Administration determines that the installation would significantly impair public safety.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 8-204.3 - added and § 21-202(i) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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**HB 382 Delegate Fair, et al****COMMERCIAL LAW – BROADBAND ACCESS – LOW-INCOME CONSUMER PROGRAMS (MARYLAND BROADBAND OPPORTUNITY AND FAIRNESS ACT)**

Requiring certain broadband providers in the State to establish a program to provide certain broadband services to eligible low-income consumers by December 1, 2026; authorizing the Office of Statewide Broadband in the Department of Housing and Community Development to exempt certain service providers; authorizing a provider, once every 3 years, to increase the price of the service based on certain criteria; requiring the Office beginning November 15, 2027, to annually file a report detailing certain data relative to the program; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 13-301(14)(xlvii) and HS, § 6.5-104(a)(1), (2), (4), and (5) and (e) - amended and CL, Various Sections - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 383 Delegate J. Long, et al****MUNICIPALITIES – LIMITING ACCESS TO BEACHES – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a municipality from limiting access to the area of a beach that is above the mean high tide, affected by the regular rise and fall of the tide, to residents of the municipality; and applying the Act only to a beach in the State that is owned by a municipality.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LG, § 4-112 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 384 Delegate Taveras, et al****CHILD SUPPORT – CAPACITY OF MINORS TO INITIATE AND DEFEND AN ACTION**

Authorizing a minor who is the parent of a child to initiate or defend an action for child support, whether pendente lite or permanently.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 12-106 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 385 Delegates Moon and Buckel****COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS – EVIDENCE – REBUTTABLE PRESUMPTION OF MEDICAL BILLS**

Establishing a rebuttable presumption in an action for personal injury or wrongful death that a medical bill from a health care provider or an agent of the health care provider is authentic, fair, and reasonable if the bill was properly provided in discovery; and establishing that a party may overcome the presumption that a medical bill is authentic, fair, and reasonable by proving, by a preponderance of the evidence, that the medical bill, or any charge in a medical bill, is not authentic, is unfair, or is unreasonable.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 10-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 386 Delegate Korman, et al****METRO FUNDING MODIFICATION ACT OF 2026**

Requiring the Governor to withhold 35% of the annual appropriation for grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District under certain circumstances; altering the calculation of the amount that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget each year to provide grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District to pay the capital costs of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; making the Act contingent on enactment of certain legislation by the Commonwealth of Virginia and the District of Columbia; etc. This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TR, § 10-205(f) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

**HB 387 Delegate Embry, et al****COMMISSIONED PUBLIC ART – ARTIST RIGHTS AND REGISTRATION OF ART**

Prohibiting an entity from including in a contract for certain State public art a provision requiring artists to waive copyright rights; defining “State public art” as public art commissioned for a project that receives State funding, regardless of whether the State funding directly paid for the public art; requiring certain State public art to be registered with the Maryland State Arts Council; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 13-230 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 388 Delegate Forbes, et al****BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – SUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES**

Authorizing supervisory employees of the Baltimore County Public Library to form, join, and participate in an employee organization and engage in certain other activities related to collective bargaining; authorizing certain bargaining units for the employees of the Baltimore County Public Library; and altering certain provisions to provide that an employee may be deemed a certain management employee, rather than a supervisory employee, under certain circumstances.

**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026**

ED, §§ 23-802 through 23-812 - renumbered, §§ 23-801(h), 23-803, and 23-810(a) - amended, and § 23-802 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 389 Delegate Bartlett****JUVENILES – DETENTION AND CONFINEMENT – LIMITATIONS ON JUVENILE CONTACT WITH INCARCERATED ADULTS**

Altering and establishing certain provisions relating to the detention, confinement, and transportation of children arrested, convicted, or awaiting trial on certain charges.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2028**

CJ, § 3-8A-16 and CP, § 4-202(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 390 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)****BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2027)**

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 391 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2026, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, AND 2025

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,824,782,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 392 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2026

Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; authorizing, requiring, or altering the distribution of certain revenue; altering eligibility for certain programs; providing certain modifications to federal adjusted gross income of an individual or federal taxable income of a corporation for Maryland income tax purposes relating to certain depreciation deductions allowed under the federal income tax; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

**VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES**

AG, EC, ED, HG, HO, LE, LG, NR, PS, SF, SG, SP, TG, TP, TR, and Chapter 275 of the Acts of 2023, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Appropriations

**HB 393    Delegate Nkongolo, et al****HEALTH INSURANCE – SCALP COOLING SYSTEMS – REQUIRED COVERAGE**

Requiring certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, health maintenance organizations, and managed care organizations that provide coverage for chemotherapy to treat cancer to provide coverage for scalp cooling systems used for the preservation of hair in connection with chemotherapy treatment; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2027.

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027**

IN, § 15-864 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED JANUARY 21, 2026****HJ 3    Delegate Fair, et al****ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION – CURRICULUM – IMPORTANCE OF DIVERSITY**

Acknowledging the importance of teaching a culturally diverse curriculum in elementary and secondary schools in the State; providing that curricula taught in elementary and secondary schools should include the history of communities that have experienced discrimination; and affirming the State of Maryland's commitment to a complete education.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**hb0082****HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED JANUARY 19, 2026****HB 174 Delegate Cardin****MOTOR VEHICLES AND MARINE VESSELS – TRANSFER-ON-DEATH DESIGNATIONS**

Authorizing an individual who is the sole owner of a marine vessel or multiple individuals who jointly co-own a marine vessel to apply to the Department of Natural Resources to designate a beneficiary to take ownership of the marine vessel on the death of the owner or each co-owner; and altering certain provisions of law governing the transfer-on-death designation for motor vehicles to allow multiple individuals who jointly co-own a motor vehicle to designate a transfer-on-death beneficiary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, § 8-720.1 - added and TR, § 13-115 - amended

Reassigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 296 Chair, Ways and Means Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)****EDUCATION – CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE) COMMITTEE AND CTE SKILLS STANDARDS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – REVISIONS AND REPEAL**

Altering the purpose, composition, and duties of the Career and Technical Education (CTE) Committee; repealing the CTE Skills Standards Advisory Committee; and requiring State agencies and certain workforce development and education programs to use a certain list of occupations as a guideline for curriculum alignment, credentialing, and career advancement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, §§ 7-205.1(g)(1)(iii) and 21-209 - amended, § 21-210 - repealed, and §§ 21-210 and 21-211 - added

Reassigned to: Ways and Means and Economic Matters

**HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED JANUARY 21, 2026**

**HB 82      Delegate Cardin**

RECORDATION AND TRANSFER TAXES – EXEMPTION FOR RELATED BUSINESS ENTITIES – COMMON LAW TRUSTS

Altering an exemption from the recordation tax and State and county transfer tax for transfers between related business entities to include transfers involving common law trusts; and applying the Act to instruments of writing recorded on or after July 1, 2026.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TP, §§ 12-108(p) and 13-405(c) - amended

Reassigned to: Ways and Means