



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 22, 2026
Schedule 7**

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 22, 2026

HB 394 Delegate Terrasa, et al

COUNTIES – CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALKS AND CROSSWALKS – SAFE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Requiring a county board of education each year to prepare and post to the county's website a report that identifies pathways that public school students who are ineligible for transportation services may use to travel to school using only safe alternative routes under certain circumstances; requiring the governing body of a county each year to review a certain report and construct any sidewalks and crosswalks necessary to create safe alternative routes for public school students under certain circumstances; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-801(e) and LG, § 12-506.1 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections and Ways and Means

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HB 395 Delegate Boyce, et al**WATER POLLUTION CONTROL – DISCHARGE PERMITS –
CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS**

Repealing a requirement that a person hold a concentrated animal feeding operation (CAFO) general discharge permit before the person may begin construction on any part of a new CAFO.

EMERGENCY BILL

EN, § 9-323 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 396 Delegate Pasteur, et al**RESIDENTIAL CHILD CARE PROGRAMS – EDUCATION OF
CHILDREN AND TRAINING OF CHILD AND YOUTH CARE
PRACTITIONERS**

Requiring operators of certain residential child care programs to ensure that the children of whom they have legal custody or care and control are provided with regularly scheduled time to study to support the children's academic work, assistance with home assignments, projects, and test preparation, and support for participation in extracurricular activities; and requiring that applicants to be child and youth care practitioners undergo certain training.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-309 and HO, § 20-302.1 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 397 Delegate Grammer**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – EXPUNGEMENT – FAILURE TO OBEY A
COURT ORDER TO REPORT TO CONFINEMENT**

Authorizing a person to file a petition for expungement of a conviction of failure to obey a court order to report to a place of confinement; and prohibiting a person from filing a petition for expungement of a conviction of failure to obey a court order to report to a place of confinement until 15 years after the completion of the sentence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 10-110(a) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 398 Delegate Grammer**PUBLIC SAFETY – PERSISTENT AERIAL SURVEILLANCE**

Prohibiting persistent aerial surveillance by a unit, an agency, or a political subdivision of the State to gather evidence or other information in a criminal investigation, subject to certain exceptions; and defining “persistent aerial surveillance” as the use of aircraft to record video or a concurrent series of images or pictures that when viewed in aggregate depict a person’s actions over time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-535 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 399 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS BETWEEN SYSTEMS – WORKGROUP – EXTENSION**

Extending the reporting date and the termination date for a workgroup convened by the State Retirement Agency to study transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems; and requiring the State Retirement Agency to report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Pensions and not the entire General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Chapters 768 and 769 of the Acts of 2025, §§ 1(d) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 400 Delegate Chang**BIOTECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT INCENTIVE TAX CREDIT – CONVERSION TO GRANT PROGRAM**

Converting the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Tax Credit to be the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Grant Program in the Department of Commerce; requiring the Department to disburse a grant within a certain time period; allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain grants received during the taxable year; establishing the Biotechnology Investment Incentive Grant Program Fund; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation of \$10,000,000 in the annual budget bill for the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, Various Sections - added and amended and TG, Various Sections -transferred, added, repealed, and amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 401 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 5 PG 315–26**

Authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 5 in Prince George's County, subject to placement and signage requirements; requiring certain revenue collected by Prince George's County as a result of violations enforced by a speed monitoring system on Maryland Route 5 to be used for State and local highway and pedestrian safety improvements on and in the vicinity of Maryland Route 5 in Prince George's County; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 7-302(e)(4) and TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) and (viii) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 402 Delegate Holmes, et al**COMMON OWNERSHIP COMMUNITIES – OMBUDSMAN UNIT, GOVERNING DOCUMENT DATABASE, AND LOCAL COMMISSIONS**

Establishing the Common Ownership Community Ombudsman Unit in the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to receive and respond to certain complaints; requiring common ownership communities to file certain governing documents with the Department of Housing and Community Development, which the Department must use to create a publicly accessible database; and establishing requirements for a local common ownership commission established by the local government of a county.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CL, § 13-207, HS, § 2-304, and RP, §§ 11C-101 through 11C-114 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 403 Delegates Simpson and Fair**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – DIVORCE RECORDS**

Requiring a custodian to deny inspection of certain records pertaining to a divorce proceeding; and requiring a custodian to release records pertaining to a divorce proceeding to certain applicants under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, § 4-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 404 Delegate Mireku–North**NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARKS – TERMINOLOGY**

Altering certain terminology relating to State parks that preserve and interpret the history of certain populations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, §§ 5-2A-04(f)(3), 5-2A-05(b)(2), and 5-1012 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 405 Delegate Terrasa, et al**CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS –
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS – ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING
EQUIPMENT**

Prohibiting provisions of the governing documents of a condominium or homeowners association from unreasonably restricting the governing body from installing or authorizing the installation of electric vehicle recharging equipment; establishing that the installation or authorization of electric vehicle recharging equipment by a governing body is subject to the ordinary budgeting processes of the condominium or homeowners association; applying the Act retroactively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 11-111.6 and 11B-111.13 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 406 Prince George’s County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
MULTIPLE LICENSES PROHIBITION – EXCEPTIONS PG 313–26**

Adding Class B (on-sale) beer and wine and Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses to the list of alcoholic beverages licenses for which the prohibition against issuing multiple licenses for the same person or premises in Prince George’s County does not apply.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 26-1505 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 407 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSES
– PROHIBITION ON TRANSFER OF CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND
LIQUOR LICENSE PG 314–26

Prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County from approving the transfer or sale of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; requiring a Class A license holder to return the license to the Board if the license expires or the license holder no longer wishes to hold the license; and prohibiting the Board from reissuing a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 26-901 and 26-1702 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 408 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – AUTHORITY TO RETAIN FEE FOR
SINGLE-USE AND REUSABLE BAGS PG 403–26

Authorizing Prince George's County to retain, by local law, a portion of a certain fee, not to exceed 10 cents for each bag, that retail establishments in the county are required by local law to charge a customer for providing a single-use or reusable carryout bag.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LG, § 13-1002 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections and Economic Matters

HB 409 Delegate Bartlett, et al

JUVENILE COURT – JURISDICTION (YOUTH CHARGING REFORM
ACT)

Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court by repealing provisions specifying that the juvenile court does not have jurisdiction over a child alleged to have committed any crime punishable by life imprisonment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 3-8A-03 and 3-8A-27(a)(2)(iii), CP, Various Sections, and ED, § 7-303(a)(6) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 410 Delegate Boyce, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – FOOD AND MILK PRODUCT LABELING – REQUIREMENTS**

Establishing requirements and prohibitions regarding food and milk product labeling; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to create a marketing program and educational materials to inform consumers about the meaning of quality dates and safety dates for food labels by July 1, 2027, and to post the information on the Department's website.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 21-329.1 - added and § 21-424 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 411 Delegate Buckel, et al**INCOME TAX – STANDARD DEDUCTION – ALTERATION**

Increasing the amount of the standard deduction allowed for certain individuals from \$3,350 to \$4,100 under the Maryland income tax; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-217 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 412 Delegate Simpson, et al**CHILD SUPPORT – SUSPENSION OF DRIVER'S LICENSES**

Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 10-119(b) and (c) and TR, § 16-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 413 Delegate Kerr, et al**MARYLAND-IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP AND TERMINATION – ALTERED AND EXTENDED**

Altering the membership of the Maryland-Ireland Trade Commission and extending the termination of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, §§ 5-2503 and 5-2504 and Chapter 409 of the Acts of 2024, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 414 Delegate Roberson, et al**COURTS – JURY SERVICE – DISQUALIFICATION**

Providing that a person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year and is currently serving the sentence imposed for the conviction, including a term of parole or probation, or has been convicted of a crime involving or relating to perjury, witness intimidation, jury intimidation, or fraud or a related crime is not qualified for jury service.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 8-103 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 415 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A BEER AND CLASS A BEER AND WINE LICENSES – RETAIL GROCERY ESTABLISHMENTS PG 304–26**

Establishing an exception in Prince George's County to the prohibition against issuing alcoholic beverages licenses for use in conjunction with or on the premises of supermarkets; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue a Class A beer or Class A beer and wine license for use in conjunction with or on the premises of certain retail grocery establishments located inside the Capital Beltway in the county; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 26-1501(c) and 26-1509 - amended and § 26-1509.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters and Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 416 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSES PG 321–26**

Removing the limit on the number of Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County may issue.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 26-1601(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 417 Delegates Pippy and Kerr**PUBLIC HEALTH – MEDETOMIDINE AND XYLAZINE CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT**

Prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, or exposing for sale a medetomidine product or xylazine product unless the purchaser provides proof the intended use is for institutional, veterinary, or scientific purposes; prohibiting a retailer from distributing, selling, or exposing for sale a medetomidine or xylazine product to an individual under the age of 21 years; requiring a retailer that prepares, distributes, sells, or exposes for sale a medetomidine or xylazine product to maintain certain records; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 8-6A-01(b)(3) - amended and §§ 21-2G-01 through 21-2G-03 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 418 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COURTS – REMOTE PUBLIC ACCESS TO BAIL REVIEW HEARINGS PG 302–26**

Requiring each court in Prince George's County to provide remote audio–visual access to bail review hearings, except when a hearing is deemed closed, confidential, or restricted by federal or State law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 1-206 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 419 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – COMPREHENSIVE TRAFFIC SAFETY AUDIT – MARYLAND ROUTE 202 AND MARYLAND ROUTE 704 PG 303–26**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct a comprehensive traffic safety audit of Maryland Route 202 and Maryland Route 704 in Prince George's County; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Prince George's County Delegation to the General Assembly on or before December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 420 Delegate Rogers, et al**MODERNIZING CIVIL RELIEF FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

Authorizing active service members and spouses, under certain circumstances, to practice in the State under an occupational or professional license issued in another jurisdiction; and altering the definition of “eligible veteran” for purposes of certain provisions of law governing occupational or professional licensing processes to include former service members who have been discharged for more than 1 year before an application for a license, certificate, or registration is submitted.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, AG, BOP, BR, ED, EN, FI, HG, HO, IN, LE, NR, PS, PU, RP, and TR,
Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 421 Prince George’s County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – POINT-TO-POINT SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 210 PG 309–26**

Authorizing the placement and use of speed monitoring systems on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George’s County, subject to certain requirements; and requiring Prince George’s County to report to the General Assembly, by January 31, 2028, and each January thereafter, on the total number of citations issued for each monitored highway segment, the gross revenue generated, expenditures, net revenue generated, contractor payments, changes in the average speeds, and changes in the number of motor vehicle crashes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 7-302(e)(1), (2), (3)(i), and (4)(i) through (iii) - amended and TR, § 21-809.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 422 Delegates Bagnall and Woorman**PUBLIC HEALTH – EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY – BACTERIAL VAGINOSIS**

Adding bacterial vaginosis to the list of diagnoses for which certain health care providers may prescribe, dispense, or otherwise provide antibiotic therapy to a sexual partner of a diagnosed patient without making a personal physical assessment of the sexual partner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 18-214.1 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 423 Prince George's County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – DRUG DETECTION PRODUCTS PG 501–26**

Requiring the Prince George's County Board of Education to provide, at no charge, drink spiking detection products and drug detection strips to public high school students in the county through school-based health clinics or school libraries beginning in the 2026–2027 school year; and requiring each public high school in the county to submit a certain report to Maryland's Office of Overdose Response on or before October 1 each year.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-455 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 424 Delegate Kerr, et al**CONTINUING CARE IN A RETIREMENT COMMUNITY PROVIDERS – GOVERNING BODIES – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering a certain requirement pertaining to the number of regular and alternate members selected to be on the governing body of a continuing care in a retirement community provider; authorizing a resident association, rather than a governing body, to select regular and alternate subscriber members of a governing body; and repealing a requirement that a subscriber member be selected according to certain standards and criteria.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HU, §§ 10-425(a)(9) and 10-427 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 425 Delegate Kerr**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – SLEEP APNEA – REPORTING REQUIREMENT PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from requiring a licensee or an applicant for a driver's license to notify the Administration if the licensee or applicant is diagnosed as having sleep apnea.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 16-118 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 426 Delegate J. Long, et al**PETITION FOR GUARDIANSHIP OF THE PROPERTY OF ALLEGED DISABLED PERSON – STAY OF CIVIL ACTIONS AND PROCEEDINGS**

Authorizing a party to the guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person to request a stay of certain civil actions or proceedings on the filing of a petition for guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person; requiring a certain party to the guardianship of the property of an alleged disabled person to provide certain notice to a court granting a stay and to parties to a civil action or proceeding; applying the Act prospectively; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ET, § 13-223 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 427 Delegate Guzzone, et al**TASK FORCE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES – EXTENSION**

Extending to December 31, 2027, the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; and requiring the Task Force to submit an updated report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Chapter 793 of the Acts of 2024, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Health

HB 428 Chair, Judiciary Committee (By Request – Maryland Judicial Conference)**COURTS – FORMER JUDGE – TEMPORARY ASSIGNMENT**

Authorizing the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Maryland to recall to judicial office for a temporary assignment a former judge who had the judge's most recent service terminated by reason of defeat for election if the judge had previously won election to judicial office.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 1-302(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 429 Delegate Boyce, et al**ON-FARM ORGANICS AND WASTED FOOD REDUCTION AND DIVERSION GRANT PROGRAMS – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the On-Farm Organics Diversion and Recycling Grant Program in the Department of Agriculture to award grants to eligible entities to develop and implement on-farm organics recycling, compost use, wasted food prevention, and food rescue; and establishing the Wasted Food Reduction and Diversion Grant Program and the County Wasted Food Reduction Block Grant Program in the Department of the Environment to fund certain projects that reduce, rescue, and divert wasted food in the State and certain counties.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

AG, § 2-109 and EN, §§ 9-1725.1 and 9-1725.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 430 Delegate Kerr**FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS – NATIONAL GUARD AND MILITARY RESERVES MEMBERS – SUBSTITUTE PROVIDER**

Requiring a family child care provider who is a member of the National Guard or military reserves to designate a substitute to provide family child care for not more than 45 working days in any 12-month period while the family child care provider is absent for required training and active service.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 9.5-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 431 Delegate Behler**REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION AND PRINTING OF SUBDIVISION PLATS – ALTERATIONS**

Updating certain provisions of law relating to the recordation of subdivision plats; and increasing the fee for printing a set of subdivision plats from \$5 for each set of plats to \$25 per page for each set of plats.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 3-108(c) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 432 Delegate Mireku–North, et al**MUNICIPALITIES – VAGRANCY – REPEAL OF AUTHORITY TO PROHIBIT**

Repealing the authority of a municipality to prohibit vagrancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LG, § 5-207 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 433 Delegates Qi and Adams**BUSINESS REGULATION – COLLECTION AGENCIES – LICENSURE EXEMPTION FOR PROPERTY MANAGERS**

Exempting property managers who collect payment for rent, utilities, or fees from a residential tenant on behalf of a property owner, under certain circumstances, from the requirement to hold a license to do business as a collection agency from the State Collection Agency Licensing Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, § 7-102 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 434 Delegates Palakovich Carr and Stewart**RESIDENTIAL LEASES – USE OF ALGORITHMIC DEVICE BY LANDLORD TO DETERMINE RENT, OCCUPANCY, AND LEASE TERMS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a landlord from using certain algorithmic devices to determine the amount of rent to charge for, occupancy levels of, and lease terms and conditions for a residential dwelling unit; making a violation of the Act an unfair, abusive, or deceptive trade practice under the Maryland Consumer Protection Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

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 435 Delegate Bhandari**PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION – OPEN MOVIE CAPTIONING**

Decreasing from eight to four the number of screens in a motion picture house above which the motion picture house is required to provide open movie captioning.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, § 20-306 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 436 Delegate Bagnall**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBER COMPENSATION AND STUDENT MEMBER SCHOLARSHIP – INCREASE**

Increasing the compensation of the president, the vice president, and other members of the Anne Arundel County Board of Education to be \$25,000, \$24,000, and \$23,000, respectively; and increasing the scholarship award to \$23,000 for a student member of the board who completes a full term on the board for a term that begins on or after July 1, 2029.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, § 3-2A-07 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 437 Delegate Edelson, et al**TRANSPORTATION – MAJOR HIGHWAY CAPACITY EXPANSION PROJECTS AND IMPACT ASSESSMENTS (TRANSPORTATION AND CLIMATE ALIGNMENT ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring the Department of Transportation, as part of the planning and implementation of certain major highway expansion projects, to perform an impact assessment of the project and develop and implement a corresponding multimodal transportation program; requiring the Department, beginning with a certain Consolidated Transportation Program, to evaluate certain major capital projects for their impact on greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, §§ 2-901 through 2-905 - added and § 8-102 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 438 Delegate Pasteur, et al**ADULT PRISON SCHOOL BOARD MODEL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Establishing the Adult Prison School Board Model Development Committee to develop a comprehensive plan for a school board system to oversee correctional education for individuals subject to the criminal and juvenile justice systems; and requiring the Committee to issue an interim report by June 1, 2027, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by June 1, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 439 Delegate Kaufman, et al**OFFICE OF THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING AND MARYLAND ADVISORY COUNCIL ON DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING – RENAMING**

Renaming the Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing to be the Office of the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing; and renaming the Maryland Advisory Council on Deaf and Hard of Hearing to be the Maryland Advisory Council on Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, HG, HU, SG, SP, and TR - Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

HB 440 Delegate Kaufman, et al**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES – PROVIDER REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to establish an enhanced reimbursement structure for Maryland Medicaid Assistance Program providers that deliver medical services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and providing the Act is contingent on the availability of federal funds through the federal Health Equity for Adults with Disabilities (HEADs UP) Act or any other federal law or funding stream supporting health care equity for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 15-114.2 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 441 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS –
MARYLAND ROUTE 210 – PENALTIES PG 306–26

Authorizing under certain circumstances and requiring under certain circumstances the Motor Vehicle Administration to suspend the registration of motor vehicles involved in violations recorded by a speed monitoring system placed on Maryland Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) in Prince George's County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, §§ 21-809(g) and 26-305(b) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 442 Delegate Kaufman, et al

PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE – NURSING
HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, AND NURSE MIDWIVES –
DISCLOSURE

Requiring nursing homes, assisted living programs, and nurse midwives to notify each resident and prospective resident in writing or by written electronic communication if the nursing home, assisted living program, or nurse midwife either does not maintain professional liability insurance or professional liability insurance coverage has lapsed and has not been renewed; and requiring each nursing home that does not maintain professional liability insurance coverage to post that information in a conspicuous location.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 19-1417 and 19-1808.1 - added and § 19-1417 - amended and HO, § 8-604 - added

Assigned to: Health

HB 443 Prince George's County Delegation

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS B–SEC (SMALL EVENT CENTER) LICENSE PG 312–26

Establishing a Class B–SEC (small event center) beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George's County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue the license for use in certain small event centers in the county; defining "small event center" as a venue that operates on a per–event basis or on a limited schedule without standard daily hours of operation; limiting the number of Class B–SEC licenses that the Board may issue per license year and per State legislative district; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 26-1013.1 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections