



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 23, 2026**  
**Schedule 8**

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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 23, 2026**

**HB 445 Delegate Martinez, et al**

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – COVERAGE FOR ORTHOSES AND PROSTHESES (SO EVERY BODY CAN MOVE ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide certain coverage related to orthoses beginning January 1, 2027; clarifying that certain mandated benefits related to prostheses include all prostheses determined by a treating health care provider to be medically necessary for completing daily living activities, essential job-related activities or performing certain other physical activities; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxvii) and (xxviii) and IN, §§ 15-820 and 15-844(g) - amended and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxix) - added

Assigned to: Health

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**HB 446 Delegates Martinez and Acevero****HEALTH – DEMENTIA SERVICES AND BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAM AND CLINICAL TOOLKIT**

Altering the duties of the Virginia I. Jones Alzheimer's Disease and Related Dementias Council to include an examination of the capacity of health care providers to deliver care to certain individuals and to identify methods by which the State can assist health care providers in delivering care to certain individuals; establishing the Dementia Services and Brain Health Program in the Maryland Department of Health to lead the State's public health efforts relating to brain health and dementia; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 13-3205, 13-3206, 13-32A-01, 13-32A-02, 13-32A-04, and 13-32A-05 - amended and § 13-32A-07 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 447 Delegate Grammer****NATURAL RESOURCES – RIGHT TO HUNT, FISH, AND HARVEST WILDLIFE**

Establishing that every person has the right to hunt, fish, or harvest wildlife, including the right to use traditional methods to hunt, fish, or harvest wildlife, subject to certain regulations and restrictions; establishing that the right to hunt and fish is forever preserved for the public good; and establishing that fishing and hunting are preferred means of managing and controlling wildlife in the State.

**CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT**

Maryland Constitution, Declaration of Rights, Art. 49 - added and NR, §§ 4-103 and 10-102 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 448 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****HEALTH FACILITIES – CERTIFIED RECOVERY RESIDENCES – UNANNOUNCED INSPECTIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct at least two on-site unannounced inspections of each certified recovery residence annually; authorizing the Department to direct the recovery residence credentialing entity to revoke the certification of a certified recovery residence that fails to correct a deficiency within 1 month after notice of the deficiency is provided; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 19-2502 - amended and § 19-2502.1 - added

Assigned to: Health

**HB 449 Delegate Schmidt, et al****JUVENILE JUSTICE RESTORATION ACT**

Altering a certain provision of law authorizing a law enforcement officer to conduct an otherwise lawful custodial interrogation of a child if the child's parent, guardian, or custodian consents to the custodial interrogation of the child without the child's consultation with an attorney.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 3-8A-14.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 450 Delegate Guyton, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROTECTION OF IDENTITY OF VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR STALKING**

Prohibiting a court or a party in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case from disclosing or allowing inspection of a certain court filing or record to a nonparty unless the court or the party redacts certain identifying information relating to a certain victim of sexual assault or victim of stalking that appears in the filing or record, unless the Court finds clear and convincing evidence that there is good cause to order otherwise; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 11-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 451 Delegate Fraser-Hidalgo, et al****MARYLAND ZERO EMISSION ELECTRIC VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE COUNCIL – REPORTING AND SUNSET EXTENSION**

Altering the deadlines for the interim and final reporting requirements for the Maryland Zero Emission Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; and extending the termination date for the Council from June 30, 2026, to June 30, 2031.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TR, § 2-113(h) and Chapter 447 of the Acts of 2024, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 452 Delegate Guyton, et al****STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINARY ACTION – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting the State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners from suspending or revoking a license to practice veterinary medicine in the State, reprimanding or censuring a licensee, or placing a licensee on probation solely on the basis of the licensee discussing or recommending the use of cannabis or a product that contains cannabidiol on an animal for potential therapeutic effect or health supplementation purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

AG, § 2-310 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 453 Delegate Rosenberg, et al****REAL PROPERTY – INSUFFICIENT CONDOMINIUM RESERVE ACCOUNT GRANT FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Insufficient Condominium Reserve Account Grant Fund to provide grants to low-income unit owners of condominiums with insufficient reserve accounts to enable a low-income unit owner to pay increased assessments necessary for a condominium association to meet reserve account funding requirements; requiring that the Fund prioritize certain older adults; requiring the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Community Development to establish certain procedures, publicize the Fund and prioritize older owners; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 11-144 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)212. and 213. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)214. - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 454 Delegate Hornberger, et al****ELECTION LAW – VOTER REGISTRATION ELIGIBILITY – U.S. CITIZENSHIP VERIFICATION (SAVE OUR ELECTIONS ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to enroll the State in the federal Systematic Alien Verification of Entitlement (SAVE) Program for a certain purpose; requiring the State Board of Elections to establish a process to verify the U.S. citizenship of certain individuals applying to or who have registered to vote in the State; and requiring the State Board to establish a certain appeal process for certain individuals who dispute a certain report that the individual lacks U.S. citizenship.

**EMERGENCY BILL**

EL, §§ 1-101(nn-1) and 3-603 - added and §§ 3-101(c), 3-301, 3-305(e), 3-306(e), and 3-504(a) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 455 Delegate Miller, et al****EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS (OPTING IN ON OPPORTUNITY ACT)**

Requiring the State Department of Education to approve and certify a nonprofit organization that meets certain requirements as a scholarship granting organization; requiring the Department, beginning in 2027, to annually provide the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Treasury a list of scholarship granting organizations; and requiring the Comptroller to make available online guidance that assists taxpayers in claiming a certain tax credit for certain contributions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-137 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 456 Howard County Delegation****HOWARD COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GIFT BASKET PERMIT HO. CO. 2-26**

Establishing, in Howard County, a gift basket permit that authorizes a permit holder to sell and deliver gift baskets containing beer, wine, or liquor to certain individuals under certain circumstances; providing that certain distance requirements do not apply to the issuance of the permit; and providing a gift basket permit fee of \$100.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 23-1003.1 - added and § 23-1602 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 457 Delegate Feldmark, et al****INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION – PROVISION OF MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring each institution of higher education to provide, free of charge, menstrual hygiene products in all restrooms at the institution on or before August 1, 2028.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 11-2001 and 11-2002 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Health

**HB 458 Delegate Patterson, et al****GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS – WATER SAFETY MONTH**

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim the month of May as Water Safety Month; and requiring the proclamation to urge certain activities designed to raise awareness about drowning prevention and to promote safe practices around all bodies of water.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, §§ 7-504 through 7-507 - renumbered and § 7-504 - added

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 459 Delegate Ghrist, et al****STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES – ALTERATIONS**

Establishing the standard of review that the State Board of Education must use when considering an appeal of certain actions taken by a county board of education; and establishing a limit of 90 days on the duration of a stay ordered by the State Superintendent of Schools of a certain action taken by a county board.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 2-205(e) and 2-303(b) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 460 Delegate Beauchamp, et al****SOLAR ENERGY – CONSTRUCTION OF GENERATING STATIONS IN PRIORITY PRESERVATION AREAS AND STUDY**

Reducing from 5% to 2% the amount of priority preservation area acreage that may be used for the construction of certain solar energy generating stations; and requiring the Maryland Department of the Environment to study the environmental impact of the disposal of solar photovoltaic systems and report its findings to the General Assembly by September 30, 2027.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-218(h)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 461 Delegate Ziegler, et al****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RURAL READINESS PROGRAM AND RURAL MARYLAND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Rural Readiness Program administered by the Rural Maryland Council to provide assistance to rural communities to enhance their capacity for economic development; requiring priority to be given when making certain grants to entities that have completed the Rural Readiness Program; and establishing the Rural Maryland Capacity Building Fund to be administered by the Council to provide grants to support collaborative planning and capacity building initiatives that address the needs of rural communities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, § 13-416 - renumbered and added and SF, § 2-206(e)(5) - amended and § 2-207.1 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 462 Delegate R. Long, et al****ELECTIONS – IN-PERSON VOTING – PROOF OF IDENTITY**

Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid non-government-issued photo identification, and a current bill, statement, or check that states the voter's name and address as proof of identity; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide certain proof of identity; and prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

EL, §§ 10-310 and 16-201 - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 463 Delegate Buckel, et al****FIRST DEGREE MURDER – DIMINUTION CREDITS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the earning of diminution credits to reduce the term of confinement of an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for murder in the first degree in a State or local correctional facility.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, § 3-702 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 464 Delegate Grammer****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – NO-KNOCK SEARCH WARRANTS – REPEAL**

Repealing provisions of law relating to no-knock search warrants; providing that a search warrant may not authorize a law enforcement officer to enter a building, apartment, premises, place, or thing to be searched without first giving notice of the officer's authority and purpose; and providing that an officer executing a search warrant, under certain circumstances, may not enter the building, apartment, premises, place, or thing to be searched unless reasonable notice of the officer's authority and purpose is given to any individual inside.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 1-203 and PS, §§ 3-207(a)(24) and 3-525(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 465 Delegate Embry, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – IMMUNITY – DISCLOSURE OF ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR (STOP SILENCING SURVIVORS ACT)**

Establishing an immunity from liability for a person who discloses information about allegations of sexually assaultive behavior if the person acts in good faith; establishing a presumption of good faith unless it is shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the person acted with actual malice or intentionally or recklessly disclosed false information; providing for the award of attorney's fees and costs in certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 5-809 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 466 Delegate Embry, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS INVOLVING VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS – COMPARATIVE NEGLIGENCE**

Prohibiting recovery by a certain plaintiff from being barred in a certain civil action due to the plaintiff's negligence, except under certain circumstances; requiring any damages awarded under the Act to be diminished in proportion to the amount of negligence attributed to the plaintiff; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 11-302 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 467 Delegate Embry, et al****CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION – IMPROVEMENTS IN TRANSPARENCY AND EQUITY**

Requiring the annual report of the Maryland Parole Commission to contain certain information; altering a certain provision of law to require the Commission to provide certain documents to a certain incarcerated individual at a certain time, rather than allow the incarcerated individual to examine the documents on request; requiring the Commission to document, state on the record, provide to an incarcerated individual, and make available to the public certain information; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, §§ 7-208, 7-303, 7-304(b), 7-305(7), 7-306, and 7-307 - amended and §§ 7-307.1 and 7-307.2 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 468 Delegate Martinez, et al****HEALTH AND TAXATION – DIGITAL SOCIAL MEDIA SERVICES AND THE MENTAL HEALTH CARE FUND FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

Establishing the Mental Health Care Fund for Children and Youth to support improved access to mental health care services for children and youth in the State; imposing a tax on certain annual revenues derived from certain digital social media services in the State; providing for the calculation and collection of the tax; requiring the Comptroller to distribute revenue from the tax in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2028

HG, § 10-209 - added and SF and TG, Various Sections - added and amended  
Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 469 Delegate Holmes****CONDOMINIUMS – MANDATORY INSURANCE COVERAGE**

Requiring a certain condominium unit owner to obtain a condominium unit owner insurance policy or a substantially similar property insurance policy for the unit; requiring a certain insurance policy to include certain provisions; and authorizing a council of unit owners to acquire an insurance policy on behalf of a unit owner who does not maintain a certain required insurance policy and charge the insurance premium as an assessment to the unit owner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, § 11-114.3 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 470 Delegate Boafo, et al****DIGITAL ASSET AND BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGY TASK FORCE – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Digital Asset and Blockchain Technology Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the use and regulation of blockchain technology and cryptocurrency in the State; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 471 Delegate Grammer****PUBLIC SAFETY – STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS – USE OF UNMANNED AIRCRAFT**

Providing that certain evidence obtained through the use of an unmanned aircraft is inadmissible in a criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding; prohibiting a unit of State government or a political subdivision of the State from deploying or operating an unmanned aircraft subject to certain exceptions; and prohibiting a unit of State government or a political subdivision of the State from using certain information acquired through the use of an unmanned aircraft.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 10-926 and PS, §§ 1-701 and 1-702 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 472 Delegate Feldmark, et al**

INCOME TAX – THEATRICAL PRODUCTION TAX CREDIT – SUNSET EXTENSION

Extending the termination date for a credit against the State income tax for certain costs related to certain theatrical productions in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Chapters 258 and 259 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 473 Delegate Feldmark, et al**

EDUCATION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES – CLASS SIZE

Repealing the prohibition on a public school employer negotiating the maximum number of students assigned to a class.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 6-406(c)(3) - amended

Assigned to: Government, Labor, and Elections

**HB 474 Delegate Patterson, et al**

VEHICLE LAWS – DANGEROUS ACCUMULATIONS OF SNOW AND ICE – REMOVAL FROM EXPOSED VEHICLE SURFACES (“CLEAR BEFORE YOU DRIVE ACT”)

Prohibiting a person from operating or towing a vehicle without removing from exposed vehicle surfaces accumulated snow and ice; and prohibiting a person from committing a violation of the Act that contributes to an accident resulting in property damage or the death of or serious bodily injury to another person.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-1135 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

**HB 475 Delegate Pippy, et al**

DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE SERVICES – EMPLOYEES – PROHIBITED CONVICTIONS (JUVENILE OFFENDER PROTECTION ACT)

Prohibiting the Department of Juvenile Services from hiring or retaining an individual convicted of certain crimes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HU, § 9-209.1 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 476 Delegate Ziegler, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – NONECONOMIC DAMAGES – PERSONAL INJURY AND WRONGFUL DEATH**

Repealing certain limitations on noneconomic damages in civil actions for personal injury or wrongful death; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 11-108 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 477 Delegate Embry, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – ADMISSION OF OUT-OF-COURT STATEMENTS – ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE**

Providing that during the trial of a criminal case in which a defendant is charged with an assault in the second degree, a certain statement is not excluded by the hearsay rule if the statement is offered against a party that has engaged in, directed, or conspired to commit wrongdoing that was intended to and did procure the unavailability of the declarant of the statement, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 10-901 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 478 Delegate Patterson, et al****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION FOR CLASSROOM SUPPLIES PURCHASED BY TEACHERS – ALTERATION**

Altering a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for unreimbursed expenses paid or incurred by certain teachers during a taxable year for the purchase of certain classroom supplies to include certain teachers employed in prekindergarten programs in the State; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-208(x) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 479 Delegate Patterson, et al****SOUTHERN MARYLAND EARLY COLLEGE TEACHER PATHWAY PROGRAM AND PROGRAM WORKGROUP – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Southern Maryland Early College Teacher Pathway Program; requiring the State Department of Education to administer and implement, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Program subject to a certain condition; requiring the University System of Maryland to develop, in consultation with the Department and the Commission, the Program and the teacher preparation pathway; establishing the Southern Maryland Early College Teacher Pathway Program Workgroup; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 7-2201 through 7-2204 and 12-124 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 480 Delegate Fennell, et al****TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES – DEACTIVATION OF OPERATORS**

Altering the definitions of “transportation network company” and “transportation network operator” for purposes of provisions of law regarding transportation network companies; requiring a transportation network company to maintain a deactivation policy that provides the policies and procedures for the deactivation of operators; prohibiting a transportation network company from deactivating an operator unless the deactivation is consistent with the company’s deactivation policy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, §§ 10-101(l) and (m) and 10-401 - amended and § 10-410 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 481 Delegate S. Johnson****FAMILY LAW – DENIAL OR INTERFERENCE WITH VISITATION RIGHTS**

Requiring, rather than authorizing, a court to order visitation to be rescheduled, in a manner consistent with the best interests of the child, when the court finds that a party to a custody or visitation order has unjustifiably denied or interfered with visitation granted by the custody or visitation order.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 9-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

**HB 482 Delegate Buckel, et al**

LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING AND LEGISLATIVE AND CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING AND APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION (FAIR DISTRICTS FOR MARYLAND ACT)

Altering certain standards for the drawing of legislative districts; establishing standards for the drawing of congressional districts; establishing the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission as an independent unit of State government to divide the State into certain legislative districts and congressional districts subject to certain requirements and procedures; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and EL, §§ 8-7A-01 through 8-7A-11 - added

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 483 Delegate Wolek**

BUSINESS REGULATION – CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS – AUDIT AND REVIEW THRESHOLDS

Increasing the minimum gross income amounts from charitable contributions at which a charitable organization must include a certain audit or a certain review with a registration statement; increasing the amount of cash receipts from charitable contributions the Secretary of State may accept an affidavit attesting to under certain circumstances; increasing the maximum amount of gross income of a charitable organization at which the Secretary of State may require an audit or review from \$750,000 to \$1,000,000; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

BR, § 6-402(b)(7), (c)(1)(v), and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 484 Delegate Ziegler, et al**

**CORPORATE INCOME TAX – ADDITION MODIFICATION – DIRECT-TO-CONSUMER PHARMACEUTICAL ADVERTISING**

Providing an addition modification under the corporate income tax for the amount of certain direct-to-consumer advertising expenses for certain covered drugs paid or incurred during the taxable year that are deducted under the Internal Revenue Code; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-305(e) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 485 Delegate S. Johnson**

**STATE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS – REVISIONS**

Altering the name of the State Board of Examiners of Landscape Architects to be the State Board of Professional Landscape Architects; altering the definition of “licensed landscape architects” to be “professional landscape architects”; altering certain qualifications for membership on the Board; altering certain duties of the Board; altering certain educational and experience requirements of applicants for a license to practice landscape architecture; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added and BR, CJ, EN, NR, PU, and SG, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HB 486 Delegate Fennell****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – RUBY BRIDGES WALK TO SCHOOL DAY AND MARYLAND SCHOOL PEDESTRIAN AWARENESS DAY – ESTABLISHMENT**

Designating November 14 as Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day to commemorate Ruby Bridges, who became the first African American student to integrate an all-white school in New Orleans, Louisiana; designating the second Wednesday in October each year as Maryland School Pedestrian Awareness Day to promote safe pedestrian routes to and from school; and requiring the State Department of Education to provide resources for a program of education for Ruby Bridges Walk to School Day and to plan Maryland School Pedestrian Awareness Day.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 7-137 and 7-138 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

**HB 487 Delegate Feldmark****MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – INVESTMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to adopt certain regulations regarding the consideration of remedies for investments in certain businesses that no longer meet the definition of a qualified business for purposes of provisions of law governing the Corporation; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Corporation to divest itself of an interest under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Corporation to pursue certain other remedies under those circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, §§ 10-408(a) and 10-470 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED JANUARY 23, 2026**

**HJ 4 Delegates Kipke and Griffith**

**SOCIAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION – ACCOUNTABILITY –  
PROTECTING MARYLAND’S MOST VULNERABLE**

Affirming Maryland’s commitment to the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of children in guardianship homes and any child under the care of the Social Services Administration in the Department of Human Services; and imploring the Social Services Administration to strictly comply with State law and regulations to protect children in guardianship homes from abuse and neglect, ensure facilities are properly certified, and implement certain audit recommendations to ensure the health and safety of children in guardianship homes.

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations