



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 14, 2026
Schedule 1

PLEASE NOTE: The following legislation was prefiled for the 2026 Session.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 14, 2026

SB 1 Senator Augustine, et al

**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – PROHIBITION
ON FACE COVERINGS**

Requiring the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission to develop a model policy prohibiting the use of a face covering in the performance of duty; requiring a law enforcement agency to adopt a policy consistent with the model policy developed by the Commission; and prohibiting a certain law enforcement officer from wearing a certain face covering while in the performance of duty in the State, except when actively engaged in an undercover operation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, §§ 3-207(p) and 3-535 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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SB 2 Senator Hester**INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC, GAS, AND GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES – COST RECOVERY – LIMITATIONS**

Prohibiting certain public service companies from recovering through rates any costs associated with paying certain employees a bonus unless the employee has a written contract executed by December 31, 2025, or the employee is covered by a valid collective bargaining agreement; prohibiting a certain public service company from recovering through rates any costs associated with a supervisor's annual compensation once the compensation exceeds a certain amount; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 4-504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 3 Senator Kramer**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE MODERNIZATION ACT OF 2026**

Repealing and establishing the methodology used to calculate the weekly benefit amount; altering the taxable wage base used to determine employer contributions to the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund and the amount of earned wages subtracted from a weekly benefit amount; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to determine and make available online the State annual average wage applicable to the rate of contribution; requiring beginning in 2027, the maximum weekly benefit to be 40% of the State average weekly wage; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

LE, §§ 8-607(b), (c), and (d)(1) and 8-804 - amended and § 8-803 - repealed and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 4**Senators Kagan and Ferguson****CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS – CHARITABLE DONATION AND TAX-EXEMPT STATUS – REVOCATION (KEEPING CHARITIES NONPARTISAN ACT OF 2026)**

Prohibiting certain charitable organizations from participating in or intervening in a political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to a candidate for public office; authorizing the Secretary of State and the Attorney General, acting jointly, to order a 2-year revocation of certain tax-exempt statuses if a certain determination is made; requiring the Comptroller and the Director of the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to revoke certain tax-exempt statuses under certain circumstances; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL – CONTINGENT

BR, Various Sections - amended and added and TG, §§ 10-104 and 11-204 and TP, §§ 7-202 and 7-204 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

SB 5**Senator Kagan****GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY IN OFFICE**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to require that a special election be held at the same time as the regular statewide primary and general elections that are held in the second year of a term to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before the date that is 55 days before the deadline for filing certificates of candidacy for the regular statewide election that is held in the second year of the term; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 13 and Art. XVII, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 6 Senators Kramer and Lam**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – NONTENURE TRACK FACULTY**

Providing collective bargaining rights to nontenure track faculty of system institutions of higher education, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College of Maryland whose assignments involve academic responsibilities, including teachers, researchers, and department heads and those in comparable positions; and establishing a separate collective bargaining unit for nontenure track faculty.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, §§ 3-101 and 3-102(b)(9) and (12) and (d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 7 Senator Simonaire**HIGHER EDUCATION – DOUGLAS J. J. PETERS VETERANS OF THE AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ CONFLICTS SCHOLARSHIP – REPEAL OF TERMINATION DATE**

Repealing the prohibition on awarding the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship after June 30, 2030; and repealing the limitation on renewing the Douglas J. J. Peters Veterans of the Afghanistan and Iraq Conflicts Scholarship if the scholarship recipient received an initial scholarship before June 30, 2030.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 18-604 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 8 Senator Hester, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – IDENTITY FRAUD – ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DEEPFAKE REPRESENTATIONS**

Prohibiting a person from utilizing certain personal identifying information or engaging in certain conduct in order to cause physical injury, serious emotional distress, or economic damages; prohibiting a person from using certain artificial intelligence or certain deepfake representations for certain purposes; providing penalties of 5 years of imprisonment and a fine of up \$10,000 or both where one victim is involved, and for two or more victims the term of imprisonment is up to 10 years and the fine is up to \$15,000 or both; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 8-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 9 Senator Brooks, et al**SALES AND USE TAX – TAX-FREE DAY – VETERANS’ DAY**

Establishing, beginning in calendar year 2026, November 11 as a tax-free day each year during which an exemption from the sales and use tax is provided for sales to certain veterans if the taxable price of the item for sale is less than \$2,000; authorizing the Comptroller, in the Comptroller’s sole discretion, to suspend the tax-free day; and requiring an individual, in order to qualify for the exemption, to provide to the vendor evidence of eligibility for the exemption.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 11-247 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 10 Senator A. Washington**STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – APPLICATION APPROVAL**

Requiring the State Highway Administration to approve, deny, or return as incomplete an application for the use of a certain speed monitoring system within 90 days after receipt of the application; and providing that if the Administration does not approve, deny, or return the application in accordance with the Act, the application is deemed approved.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(ii) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 11 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**PUBLIC FINANCING ACT – FAIR CAMPAIGN FINANCING FUND – DISTRIBUTIONS**

Altering, from January 1 of the year of the election to July 1 of the year before the election, the earliest date on which the State Board of Elections may begin making distributions from the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EL, § 15-107(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 12 Senator West**RESIDENTIAL RENTAL APARTMENTS – AIR-CONDITIONING REQUIREMENT**

Requiring a landlord to provide air-conditioning to residential rental units in apartment buildings with four or more individual dwelling units in a certain manner beginning June 1, 2026, for newly constructed residential rental units and beginning October 1, 2026, for residential rental units that undergo renovation that includes the replacement or substantial upgrade of electrical systems or heating systems; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

RP, § 8-122 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 13 Senator Simonaire**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE FEE REFUND REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain alcoholic beverages license fee refund requirements to allow for certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service to be eligible for a refund of a portion of the license fee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 3-108 and 4-113 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 14 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**HEALTH INSURANCE – SMALL BUSINESS HEALTH OPTIONS PROGRAM (SHOP) ENROLLMENT – EFFECTIVE DATES**

Altering the effective dates of enrollment in a Small Business Health Options (SHOP) Exchange plan for individuals who enroll during certain special enrollment periods; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 15-1208.1(f)(1)(v) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 15 Senator Jackson**BALTIMORE COUNTY – INSPECTOR GENERAL – AUTHORITY OVER BALTIMORE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Authorizing the County Council of Baltimore County, beginning in 2027, to enact a local law granting the Baltimore County Office of the Inspector General the same authority over Baltimore County Public Schools that the Inspector General has over a department of county government; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PLL of Baltimore Co, Art. 3, § 3-14-113 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 16 Senator Sydnor**CHILD SUPPORT – EARNINGS WITHHOLDINGS LIMITS**

Specifying that the amount of earnings withholding or a wage withholding order for child support may not exceed 25% of the obligor's disposable earnings for the combined support order and arrearage under certain circumstances; requiring an earnings withholding order or earnings withholding notice sent to an obligor's employer to include information on certain limits on earnings withholding; and authorizing an employee to contest the amount of an earnings withholding order based on certain limits.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, §§ 10-122, 10-128, 10-138, and 12-102.3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 17 Senator Hayes**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – RELATED EVENT PROMOTER'S PERMIT**

Reestablishing a related event promoter's permit in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a related event promoter's permit to certain applicants under certain circumstances; and requiring a holder of a State caterer's license to obtain a certain Class C per diem license from the Board before the holder may act as a participating license holder at a related event.

EMERGENCY BILL

ABC, §§ 12-1102.2 and 12-2802(e) and (f) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 18 Senator M. Washington**STATE BOARD OF SOCIAL WORK EXAMINERS – CONDITIONAL
LICENSE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL WORK – REVISIONS**

Altering the circumstances under which the Board of Social Work Examiners may issue a conditional license to practice social work; establishing alternate pathways through which an individual issued a conditional license may receive a full license; and requiring the Board, beginning in 2026, to report to certain committees of the General Assembly on the number of conditional licenses issued under the program, the number of conditional license holders who obtained full licensure, and any recommendations for improving the program.

EMERGENCY BILL

HO, § 19-309.1 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 19 Senator Ellis**MARYLAND COMMISSION ON WOMEN’S HEALTH ADVANCEMENT
– ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Commission on Women’s Health Advancement to study the feasibility of establishing a State women’s hospital in Southern Maryland and a statewide clinical network to advance women’s health; requiring the Commission by January 1, 2027, to submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an initial action plan, including a timeline, milestones, and specific research objectives; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 13-5901 through 13-5904 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 20 Senator Hettleman**FAMILY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION ACT**

Altering and establishing provisions relating to the surrender of firearms by a respondent under the domestic violence statutes; and requiring a local law enforcement authority to take certain actions within 3 business days after service of an order against a respondent who is not in compliance with an order to surrender certain firearms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, §§ 4-504(b), 4-504.1(f), 4-505(a), 4-506(f), 4-506.1, and 4-509(a) - amended and § 4-504(e) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 21 Senator Simonaire

NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARKS – MARYLAND GOLDEN AGE PASS

Establishing that the holder of a Maryland Golden Age Pass is entitled to free day-use entry at certain State parks and is authorized to launch a boat at any State park without paying a boat launch fee; altering the days of the week on which the holder of a Maryland Golden Age Pass may camp overnight in a State park at a discounted fee; and establishing that the free day-use entry applies to everyone in the vehicle with the holder of a Maryland Golden Age Pass under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, § 5-1009 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 22 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Disabilities)

DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES – HOUSING PROGRAMS AND AFFILIATED FOUNDATIONS – ESTABLISHMENT

Requiring the Department of Disabilities to establish affordable and accessible housing programs; authorizing the Department to establish one or more affiliated foundations to work with certain programs and units of the Department to solicit and accept funds, partner with individuals and entities, and promote certain activities that support certain projects; and requiring the Department by September 1 each year to report to the Governor, the Legislative Policy Committee and the Ethics Commission certain information related to the programs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HU, § 7-114(b) - amended and § 7-117 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 23 Senator Kagan**GREEN AND RENEWABLE ENERGY EFFICIENCY FOR NONPROFITS
(GREEN) LOAN PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits Loan Program in the Maryland Clean Energy Center to provide financial assistance in the form of no-interest loans to nonprofit organizations for the planning, purchase, and installation of qualifying energy systems and for actions that improve energy efficiency; establishing the Green and Renewable Energy Efficiency for Nonprofits Loan Fund; authorizing the Governor to include \$5,000,000 in the fiscal year 2028 budget for the Fund; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

EC, SF, and SG, Various Sections - added, amended, and renumbered

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 24 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems)**STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – PUBLIC ACCESS
AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR PROGRAM – REVISIONS**

Altering the Public Access Automated External Defibrillator Program, including by establishing requirements regarding an automated external defibrillator (AED) coordinator, repealing certain provisions of law regarding regional council AED committees, and exempting certain law enforcement agencies from being required to obtain a certificate for an AED deployed in a patrol vehicle of the law enforcement agency; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, § 13-517 and HG, § 21-330.3(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 25 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**INCOME TAX – CYBERSECURITY TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICE TAX CREDIT – ALTERATIONS**

Establishing the Buy Maryland Cybersecurity Tax Credit; providing the purpose of the credit is to promote the cybersecurity industry in the State by helping Maryland businesses and nonprofits purchase cybersecurity technologies and services from Maryland companies; altering eligibility for the credit; altering the aggregate amount of credits that may be issued for certain cybersecurity purchases from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000; making the credit refundable; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-733.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 26 Senator McKay**PUBLIC UTILITIES – OFF-GRID ELECTRICITY PROVIDERS – EXEMPTION**

Exempting certain off-grid electricity providers from certain provisions of law; providing that a certain off-grid electricity provider is subject to certain laws concerning certificates of public convenience and necessity and certain other required approvals for the construction of a generating facility; providing that a person may not be considered to be an off-grid electricity provider under certain circumstances; and applying the Act to off-grid electricity providers that begin operations after October 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-219.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 27 Senators Folden and McKay**REGULATED FIREARMS – SEVEN-DAY WAITING PERIOD – EXCEPTIONS**

Exempting a sale, rental, or transfer of a regulated firearm from the seven-day waiting period requirement if the purchaser, renter, or receiver of the firearm is a law enforcement officer, a retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing, or an individual with a permit to wear, carry, or transport a handgun; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, §§ 5-123 and 5-124 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 28 Senator McCray**ARBITRATION REFORM FOR STATE EMPLOYEES ACT OF 2026**

Altering the collective bargaining process for certain State employees, including by requiring the selection of a neutral arbitrator to oversee all aspects of collective bargaining, establishing a process of arbitration in the event of impasse, and providing that certain decisions of a neutral arbitrator are advisory; requiring that each budget bill contain the appropriations necessary to implement all terms and conditions of employment in certain memoranda of understanding for the next ensuing fiscal year; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

SF, § 7-108, SP, §§ 3-103, 3-501, 3-502, and 3-603, and Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 52 - amended and SP, § 3-503 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation and Finance

SB 29 Senator Kagan**ELECTION LAW – PETITIONS AND BALLOT QUESTIONS – CONTENTS, PLAIN LANGUAGE REQUIREMENT, AND PROCEDURES**

Altering the information that is required to be included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and with a question on the ballot; requiring that a certain summary included on the signature page of a petition seeking to place a question on the ballot and a certain statement about a question on the ballot be written in plain language; requiring certain boards of elections to post the text of ballot measures for at least 90 days before the general election; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EL, §§ 6-103(b), 6-201(c) and (d), 7-103(b) and (c), 7-105, and 9-207 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 30 Senator West**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE LODGE 34**

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a 100% property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain real property owned by the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 34; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-305(j) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 31 Senator Lam**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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 32 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION – BLOOD TESTING OF CONTESTANTS – TIMING**

Extending from 30 to 90 days the period of time before applying for a license to participate in a boxing, kick boxing, wrestling, or mixed martial arts contest and before participating in the contest during which certain blood testing may be conducted for purposes of submission of the results to the State Athletic Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, § 4-304.1(a) and (b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 33 Senator West**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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 34 Senators Ellis and Feldman

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS – LICENSURE –
QUALIFICATIONS

Altering certain educational and experiential qualifications for a license to practice certified public accountancy; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, §§ 2-302 and 2-303 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 35 Senator Jackson

STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUM –
NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY OF MARYLAND

Designating the Natural History Society of Maryland as the State natural science museum; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, §§ 7-325 and 7-326 - renumbered and § 7-326 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 36 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)

LAND USE – ZONING – LIMITATIONS (STARTER AND SILVER HOMES ACT OF 2026)

Prohibiting local jurisdictions from adopting or enforcing certain zoning provisions relating to lot size, dimensions, setback requirements, lot coverage, and design or architectural elements for certain single-family homes with certain exceptions; prohibiting local jurisdictions from prohibiting certain housing types in certain zones; and prohibiting local jurisdictions from prohibiting certain subdivisions of certain lot types.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LU, §§ 1-101, 1-401, 4-102, 4-103, 10-103, and 10-202 - amended and § 4-104(e) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 37 Senator Simonaire**MARYLAND SERVICE ANIMAL PROGRAMS – PARTICIPANT DISQUALIFICATION – REVISIONS**

Revising provisions related to the disqualification of a program participant from the Maryland Children's Service Animal Program or the Maryland Veterans Service Animal Program; providing that a nonprofit training entity may disqualify a Program participant if the training entity determines the participant's involvement presents a direct threat to others; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 13-4101 and 13-4104 and SG, § 9-957(a) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 38 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**VEHICLE LAWS – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM – REQUIRED PARTICIPATION**

Requiring an individual to be a participant in the Ignition Interlock System Program as a condition of modification of a suspension or revocation of a license or issuance of a restricted license if the individual violated certain alcohol restrictions; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 16-404.1(d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 39 Senator Lam**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH – CERTIFIED COMMUNITY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CLINICS AND OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS – REIMBURSEMENT RATES**

Establishing the Workgroup on Certified Behavioral Health Clinic Implementation and Rate Methodology in the Behavioral Health Administration; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to conduct a certain rate study of outpatient mental health centers in the State; requiring the Department to increase the Maryland Medical Assistance Program reimbursement rate for outpatient mental health centers by 3% in fiscal years 2026 and 2027; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 7.5-211 and 15-160 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 40 Senator Sydnor**BALTIMORE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – ALTERATIONS OF ELECTED MEMBER DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHMENT OF REDISTRICTING PROCESS**

Requiring certain members of the Baltimore County Board of Education to be elected from certain districts in certain elections; and requiring the chair of the Baltimore County delegation to the General Assembly to introduce legislation to reapportion certain school board districts in a certain manner after each decennial census of the United States.

EMERGENCY BILL

ED, § 3-2B-01 - amended and § 3-2B-11 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 41 Senator Kagan**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 “public art” as that 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: Budget and Taxation

SB 42 Senator Simonaire**REDUCTION FACILITIES AND VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS – HYDROLYZED AND SOIL REMAINS – IMMUNITY**

Providing that a registered reduction operator is not civilly liable for transferring and a veterans service organization is not civilly liable for receiving unclaimed hydrolyzed or soil remains of a veteran or an eligible dependent of a veteran for the purposes of disposition if acting in good faith; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 5-642 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 43 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS – MARYLAND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT VENTURE FUND AND REGULATION OF ENTITIES – REVISIONS**

Repealing certain fees charged to certain banking institutions by the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; altering certain provisions relating to the Maryland Community Investment Venture Fund, including the purpose and administration of the Fund; altering the date by which the Commissioner may match certain investments in the Fund from June 30, 2028, to June 30, 2030; altering and providing for certain assessment offset credits for certain banking institutions and credit unions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

FI and SF, Various Sections - amended and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(iii)214. - added
Assigned to: Finance

SB 44 Senator Folden**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – FORFEITURE OF BENEFITS**

Establishing that a public employee is subject to forfeiture of benefits from the State Retirement and Pension System when a public employee is found guilty of, pleads guilty to, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a qualifying crime that is committed in the course of the performance of the public employee's duties; providing for the processes and procedures to implement a forfeiture of benefits; and providing for the processes and procedures to reverse a forfeiture of benefits.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, § 21-502(a)(3) - amended and §§ 21-801 through 21-809 - added
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 45 Senator Brooks, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS**

Applying statewide certain provisions of law authorizing the use of speed monitoring systems in certain residential districts; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(vi) - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 46 Senator Simonaire**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: Finance

SB 47 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Housing and Community Development)**HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – LOCAL APPROVAL REQUIREMENT**

Repealing a certain requirement for approval by a political subdivision of a certain application for financial assistance under the Neighborhood Business Development Program from the Department of Housing and Community Development; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HS, § 6-305 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 48 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public School Construction)**EDUCATION – PUBLIC SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION – ALTERATIONS**

Clarifying the type of proposals and plans that require the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools; requiring a county board of education to request and receive approval from the State Superintendent before a county board may proceed with certain actions; authorizing the Interagency Commission on School Construction to adopt requirements for eligibility for certain State funding; repealing the requirement for the Commission to approve 75% of the preliminary school construction allocation by a certain date; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 49 Senator Muse**UNHOUSED INDIVIDUALS – RIGHTS AND AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSE**

Providing that all unhoused individuals have certain rights; stating it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Courts liberally construe the Act to maximize the protections afforded by it to unhoused individuals in the State; establishing an affirmative defense of necessity to certain criminal charges relating to trespass or disturbing the peace; and repealing the authority of a municipality to prohibit vagrancy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 3-2701 through 3-2705 - added and LG, § 5-207 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 50 Senators Carozza and Watson**EDUCATION – INTERSCHOLASTIC AND INTRAMURAL JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY TEAMS AND SPORTS – DESIGNATION (FAIRNESS IN GIRLS’ SPORTS ACT)**

Requiring certain interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams or sports sponsored by certain schools to be expressly designated in a certain manner; prohibiting certain interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams or sports from including certain students; prohibiting certain entities from taking certain adverse actions against a school under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-118 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 51 Senator Folden**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SELF-CONTAINED SPECIAL EDUCATION CLASSROOMS – USE OF VIDEO RECORDING DEVICES**

Requiring each county board of education, beginning in the 2026–2027 school year, to install and provide notice of the use of certain video recording devices in self-contained special education classrooms, subject to certain requirements; prohibiting a county board from storing a certain video recording for more than 6 months after the recording date unless a request to view or store the video has been made; establishing certain reporting requirements in the event of an interruption of a certain video recording; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-455 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 52 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**PROPERTY INSURANCE – SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS AND NOTICES**

Establishing the method for calculating the measure of the actual cash value recovery in the settlement of a first-party claim under a residential or commercial property insurance policy issued or renewed on or after October 1, 2026; and requiring an insurer that renews a policy of homeowner's insurance or renter's insurance to notify the insured, in advance of the renewal, of certain differences between the expiring policy and the renewal policy.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, §§ 19-118, 19-217, 27-303(11), and 27-304(19) - added and §§ 27-303(9) and (10) and 27-304(17) and (18) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 53 Senator Simonaire**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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR - § 6-309(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 54 Senator Lam**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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

AG, § 2-310 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 55 Senator Sydnor**MOTOR VEHICLES – POLICE STOPS – SECONDARY ENFORCEMENT AND EXCLUDABLE EVIDENCE**

Requiring a police officer to document all reasons for a traffic stop or other stop on a citation or police report resulting from the stop; establishing that certain evidence obtained from a traffic stop or other stop in violation of certain provisions of law may be excluded as evidence in certain proceedings; authorizing a police officer to enforce certain provisions of the Maryland Vehicle Law only as a secondary action; and applying certain provisions of the Act retroactively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 2-109 and TR, §§ 13-401, 13-411, 13-701, 21-1111, 22-203(b), 22-204(f), 22-403, and 22-406(i)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 56 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center)**MARYLAND LONGITUDINAL DATA SYSTEM CENTER – EXTERNAL DATA SHARING WITH THIRD-PARTY DATA CENTERS FOR MULTISTATE REPORTING – AUTHORIZATION**

Authorizing the Governing Board of the Maryland Longitudinal Data System Center to provide certain student and workforce data to a third-party data center under certain circumstances; requiring each third-party data center to agree to comply with certain requirements relating to the data the center receives; requiring the Center to enter into a written data sharing agreement with certain third-party data centers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 24-703(f) and 24-704(g) - amended, § 24-703.2(e) - repealed, and § 24-703.4 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 57 Senator Simonaire**PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATORS – LICENSES AND PUBLIC PROFILES – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS**

Authorizing the Department of Education to establish a process to include a notation indicating veteran status on licenses and public profiles of primary and secondary educators; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, § 6-101.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 58 Senator Brooks**PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – RETAIL SERVICE STATION CONVERSIONS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax on real property if use of the real property has been converted from a retail service station to other certain uses; authorizing the State to pay to each county or municipal corporation that grants the property tax credit under the Act 50% of forgone revenue; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-276 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 59 Senator Hettleman**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: Budget and Taxation

SB 60 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**FRAUD PREVENTION, PREVAILING WAGE, AND LIVING WAGE – PROHIBITIONS, PENALTIES, AND ENFORCEMENT**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly making or using, or causing to be made or used, a false record or statement resulting in underpayments of unemployment insurance contributions or payment of unemployment insurance benefits of more than \$15,000 in a calendar year; altering the enforcement mechanisms related to workplace fraud laws, living wage laws, and prevailing wage laws, including authorizing the Attorney General to investigate and bring suit in a certain manner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, LE, and SF, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 61 Senator Sydnor**DIVISION OF CORRECTION – RELEASE PREPARATION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Release Preparation Program in the Division of Correction for the purpose of providing access to formerly incarcerated individuals to State correctional facilities to assist incarcerated individuals with release preparation; and altering the purposes of the Cannabis Regulation and Enforcement Fund to include providing funds to cover the costs of supporting the Release Preparation Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ABC, § 36-206 - amended and CS, § 9-619 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Finance

SB 62 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)

TRANSPORTATION – CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM – PRIORITIZATION (TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT PRIORITIES ACT OF 2026)

Altering the required elements of the Consolidated Transportation Program; requiring the Department of Transportation to develop a certain project-based scoring system, identify certain funds available for certain purposes, and solicit requests from certain entities for certain projects; requiring the Department to evaluate and score certain major surface transportation projects; altering the makeup, chair, frequency of meetings, and responsibilities of the Maryland Transportation Commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, §§ 2-103.1(a), (c), (e), and (m)(1)(i)1., 2-103.7, 2-203, 2-204(a) and (b), and 2-205 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 63 Senator McCray

STATE PROCUREMENT – CONSTRUCTION AND SERVICES – CONTRACT MODIFICATION

Requiring a procurement contract for 3 years or more in duration and valued at greater than \$2,000,000 for construction or security services to include a clause requiring contract modification for increased costs for compensation and benefits as a result of statutory changes increasing required compensation or benefits; and requiring a certain contract that is modified to be contingent on approval by the Chief Procurement Officer.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 13-218(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 64 Senator West**LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT OR LEGAL NOTICE – PUBLICATION IN NEWSPAPER OR NEWSPAPER IN GENERAL CIRCULATION – DIGITAL NEWSPAPERS**

Establishing certain requirements for the print or digital publication of legal advertisements and notices in counties and municipalities in the State; requiring digital publications that publish a legal advertisement or notice to maintain an archive of all published legal advertisements and legal notices that shall be available to the public; and requiring digital publications that publish a legal advertisement or notice to employ at least one employee whose duties include reporting, writing, or editing local news and information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, § 1-113 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 65 Senator Kagan**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE – EXPLORATORY COMMITTEES**

Applying certain campaign finance requirements for a political committee to exploratory committees; establishing requirements and prohibitions for exploratory committees relating to the establishment of the committees, receipt of funds, and permissible disbursements; requiring an authorized candidate campaign committee that results from the exploratory committee to make any equipment purchases from the exploratory committee at the fair market value of the equipment; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, § 1-101(k) - amended and § 13-107 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 66 Senators West and Bailey**MANSLAUGHTER BY VEHICLE OR VESSEL – INCREASED PENALTIES (JAMARI'S LAW)**

Increasing the maximum period of imprisonment for a first conviction for manslaughter by vehicle or vessel from 10 years to 20 years and for a second or subsequent conviction, or having been previously convicted for certain other crimes, from 15 years to 30 years; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 2-209 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 67 Senator Muse**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCOMPETENCY TO STAND TRIAL DISMISSAL**

Altering the time period after which a court is required to dismiss a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial under certain circumstances; and requiring a court to provide a certain notice and provide an opportunity to be heard to the State's Attorney and a certain victim or victim's representative before dismissing a certain charge against a defendant found incompetent to stand trial.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CP, § 3-107 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 68 Senator Charles**DRIVER'S LICENSES – DRIVER SKILLS EXAMINATION – MOTORCYCLE SAFETY AWARENESS**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to include at least five questions about motorcycle safety awareness on the driver skills examination required for the issuance of a driver's license; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 16-110 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 69 Senator Kagan**NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS NAVIGATOR – TERMINATION PROVISION – REPEAL**

Repealing a termination provision relating to provisions of law establishing a nonprofit organizations navigator within the Department of Commerce; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Chapters 314 and 315 of the Acts of 2025, § 6 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 70 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

ADULT EDUCATION – HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA PATHWAYS – GED OPTION PILOT PROGRAM AND MDIPLOMAWORKS PATHWAY

Establishing the GED Option Pilot Program to expand the GED Option Program to students beyond English language learners to ensure a pathway for students to obtain a high school diploma and prepare for postsecondary education or the workforce; requiring the Maryland Department of Labor to establish criteria to select certain local school systems for participation in the Program; establishing the MDiplomaWorks pathway as an alternative method of earning a high school diploma in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 11-808(b) - amended and §§ 11-808.1 and 11-810 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 71 Senator Ellis

EDUCATION – INTERJURISDICTIONAL SAFE PATHWAYS COMMISSION – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Interjurisdictional Safe Pathways Commission to identify, coordinate, and secure funding for safe pathways for students traveling to and from school; and requiring the Commission to report by December 1 annually to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly an assessment of funding opportunities, recommendations for infrastructure improvements, and progress in implementing interjurisdictional coordination.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, § 7-811 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 72 Senator Jackson**BALTIMORE COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – SALE FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION**

Providing that certain authorization for the holders of certain licenses to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption in a certain manner applies only if the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County has adopted certain regulations; authorizing the holders of certain licenses in Baltimore County that authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages at a restaurant or bar to sell certain alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 13-1104 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 73 Senator Ellis**ELECTION LAW – POLLING PLACE PROCEDURES – VOTING BY ELDERLY VOTERS AND VOTERS WITH DISABILITIES (ACCESSIBLE AND EXPEDITED VOTING ACT OF MARYLAND)**

Requiring the State Board of Elections, as part of the training program for election judges, to include instruction on best practices for assisting elderly voters and voters with disabilities; requiring the Board to establish guidelines for the local boards of election to implement a process to accommodate and expedite voting for elderly voters and voters with disabilities at each early voting center and polling place; requiring the local boards to implement the guidelines and collect feedback on the process; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 10-206(f) and 10-310.1 - added and § 10-206(f) and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 74 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE EMPLOYEES AND DEPUTY STATE FIRE MARSHALS – REPEAL OF PAY RATE RESTRICTION ON PROMOTION**

Repealing a requirement that a certain police employee or deputy State fire marshal is entitled to a certain pay rate on promotion to a higher rank if a certain other police employee or deputy State fire marshal in the same rank is at a lower pay rate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PS, § 2-405 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 75 Senator Hayes**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A LICENSE – FOOD RETAILERS**

Authorizing a food retailer to offer to purchase a Class A license from a Class A license holder under certain circumstances; and authorizing a food retailer to apply to a local licensing board for a Class A license under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 4-205 and 4-303 - amended and § 4-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 76 Senator Simonaire**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C (VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION) LICENSES – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering membership criteria for a Class C (veterans’ organization) alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County by including certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service and repealing a requirement that members of the veterans’ organization served in a war; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ABC, § 11-1009(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 77 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Commerce)**STATE CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED PROVISIONS – EXEMPTIONS**

Exempting certain contracts entered into by the Office of International Trade in the Department of Commerce relating to the development of certain authorized international business activities and opportunities from certain prohibitions on the provisions that may be included in State contracts; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, § 2-901 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 78 Senator Ellis**PUBLIC HEALTH – PROSTATE-SPECIFIC ANTIGEN TESTING (PROTECT OUR PROSTATE ACT)**

Requiring certain providers and laboratories to provide certain written information to patients receiving prostate-specific antigen testing; and requiring clinical laboratories that administer prostate-specific antigen tests to follow certain disclosure requirements, use standard calibration for testing assays and report test results in a standard manner, make certain disclosures to ordering providers, and follow guidelines from certain organizations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, §§ 17-801 through 17-803 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 79 Senator Benson**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT TECHNOLOGY USE POLICY – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a county board of education to develop and adopt a policy on the use of personal electronic devices during school hours; requiring the policy to restrict or limit the use of personal electronic devices by students during school hours, except for any purpose documented in the student's education program or Section 504 plan, to monitor or address a student's health issue, or for certain educational purposes; requiring the policy to be published on the county board's website and in student handbooks; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-137 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 80 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Ethics Commission)

MARYLAND PUBLIC ETHICS LAW – FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS – STATE OFFICIALS OF AND CANDIDATES TO BE A STATE OFFICIAL OF THE JUDICIAL BRANCH

Requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts or another body designated by the Supreme Court of Maryland to administer and implement certain provisions of law relating to financial disclosure statements for State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be a State official of the Judicial Branch and maintain and make available to the public the records and statements of State officials of the Judicial Branch and candidates to be a State official of the Judicial Branch; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

GP, §§ 5-104 and 5-606 - amended and § 5-610(c) - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 81 Senator Folden

CRIMINAL LAW – SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICERS – PROHIBITION ON SEXUAL ACTIVITY WITH STUDENTS

Prohibiting a law enforcement officer from engaging in certain sexual acts, sexual contact, or vaginal intercourse with a student enrolled in a school where the law enforcement officer is assigned as a school resource officer; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CL, § 3-314(e) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 82 Senator Watson, et al

CRIMINAL LAW – COUNTERFEITING AND POSSESSION OF COUNTERFEIT LEASE – PENALTY

Prohibiting a person with the intent to defraud another from creating, aiding in the creation of, or possessing a counterfeit lease or rental agreement; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 8-601 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 83 Senator Simonaire**HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE – FEDERAL AND COURT ACTIONS**

Altering the grounds for discipline by certain health occupations boards to include being disciplined by any branch of the uniformed services or the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs; and altering the grounds for discipline of a naturopathic doctor by the State Board of Physicians to include being convicted or disciplined by a court of any state or country.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 84 Senators Kramer and Lam**STATE PERSONNEL – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – GRADUATE ASSISTANTS**

Providing collective bargaining rights to certain graduate assistants at a system institution, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College of Maryland; defining "graduate assistant" as a graduate student at a system institution, Morgan State University, or St. Mary's College of Maryland who is a teaching, administrative, or research assistant or in a comparable position, a fellow, or a postdoctoral intern; and establishing a separate collective bargaining unit for the graduate assistants.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, §§ 3-101 and 3-102(b)(9) and (d)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 85 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY INVESTMENT FUND – USES**

Authorizing the Information Technology Investment Fund, at the discretion of the Secretary of Information Technology, to be used to support State-owned communication sites, communication facilities, and telecommunications equipment used in connection with certain information technology agreements; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, § 3.5-309(l) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 86 Senator Charles**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – OFFICE SPACE, SERVICES, AND EQUIPMENT**

Repealing the prohibition against a local government subsidizing a member of the General Assembly in the maintenance of office space, services, or equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 2-102 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 87 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION – IDENTIFICATION CARDS, LICENSES, AND PERMITS – REPEAL OF COLOR PHOTOGRAPH REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that the photograph included on an identification card, a driver's license, or a moped operator's permit issued by the Motor Vehicle Administration be in color; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, §§ 12-301(g)(2)(v), 16-111.1(d)(2)(iv), and 16-122(d)(3)(v) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 88 Senator Gile**STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – AUTHORITY TO ISSUE LIMITED LICENSES TO PRACTICE MUSIC THERAPY**

Authorizing the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists to issue a limited license to practice music therapy; providing the purpose of the limited license is to permit an individual to practice music therapy while completing certain licensing requirements; and allowing a licensee with a limited license to practice music therapy under the supervision of a fully licensed music therapist.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, § 2-4A-01 - amended and § 2-4A-11.1 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 89 Senator Muse**ELECTION LAW – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – VOTER HOTLINE AND VOTING ELIGIBILITY (VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALL ACT)**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to provide a toll-free voter hotline for incarcerated individuals to receive information about voting, request election-related materials, and report voting rights violations; and altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter for the purpose of allowing individuals convicted of a felony and serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction to register to vote.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

EL, § 1-306 - added, §§ 3-102 and 3-504(a) - amended, and § 16-202 - repealed
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 90 Senator Beidle**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; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 9-503(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 91 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Secretary of State)**STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS – ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY PROGRAM – DESIGNATION OF CONTACT PERSON**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to designate a contact person for the Address Confidentiality Program; providing that the contact person acts as the contact for inquiries about the Program from local boards of elections and Program participants on matters related to the implementation of the Address Confidentiality Program; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SG, § 7-309 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 92 Senator Hettleman**ELECTRIC COMPANY CONTRACTS, CAPACITY MARKET MODELS, AND REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATIONS – STUDIES**

Requiring the Public Service Commission and the Maryland Energy Administration jointly, in consultation with neighboring states, to study the benefits and costs of, and make recommendations on, potential options for certain actions with regard to withdrawing from the PJM Interconnection, LLC capacity market model, developing a certain multistate compact, withdrawing from PJM Interconnection, LLC, and establishing or joining an alternative regional transmission organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 93 Senator Kagan**ANNOTATED CODE – TERMINOLOGY – CLERGY AND CHURCHES, FAITH INSTITUTIONS, AND PLACES OF WORSHIP**

Altering certain terminology throughout the Annotated Code that refers to a clergyman to refer to a member of the clergy and churches to refer to faith institutions and places of worship; and defining “faith institution” as any Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Buddhist, or Hindu congregation, or any other religious society, congregation, or denomination; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Various Articles, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 94 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**COMMERCIAL LAW – EARNED WAGE ACCESS – REVISIONS**

Prohibiting a lender from accepting a tip from a consumer or giving a consumer the option to provide a tip; altering the timeline for certain refunds; subjecting certain earned wage access providers and loan lenders to certain consumer loan requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, §§ 12-128, 12-318, and 12-1502 through 12-1504 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 95 Senator Ellis**PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE – PARAMETRIC INSURANCE – REGULATION**

Establishing requirements and prohibitions for parametric insurance policies that are issued to a resident of the State or are sold, solicited, negotiated, or offered in the State; and authorizing the Maryland Insurance Commissioner to establish a pilot program to provide insurers participating in the pilot program additional opportunities to provide parametric insurance products, serve a public need, protect vulnerable populations, and advance policy goals in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

IN, §§ 19-1201 through 19-1212 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 96 Senator Simonaire**SHEILA E. HIXSON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES MATCHING GRANT PROGRAM FOR SERVICE MEMBERS AND VETERANS – TERMINOLOGY – ACTIVE SERVICE MEMBERS**

Altering certain terminology used in the Sheila E. Hixson Behavioral Health Services Matching Grant Program for Service Members and Veterans that refers to active service members to refer to service members.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 7.5-210(a), (b), and (e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 97 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)**REENTRY AND REINTEGRATION SUPPORT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing a coordinated, interagency partnership among the Department of Human Services, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Maryland Department of Health to create a voluntary prerelease benefits and identification application process for covered benefits for individuals being released from State correctional facilities; requiring by April 1, 2027, the Departments to enter into a memorandum of understanding to establish a secure data sharing process for certain purposes; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HU, § 5-324 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 98 Senator Sydnor**BALTIMORE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD NOMINATING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the membership of the Baltimore County School Board Nominating Commission, from 19 to 21 members, to include one representative of the Greater Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce, one representative from the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 3, Council 434, and one representative of the Citizens Advisory Council for Gifted and Talented Education.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, § 3-2B-03(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 99 Senator Kagan**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – ENHANCED REQUIREMENTS (LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Establishing enhanced requirements under the Open Meetings Act for county boards of education and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners; requiring the county boards and the Baltimore City Board of School Commissioners to maintain on their respective websites a complete and unedited archived video recording of each open meeting for which live video streaming was made available for a minimum of 5 years after the date of the meeting; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 4-107(d) and GP, § 3-307 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 100 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**ELECTION LAW – EARLY VOTING CENTERS – BUS STOPS**

Requiring buses operating on fixed local routes funded by a county or municipal corporation and operated by the county or municipal corporation or a contractor for the county or municipal corporation to allow passengers to embark and disembark at the entrance of early voting centers located within one-half mile of the route.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

EL, § 10-301.1(e) - added and § 10-301.1(e), (f), and (g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 101 Senator Bailey**HIGHER EDUCATION – LOAN REPAYMENT AND SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS**

Adding correctional officers as eligible recipients in the Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program for Police Officers and Probation Agents and the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 18-3701, 18-3702, 18-3801 through 18-3804, and 18-3807 - amended
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 102 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**SPORTS WAGERING PROCEEDS – PROMOTIONAL PLAY EXCLUSION – LIMITATION**

Authorizing the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission to establish a certain limit, by regulation, on the amount of money given away as free promotional play by a sports wagering licensee that may be excluded from sports wagering proceeds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 9-1E-01(h) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 103 Senator Benson**PUBLIC MIDDLE, HIGH, AND CHARTER SCHOOLS – START TIME FOR INSTRUCTION**

Requiring, beginning in the 2028–2029 school year, each public middle school and each public high school to begin instruction not earlier than 8 a.m. and 8:30 a.m., respectively, unless granted a waiver by the State Board of Education under certain circumstances; and requiring each county board of education and each public charter school to implement a certain public service campaign to raise awareness of sleep deprivation and later school start times.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-103 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 104 Senator Hershey, et al

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

Requiring single-member delegate districts; 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: Senate Rules

SB 105 Senators Folden and McKay

REAL TIME FOR VIOLENT CRIME ACT (GERI'S LAW)

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 or murder in the second degree in a State or local correctional facility; prohibiting a deduction of diminution credits of more than 10% of an incarcerated individual's aggregate sentence for crimes of violence for an incarcerated individual who is serving a sentence for a crime of violence; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, §§ 3-702, 3-708, and 11-502 and CP, § 5-202 - amended and CS, § 11-507.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 106 Senator Ready, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – VEHICLE EMISSIONS INSPECTION PROGRAM – REPEAL

Repealing the Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, §§ 23-201 through 23-206.2, 23-206.4, 23-207, and 23-209 - repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 107 Senator Henson**CRIMINAL LAW – DISTRIBUTION OF STUDENTS’ PERSONAL INFORMATION – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting a person from distributing personal identifying information or images of a student enrolled in an institution of secondary education or an institution of postsecondary education with intent or knowledge that the information will be used to harm the student or with reckless disregard for the risk the information will be used to harm the student; and providing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a misdemeanor and is subject to imprisonment of up to 1 year or a fine of up to \$5,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 3-810 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 108 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)**ENVIRONMENT – WATER RESOURCES AND WETLANDS – ENFORCEMENT**

Authorizing the Department of the Environment to impose an administrative penalty for certain violations related to the appropriation or use of water and dam safety; repealing a certain limitation on the Department’s authority to issue certain orders and send certain notices related to dam safety; authorizing the Department to impose an administrative penalty of up to \$5,000 for each violation, not to exceed \$100,000, for certain violations related to wetlands construction, modification, or development; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EN, §§ 5-514 through 5-516, 9-320(b), and 16-502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 109 Senator Simonaire**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX PAYMENT DEFERRALS – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding eligibility for property tax payment deferrals in Anne Arundel County to include members of certain reserve components and certain members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Public Health Service.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 10-204.6(b) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 110 Senator Charles**MOTOR VEHICLES – ACCIDENTS – REQUIRED TESTING FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING (MATEO’S LAW)**

Requiring any person involved in a motor vehicle accident that results in the death of, or a life threatening injury to, another person to submit to breath and blood testing for impaired driving.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 16-205.1(c) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 111 Senator McCray**VEHICLE LAWS – OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES – IMPROPER REGISTRATION**

Establishing a certain process for bringing vehicles owned by State residents that are improperly registered in another state into compliance with the Maryland Vehicle Law; granting a person with an improperly registered vehicle 60 days after the issuance of a warning to comply with State registration requirements; providing, if the owner fails to properly register the vehicle, for the assessment of a civil fine of \$7 per day for up to 60 days until the vehicle is properly registered; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 26-301(b-1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 112 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)**GAMING – PROHIBITION ON INTERACTIVE GAMES AND REVENUE FROM ILLEGAL MARKETS**

Prohibiting a person from operating, conducting, or promoting interactive games; requiring gaming license applicants and license holders to report to the State Lottery and Gaming Control Commission annually any business relationship with certain persons known to support, operate, conduct, or promote certain interactive games; requiring the Commission to deny certain license applications and revoke certain licenses under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CR, § 12-115 and SG, §§ 9-1A-07(g) and 9-1A-08.1 - added and SG, §§ 9-1A-07(g) and 9-1E-03(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 113 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Aging)

HUMAN SERVICES – DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND COMMISSION ON AGING (THE LONGEVITY READY MARYLAND ACT)

Requiring the Secretary of Aging to lead implementation of the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan which is a multisector plan on aging that transforms programs, services, policies, institutions, and systems to address the growing population of older adults in the State; repealing, adding, and altering certain duties of the Secretary to enable the implementation, reporting, and evolution of the Longevity Ready Maryland Plan; and requiring the Department of Aging to staff the Commission on Aging.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HU, §§ 10-101, 10-204, 10-206, and 10-208 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 114 Senators Kagan and Corderman

3-1-1 SYSTEMS – EXPANSION PROGRAM AND OVERSIGHT BOARD – ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing the Maryland 3-1-1 Oversight Board in the Maryland Information Network to oversee the expansion of 3-1-1 systems in Maryland; establishing the 3-1-1 Program to use certain artificial intelligence to answer certain questions and route certain calls in certain counties; and requiring the expansion of the 3-1-1 Program to all of the counties in Maryland after a certain time period.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PS, §§ 1-3A-01 through 1-3A-05 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 115 Senator West**MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOMATED SPEED ENFORCEMENT – IMPROPER REGISTRATION**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to enter into an agreement or arrangement with Virginia to obtain information regarding motor vehicles owned by Maryland residents and improperly registered in Virginia; requiring the Administration to make the information available to State and local governments for certain automated speed enforcement purposes; increasing the penalties for the owners or drivers of certain improperly registered motor vehicles for violations recorded by automated speed enforcement systems; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 12-415 - added and §§ 21-809(c) and (d)(1) and 21-810(c) and (d)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 116 Senator Hettleman**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – CONTRACT REVIEW – CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABILITY INFORMATION**

Requiring a State agency to provide certain climate and sustainability information on submission of a contract award recommendation to the Board of Public Works for architectural and engineering service, construction, energy performance, general miscellaneous, and landlord lease and tenant lease contracts; requiring liaisons to the Board to ensure compliance; and requiring the climate and sustainability information to be placed on the Board agenda.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, § 10-208 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 117 Senator Folden**PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR SURVIVING SPOUSE OF FALLEN PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER OR JUDICIAL OFFICER – ALTERATION**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or a municipal corporation to provide a certain property tax credit to surviving spouses of fallen public safety officers or judicial officers who have remarried.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-210 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 118 Senator Benson**COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY SAFETY FUNDING ACT**

Imposing an excise tax on certain gross receipts of certain firearms dealers derived from the sales of firearms, firearm accessories, and ammunition in the State and sales of firearms to State residents; and requiring the Comptroller to distribute a certain portion of the tax revenues to the Maryland Violence Intervention Program, the Center for Firearm Violence Prevention, the Coordinated Community Supports Partnership, the Survivors of Homicide Victims Program, the Trauma Physician Services Fund, and the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027

ED, § 7-447.1(p)(6), HG, § 19-130(c), and PS, § 4-902(e)(1) - amended and TG, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 119 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Health)**STATE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SPECIALISTS – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Continuing the State Board of Environmental Health Specialists, in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law), by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the Board.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

HO, § 21-502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 120 Senator Ellis**HEALTH INSURANCE – REQUIRED BENEFITS FOR DENTAL PREVENTIVE CARE – FREQUENCY LIMITATION INTERVAL (HEALTHY MOMS AND FAMILY SMILES ACT)**

Shortening, from 120 to 90, the maximum interval of days that certain carriers may impose as a frequency limitation on dental preventive care; 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, § 15-135.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 121 Senator Hester**PERSONAL INFORMATION – PUBLIC SERVANT PROTECTIONS**

Authorizing a certain protected individual or the agency, entity, or office that the protected individual serves or served to request that a governmental entity or person not publish personal information on the Internet, social media, or social networks or that the governmental entity or person remove the information from any existing publication; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, §§ 7-401 through 7-405 - added and RP, § 3-114(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 122 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – LOCAL REIMBURSEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION COSTS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the schedule by which a county and Baltimore City must reimburse the State Department of Assessments and Taxation for the Department's administrative costs.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 2-106 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 123 Senator Simonaire**OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE ON QUALITY OF CARE IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, § 19-1409(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 124 Senator Benson**FOOD, DRUGS, AND COSMETICS – GENE STRUCTURE- AND FUNCTION-MODIFYING PRODUCTS – LABELING**

Prohibiting a person from offering for sale in the State a gene structure- or function-modifying product unless the product is labeled in a prominent and conspicuous manner with the words “gene structure- or function-modifying product” and all potential risks, side effects, adverse effects, and other reasonably possible effects that the product may have; and establishing penalties for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 21-2G-01 through 21-2G-04 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 125 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**VEHICLE LAWS – TRANSFER OF USED VEHICLES – REPEAL OF NOTARIZED BILL OF SALE REQUIREMENT**

Repealing the requirement that a notarized bill of sale be submitted to the Motor Vehicle Administration when transferring ownership of a certain used vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 13-809 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 126 Senator Ellis**CHARLES COUNTY – SUMMER ACADEMY FOR MATHEMATICS AND SERVICE PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Summer Academy for Mathematics and Service Pilot Program within the Maryland Department of Labor to provide targeted instruction in a 6-week course offered during summer break to eligible students in Charles County who are not proficient in algebra or geometry; requiring the Charles County public school system to implement the Program; and requiring the Department to provide grants to the Charles County public school system for the Program.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, § 7-137 - added and LE, § 11-608 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 127 Senator Salling**BALTIMORE COUNTY FOOD DESERT STUDY**

Requiring, on or before November 30, 2026, the Department of Housing and Community Development to conduct a study and make recommendations on reducing food deserts in Baltimore County and submit its findings and recommendations to the Senate Committee on Education, Energy, and Environment, the Senate Finance Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

SB 128 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT – SUPERVISION OF STATE ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL**

Providing for command and control of State active duty personnel during mobilizations of the Maryland National Guard.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PS, § 13-702 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 129 Senator Folden**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE – WARRANTLESS ARRESTS AND VICTIMS**

Authorizing a police officer to arrest a certain person without a warrant if the police officer has probable cause to believe that the person battered another person with whom the person has had a sexual relationship within the past year; and altering the definition of “victim of domestic violence” in provisions relating to a certain domestic violence program to include an individual who has received certain injuries from another individual with whom the individual has had a sexual relationship within the past year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 2-204(a) and FL, § 4-513 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 130 Senator Henson**ENVIRONMENT – WATER – INDIVIDUAL UNIT METERS**

Authorizing the installation of individual unit meters, used to determine the actual use of water, for certain apartment houses and dwelling units; prohibiting the owner, operator, or manager of an apartment house, or a contractor hired by the owner, operator, or manager, from imposing certain costs on a unit; requiring each individual unit meter to include a leak detection monitor; requiring the maintenance of adequate records regarding individual unit meters; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 9-1115 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 131 Senator West**ESTATES AND TRUSTS – FIDUCIARIES – ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE**

Clarifying that a communication between an attorney and a client that acts as a fiduciary is subject to the attorney-client privilege even if fiduciary funds are used to compensate the attorney for services rendered to the client.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ET, § 15-117 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 132 Senators Kagan and Rosapepe**ELECTION LAW – AFFILIATING WITH A PARTY AND VOTING – UNAFFILIATED VOTERS**

Authorizing unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a provisional ballot for the voter's preferred political party; and requiring an election judge to determine whether the voter resides in the county in which the voter seeks to vote.

EMERGENCY BILL

EL, §§ 3-303, 3-305(a) and (e), 9-404(b), and 11-303(d)(4) - amended and § 3-305(e) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 133 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS – STATE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS – SUNSET EXTENSIONS**

Continuing the State Board of Barbers, the State Board of Cosmetologists, the State Board for Professional Land Surveyors, the State Commission of Real Estate Appraisers, Appraisal Management Companies, and Home Inspectors, and the State Board of Individual Tax Preparers in accordance with the provisions of the Maryland Program Evaluation Act (sunset law) by extending to July 1, 2032, the termination provisions relating to the statutory and regulatory authority of the boards and commission; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

BOP, §§ 4-702, 5-702, 15-702, 16-802, and 21-502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 134 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICIES – ISSUANCE – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring a carrier that issues Medicare supplement policies to issue a Medicare supplement policy to an individual who meets certain criteria during certain special enrollment periods.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-909(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 135 Senator Bailey**STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE SHARK – MEGALODON**

Designating the megalodon (*Otodus megalodon*) as the State shark.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, § 7-310 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 136 Senators Kramer and Bailey

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – ALCOHOL, TOBACCO, AND CANNABIS COMMISSION – POLICE OFFICERS

Applying certain provisions of law governing collective bargaining for State employees to police officers of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission who, in an official capacity, are authorized to make arrests and who are not supervisory, managerial, or confidential employees.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SP, § 3-102(a) and (b)(13) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 137 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTIONS FOR LOW ASSESSMENT – ALTERATION

Altering exemptions from the personal property tax for business personal property that has a total original cost below \$20,000 by repealing provisions of law that prohibit the State Department of Assessments and Taxation from collecting information or requiring the submission of a personal property tax return from certain businesses that qualify for the exemptions; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, §§ 7-227(c) and 7-245 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 138 Senator Henson

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – SENTENCING – DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AS A MITIGATING FACTOR (PROVIDING ALTERNATIVES THROUGH HEALING FOR JUSTICE–INVOLVED INDIVIDUALS (PATH) ACT)

Authorizing the introduction of evidence that a certain defendant was the victim of domestic violence and that the domestic violence was a significant contributing factor to the commission of a certain crime as a mitigating factor at sentencing of the defendant or a hearing on a motion for modification or reduction of a sentence; and establishing related procedures.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 6-238 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 139 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)**INSURANCE – THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATORS – ENFORCEMENT**

Altering the grounds on which the Maryland Insurance Commissioner may deny an applicant for registration as or refuse to renew, suspend, or revoke the registration of a third party administrator; and altering the violations for which the Commissioner may impose civil penalties against a third party administrator.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, §§ 8-309(a) and 8-320(c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 140 Senator West**CRIMINAL LAW – BENEFITS EXPLOITATION**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly recruiting, harboring, transporting, or obtaining an individual for the purpose of appropriating the government benefits of an individual for the benefit of the person or another through deception, coercion, exploitation, isolation, or any other means; prohibiting a person from aiding, abetting, or conspiring with one or more persons to violate a certain provision of the Act; establishing that a violation of the Act is a felony; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 8-524 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 141 Senator Hester**ELECTION LAW – ELECTION MISINFORMATION, ELECTION DISINFORMATION, AND DEEPFAKES**

Requiring the State Administrator of Elections to take certain actions if the State Administrator receives a credible report that election misinformation or election disinformation, including a deepfake, has been or is being communicated, disseminated, or distributed; requiring the Administrator to communicate correct information to the public; prohibiting a person, under certain circumstances, from knowingly or with reckless disregard using or disseminating a deepfake to produce materially false information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EL, § 2-110 - amended and § 16-905 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 142 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Military)**MARYLAND MILITARY DEPARTMENT – NATIONAL GUARD – TUITION ASSISTANCE**

Expanding the institutions to include trade or career schools recognized by the Maryland Higher Education Commission or the Maryland Apprenticeship and Training Council and the types of expenses in connection with which tuition assistance may be provided for certain eligible Maryland National Guard service members.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 13-405 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 143 Senator Benson**PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS – APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS (MARYLAND WORKFORCE APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION ACT)**

Altering certain apprenticeship requirements relating to public works contracts to require certain contractors and subcontractors to employ a certain number of qualified apprentices or journeyworkers necessary to meet a certain applicable percentage for the project; altering which projects are subject to certain apprenticeship requirements; repealing certain provisions of law that authorized contractors and subcontractors to make certain payments to a certain apprenticeship program in lieu of employing certain apprentices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, Various Sections - amended and §§ 17-601.1, 17-602.1, 17-604.1, 17-605.1, and 17-607 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 144 Senator Folden**PUBLIC INFORMATION ACT – PERSONNEL RECORDS OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AND JOINT ETHICS COMMITTEE RECORDS**

Establishing that certain records of elected officials are not personnel records for the purposes of inspection under the Public Information Act; and establishing that certain records of the State Ethics Commission and Joint Committee on Legislative Ethics are available for public inspection under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, §§ 4-311, 5-407, and 5-517 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 145 Senator West**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 sole 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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 146 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Assessments and Taxation)**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION – COUNTY SUPERVISOR RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT AND LOCATION OF COUNTY ASSESSMENT OFFICES – ALTERATION**

Repealing the requirement that a county supervisor of real property assessments reside in the county for which the supervisor is appointed; and repealing the requirement that the county assessment office be located in the county seat.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TP, §§ 2-105 and 2-106 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 147 Senator Ready**EDUCATION – AGREEMENTS, PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS, AND MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING – REPORTING AND PUBLICATION**

Requiring, by September 1 each year, the reporting of certain procurement contracts and memoranda of understanding entered into by certain public elementary and secondary education systems in the State; requiring, by October 1 each year, the State Superintendent to issue a report compiling the required information; and requiring each local school system to make publicly available on the local school system's website certain in-kind services agreements, procurement contracts, and memoranda of understanding.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 2-307 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 148 **Senators Kagan and Carozza**

INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME (SUPPORTING OUR 9-1-1 SPECIALISTS ACT)

Altering a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee to include certain retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a 9-1-1 specialist; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-207(mm) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 149 **Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

VEHICLE LAWS – HEAVY WEIGHT PORT CORRIDOR PERMITS – REGULATIONS

Altering the requirements for regulations related to the issuance of a heavy weight port corridor permit.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TR, § 24-113.3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 150 **Senator Simonaire**

NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS – PUBLIC PROFILES

Authorizing the Department of the Environment, the Department of General Services, and units in the Maryland Department of Labor to include a notation on public profiles of licensees, certificate holders, and security identification card holders indicating that the individual is a veteran.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, § 2.5-103, EN, § 1-206, HO, § 1-707, and SF, § 4-211 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance

SB 151 Senator Folden**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR INDIVIDUALS RESIDING WITH AND CARING FOR ELDERLY PARENTS**

Allowing a credit of \$3,000 against the State income tax for an individual who resides with and provides care for a certain elderly parent during the taxable year under certain circumstances; making the credit refundable; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 152 Senator Muse**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – POINT-TO-POINT SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – MARYLAND ROUTE 210**

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.

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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 153 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Board of Elections)**ELECTION LAW – CAMPAIGN FINANCE ENTITIES – OVERSIGHT AND CONTROL OF CAMPAIGN FUNDS**

Altering the manner in which the chair of a campaign finance entity is appointed; providing that the treasurer is the financial steward of a campaign finance entity; altering requirements for assets received by or on behalf of a campaign finance entity and disbursements made by or on behalf of a campaign finance entity; repealing the authority of the chair of a campaign finance entity to approve a disbursement on behalf of the campaign finance entity under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

EL, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 154 Senator Watson**COMMERCIAL LAW – UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE –
CONTROLLABLE ELECTRONIC RECORDS**

Adding Article 12 of the Uniform Commercial Code to the Maryland Uniform Commercial Code to establish provisions governing the transfer of property rights in certain controllable electronic records, controllable accounts, and controllable payment intangibles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CL, § 1-101 - amended and §§ 10A-101 through 10A-107 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 155 Senator Waldstreicher**VEHICLE LAWS – BICYCLES, PLAY VEHICLES, AND UNICYCLES –
CROSSWALKS**

Authorizing a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle at an intersection who is facing a red signal to enter the intersection to cross the highway in the direction of a pedestrian control “walk” signal displayed for the portion of the highway on which the bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle is traveling; and requiring, before entering an intersection, a person operating a bicycle, play vehicle, or unicycle to yield the right-of-way to any vehicle or pedestrian lawfully using the intersection.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-1202 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 156 Senator Ellis**RAILROADS – REQUIRED CREW FOR MOVEMENT OF FREIGHT**

Prohibiting a railroad train used in connection with the movement of freight from being operated in the State unless it has at least two crew members, subject to certain exceptions; providing a penalty for a first offense of up to \$10,000 or in the case of a willful violation within the immediately preceding 3 years, or a fine of up to \$25,000; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, § 5.5-110(e) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 157 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – General Services)**STATE PROCUREMENT – COMPETITIVE PROOF OF CONCEPT PROCUREMENT**

Establishing competitive proof of concept procurements as an authorized procurement method; providing that a competitive proof of concept procurement may have multiple phases of evaluation; requiring a unit of State government to obtain the approval of the Chief Procurement Officer or a designee before conducting a certain competitive proof of concept procurement; altering the required contents of a competitive proof of concept procurement solicitation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SF, §§ 13-102(a), 13-116, 14-302(a)(2), 14-502.1(b) and 14-602(b) - amended
Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 158 Senator Ellis**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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 159 Senator A. Washington**EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES – VEHICLES AND AMBULANCES – REQUIRED SUPPLIES, REVIEWS, AND COMPLAINTS**

Requiring the Executive Director of the Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Services Systems to coordinate the minimum equipment, supplies, and medications to be available on emergency medical services vehicles; requiring each county and municipality that operates or contracts emergency medical services to conduct quarterly reviews of ambulance performance data; and requiring each county to establish and maintain a formal complaint filing system regarding ambulance quality, conduct, or compliance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 13-510 - amended and § 13-519 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 160 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – State Police)**PUBLIC SAFETY – LICENSED FIREARMS DEALERS – NOTIFICATION REGARDING POTENTIAL COMPROMISE OF SECURITY FEATURES**

Requiring a certain licensed firearms dealer to notify the Secretary of State Police within 24 hours after discovering that certain security features may have been compromised.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 5-145.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 161 Senator Simonaire**NATURAL RESOURCES – STATE PARK ENTRY FEE – EXEMPTIONS**

Altering the individuals and vehicles that may enter a State park without paying a certain fee on presentation of a valid veteran identification card, a driver's license or other State-issued license or identification card that indicates the holder is a veteran, or any other form of identification that establishes the holder's veteran status or former Maryland National Guard status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, § 5-1015 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 162 Senator West**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – MOTION TO REDUCE DURATION OF SENTENCE – REPEAL OF SENTENCING DATE LIMITATION**

Repealing the sentencing date limitation of October 1, 2021, for an individual convicted as an adult of an offense committed when the individual was a minor to file a motion to reduce the duration of the sentence.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, 8-110 (a) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 163 Senator West**INCOME TAX – ADDITION MODIFICATION FOR FEDERAL TAX–EXEMPT INCOME – ALTERATIONS**

Providing that an addition modification under the Maryland income tax for certain income exempt from federal tax by federal law or treaty but not State tax does not apply to certain foreign earned income; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-204(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 164 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**NATURAL RESOURCES – PAMELA J. KELLY TREE-MENDOUS MARYLAND PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the stated purpose of the Pamela J. Kelly Tree-Mendous Maryland Program to include the advancement of forest health and resilience through the promotion and maintenance of native trees and shrubs.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, § 5-435 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 165 Senator Brooks**ENVIRONMENT – ON-SITE WASTEWATER SYSTEMS – REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTION AND PUMPING SERVICES AND IMPLEMENTATION DATES**

Requiring a landlord of property that is served by an on-site wastewater system to ensure, on or before July 1, 2028, and before each new tenant occupies the property thereafter, that the system has been inspected and pumped out in a certain manner; requiring a landlord or an owner of property to notify a certain delegated approval authority that an on-site sewage disposal system is failing and when the system is fixed, under certain circumstances; extending certain dates; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

RP, §§ 8-122 and 10-716 - added and Chapter 419 of the Acts of 2022, §§ 6 and 7 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 166 Senator Bailey**SHELLFISH AQUACULTURE – PENALTIES – SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF PERMIT OR REGISTRATION CARD**

Authorizing the suspension or revocation of a shellfish aquaculture harvester permit or shellfish aquaculture harvester registration card for certain violations; and prohibiting a person whose registration or permit card has been suspended or revoked in accordance with the Act from engaging or working in any aquaculture activity during the suspension or revocation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, § 4-1212 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 167 Senator Simonaire**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – LICENSES, PERMITS, REGISTRATIONS, AND PUBLIC PROFILES – NOTATION OF VETERAN STATUS**

Authorizing the Department of Natural Resources to establish a certain process to include a notation of veteran status on a license, permit, registration, or public profile.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, § 1-403.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 168 Senator Watson**STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION –
BLOCKCHAIN-BASED REAL PROPERTY TITLE PILOT PROGRAM –
ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Blockchain-Based Real Property Title Pilot Program in the State Department of Assessments and Taxation to explore the use of blockchain technology for securely recording and verifying real property ownership and to assess its potential for use by law enforcement and courts in resolving real property disputes involving squatting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 169 Senator Lam, et al**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: Finance

SB 170 Senators Lewis Young and Ready**TASK FORCE ON EDUCATION FUNDING AND STUDENT
POPULATION GROWTH**

Establishing the Task Force on Education Funding and Student Population Growth to analyze the challenges related to the delay in student enrollment counts and its effect on school funding and the connection between growing student populations and the provision of school funding; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 15, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 171 Senator Waldstreicher**MAIL THEFT**

Altering the prohibition against taking and breaking open a letter; providing that a person may not knowingly and intentionally open mail addressed to another without permission of the person or an authorized designee; providing certain penalties for violations of the Act; prohibiting the theft of mail under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from possessing an arrow key under certain circumstances; and providing for concurrent jurisdiction in the District Court and circuit court to try a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 4-301 and 4-302 - amended and CR, § 3-905 - repealed and §§ 3-905 and 3-905.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 172 Senator Muse**CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – METHODIST CHURCHES – TRUST REQUIREMENT REPEAL AND DISAFFILIATION**

Repealing a requirement that the assets of any Methodist Church be held in trust for the United Methodist Church and be subject to the control of the Church; repealing a provision of law providing that the absence of a trust clause in any deed or conveyance executed before June 1, 1953, does not exclude certain local churches from certain provisions of law; providing that a local church that disaffiliates from the United Methodist Conference shall retain ownership of its real property, subject to certain reimbursement requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CA, §§ 5-326 and 5-327 - repealed, § 5-326 - added, and § 5-328 - renumbered
Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 173 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**VEHICLE LAWS – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT – RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS, ARRANGEMENTS, AND DECLARATIONS**

Altering the policy of the State regarding reciprocal vehicle registration agreements, arrangements, and declarations; and authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administrator to enter into reciprocal agreements, arrangements, or declarations to provide for reciprocal enforcement of violations recorded by traffic control signal monitoring systems and speed monitoring systems.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 12-402 - amended and § 12-411.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 174 Senator Carozza, et al**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION – ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES – ALTERATION**

Requiring an appeals process established by the State Board of Education not to exceed 90 days for appeals of actions taken by a county board of education for removal of the county superintendent or a member of the county board of education; and authorizing an extension of the appeals process if due process demands the extension or the State Board determines that an extension is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 2-205(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 175 Senator McKay**CITY OF CUMBERLAND – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – TRACTOR TRAILERS ON INTERSTATE 68**

Authorizing the City of Cumberland to use speed monitoring systems on portions of Interstate 68 for which the speed limit is 45 miles per hour to enforce speed limits for Class F (tractor) vehicles operated in combination with Class G (trailer) freight trailers or semitrailers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 176 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Lottery and Gaming Control Agency)

VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY PAYOUTS – INTERCEPTS FOR RESTITUTION PAYMENTS, CHILD SUPPORT PAYMENTS, AND DEBTS OWED TO THE STATE

Authorizing the Central Collection Unit and the Child Support Administration to certify certain information about restitution or child support obligors to a video lottery operator for purposes of enforcing a requirement to intercept certain prize payouts; requiring a video lottery operator to provide certain notice to a debtor that wins a prize to be paid by the licensee and withhold all or part of the prize; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CP, FL, and SF, Various Sections - amended and SF, § 3-308 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 177 Senator West

CRIMINAL LAW – INTERFERENCE WITH ACCESS TO OR EGRESS FROM A RELIGIOUS FACILITY – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person, acting alone or with others, from preventing another from entering or exiting a religious facility; and establishing that a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor with a penalty of imprisonment not exceeding 90 days or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or both on conviction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 10-204.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 178 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Critical Area Commission)

CHESAPEAKE AND ATLANTIC COASTAL BAYS CRITICAL AREA PROTECTION PROGRAM – STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

Altering and updating the standards and procedures governing the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Critical Area Protection Program related to the approval of regulations, local program comprehensive reviews, locational standards for growth allocation, correcting mapping mistakes, and tree replanting.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, §§ 8-1806(a) and (b)(1)(xiv)2., 8-1808.1(c)(2), 8-1809(j) and (r), and 8-1815.1(b) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 179 Senator Benson**TRANSPORTATION – STUDY ON SPEED LIMITS – INTERSTATE 495 AND CONNECTED HIGHWAYS**

Requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct a study on the implications of requiring the speed limit to deviate by only 5 miles per hour at locations where a highway in the State connects to Interstate 495; and requiring the Department to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

SB 180 Senator Sydnor**EVIDENCE – INTERCEPTION OF ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – FAIR HOUSING TESTING**

Providing that it is lawful for a person to intercept an oral communication if the person is working as a fair housing tester for a fair housing testing program operated by the federal government, the State, a local government, or a nonprofit civil rights organization under certain circumstances; and providing that the contents of an intercepted oral communication may be used only for the purpose of enforcing federal, State, or local fair housing laws.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 10-401(13) and 10-402(c)(12) - added and § 10-401(13) through (18) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 181 Senator Lewis Young**HUNTING – LEAD AND LEAD-BASED AMMUNITION – PHASE-OUT**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to require, through a certain phasing-out process, the use of nonlead ammunition for the hunting of all game species on or before July 1, 2029; and requiring the Department to authorize the use of lead ammunition for muzzleloaders, handguns, rifles, and shotguns if nonlead ammunition is not commercially available for the specific weapon.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, § 10-408 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 182 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Human Services)

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES – MODIFICATIONS

Altering provisions relating to the reporting and investigation of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and exploitation of vulnerable adults; and requiring a local department of aging to complete an investigation and make an indicated, not indicated, or undetermined finding within 60 days.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, §§ 14-101, 14-302, and 14-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 183 Senator Hester

PUBLIC SAFETY – MARYLAND CYBER RESERVE – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Cyber Reserve within the Military Department; providing the purpose of the Maryland Cyber Reserve is to provide educational and technical support to prevent and resolve attacks against State, county, and local government agencies, and critical infrastructure within the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, §§ 13-101, 13-203(b), 13-206(a), and 13-210 - amended and §§ 13-5A-01 through 13-5A-08 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 184 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General)

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – ENVIRONMENTAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES CRIMES UNIT – REPORTING REQUIREMENT

Altering the date, from November 30 to October 1 each year, by which the Office of the Attorney General must report on certain activities of the Office's Environmental and Natural Resources Crimes Unit and certain activities taken by the Department of the Environment and the Department of Natural Resources in response to findings of the Unit.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 6-702(d) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 185 Senator Bailey**SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY RETIREMENT INCOME**

Increasing, from \$15,000 to \$20,000, the amount allowed as a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for retirement income attributable to an individual's employment as a public safety employee; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-207(mm) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 186 Senator Augustine**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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 187 Senator M. Washington**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – COMPREHENSIVE REHABILITATIVE PRERLEASE SERVICES – FEMALE INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS**

Altering the required specifications for a certain prerelease facility for female incarcerated individuals; requiring the Department of General Services to direct the procurement processes for the construction of a certain prerelease facility for female incarcerated individuals; requiring the Commissioner of Correction to make gender-responsive services available to certain female incarcerated individuals; requiring the implementation of comprehensive prerelease services for certain individuals by September 1, 2026; etc.

EMERGENCY BILL

CS, §§ 3-301 and 3-303 - amended and § 3-301.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 188 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – REVENUE BOND LIMIT – INCREASE**

Increasing, from \$4,000,000,000 to \$5,000,000,000, the limit on the amount of certain revenue bonds that the Maryland Transportation Authority may have outstanding and unpaid on June 30 each year; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, § 4-306 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 189 Senator Lewis Young**MUNICIPALITIES – OPEN DRAINAGE INLETS – REQUIRED GRATING SYSTEMS (MASON’S LAW)**

Requiring a municipality to construct or install an approved grating system that places a cover over the opening of an open drainage inlet in order to allow stormwater runoff to enter the drainage inlet while preventing large debris from entering the drainage inlet; requiring the approved grating system be installed on a new or existing open drainage inlet within the municipality; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LG, § 4-112 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 190 Senator Muse**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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 191 **Senators Brooks and Rosapepe**

STATE DESIGNATIONS – STATE SONG – “THE HEART OF MARYLAND”

Designating “The Heart of Maryland”, written by Jayla Elise from Dorchester County for the Maryland 250 Project, as the State song.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, §§ 7-319 and 7-320 - renumbered and § 7-319 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 192 **Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Veterans and Military Families)**

MILITARY FAMILY INCLUSION ACT

Altering the membership of the Maryland Trust Fund Board of Trustees, the Maryland Veterans Commission, the Maryland Commission on Caregiving, and the Maryland Youth Advisory Council.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HU, § 7-303(a)(1) and SG, §§ 9-914(b), 9-914.1, 9-917, and 9-2701(c)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 193 **Senator Corderman**

WASHINGTON COUNTY – SALES AND USE TAX EXEMPTION – TARGET REDEVELOPMENT AREA

Providing an exemption from the sales and use tax for certain construction material or warehousing equipment that is purchased for use in the Mount Aetna Technology Park in Washington County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 11-247 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 194 Senator Simonaire

INCOME AND PROPERTY TAX INCENTIVES – MEMBERS AND VETERANS OF THE SPACE FORCE – APPLICATION

Applying certain provisions of law relating to the job creation tax credit and certain property tax credits and exemptions for certain members, veterans, and surviving spouses of certain members and veterans of the military, naval, or air service to certain members, veterans, and surviving spouses of certain members and veterans of the space force.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, § 9-901, EC, § 6-301(e), and TP, Various Sections - amended and TP, § 1-101(a-3) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 195 Senator McKay

MOTORCYCLES – PROTECTIVE HEADGEAR REQUIREMENT – EXCEPTION (IN REMEMBRANCE OF GARY “PAPPY” BOWARD)

Establishing an exception to the prohibition against operating or riding on a motorcycle without certain protective headgear for an individual at least 21 years old who has been licensed to operate a motorcycle for at least 2 years or has completed a certain motorcycle safety course and for the individual’s passenger.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-1306 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 196 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICATION REVIEW COMMITTEE – ADMINISTRATION OF PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION TO AN INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL

Authorizing the establishment of a medication review committee within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services that convenes to determine whether to approve the administration of psychotropic medication to a certain incarcerated individual under certain circumstances; providing that psychotropic medication may not be administered to an incarcerated individual who refuses the medication except under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CS, § 9-619 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 197 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**LAND USE – COMPREHENSIVE AND GENERAL PLANS – ALTERATION OF ELEMENTS**

Altering the required elements of comprehensive and general plans for charter counties and other local jurisdictions; establishing requirements and guidelines for each element; and requiring certain State agencies to provide charter counties and other local jurisdictions with assistance and information relevant to the preparation of each element.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LU, Various Sections - renumbered, amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 198 Senator A. Washington**PRINCE GEORGE'S COMMUNITY COLLEGE – AEROSPACE TECHNOLOGY STUDIES PROGRAM**

Requiring the Board of Community College Trustees for Prince George's County, in consultation with the Maryland Higher Education Commission, the Department of Commerce, and the Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation, to establish an Aerospace Technology Studies Program at Prince George's Community College; requiring the program to provide workforce-based learning, including internships and apprenticeships and a pathway from high school to college to careers in aerospace technology; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 16-420 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 199 Senator Simonaire**INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES AND SERVICE-DISABLED VETERANS BOATING FUND – ELIGIBLE COMPANIONS**

Requiring a grant from the Individuals With Disabilities and Service-Disabled Veterans Boating Fund to provide opportunities to participate in certain water-dependent activities for eligible companions of individuals with disabilities or service-disabled veterans.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HU, §§ 7-1101 and 7-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 200 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Information Technology)

STATE GOVERNMENT – COUNCIL FOR OPEN DATA – MEMBERSHIP AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Renaming the Council on Open Data to be the Council for Open Data; altering the membership and member terms of the Council; and increasing the Council's responsibilities by including advising on data initiatives and priorities, and identifying and exploring the means by which partnerships may be developed to connect Maryland data with communities and social service organizations.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SG, §§ 10-1501(b) and (c), 10-1503, and 10-1504 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 201 Senator Brooks, et al

PUBLIC UTILITIES – TRANSMISSION LINES – ADVANCED TRANSMISSION TECHNOLOGIES

Altering the definition of "qualified generator lead line" for provisions of law regarding certificates of public convenience and necessity; requiring an applicant for a certificate of public convenience and necessity for the construction of an overhead transmission line to include certain information in its application; requiring the Public Service Commission to consider certain evidence before taking action on a certain application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, § 7-207(a), (b)(3), and (f)(1) - amended and § 7-207.6 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 202 Senator Folden

POLICE DISCIPLINE – ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Authorizing a police officer who is denied a certain right to apply to the circuit court at any time before a hearing is held by the hearing board for an order that directs the law enforcement agency to show cause why the right should not be granted.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-113.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 203 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Environment)

ENVIRONMENT – LEAD PAINT ABATEMENT SERVICES – PERFORMANCE BOND AND LIABILITY INSURANCE

Authorizing regulations adopted by the Department of the Environment to include requirements for any person who is accredited by the Department to provide lead paint abatement services to be covered by a reasonable performance bond or reasonable liability insurance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EN, § 6-1003 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 204 Senators Kagan and Ready

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – MARYLAND CIVIC EXCELLENCE PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland Civic Excellence Program in the State Department of Education; authorizing a local school system to participate in the Program to recognize students who meet criteria related to student proficiency in civics and civic literacy; and requiring the Department, no later than the 2027–2028 school year, to develop guidelines to assist participating local school systems.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-137 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 205 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Insurance Administration)

HEALTH INSURANCE – MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS – CODIFICATION OF FEDERAL REQUIREMENTS

Codifying in State law certain provisions of the Code of Federal Regulations related to mental health parity and clarifying the authority of the Maryland Insurance Administration to enforce certain laws; requiring health insurance carriers to collect and report on data in a certain manner; requiring health insurance carriers to provide certain benefits under certain circumstances; requiring health insurance carriers to explain differences in access to care under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

IN, § 15-144(a), (c)(1) and (3)(ii), (d), (e), (i)(1), (k), and (l)(1) - amended and § 15-144(c)(7) - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 206 Senator Muse

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

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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 207 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Higher Education Commission)

HIGHER EDUCATION – GUARANTEED ACCESS GRANT PROGRAM – APPLICABILITY

Delaying the decentralization of the Guaranteed Access Grant Program until the 2029–2030 financial aid award year.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 18-303.4 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 208 Senator Charles

MARYLAND HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION – RELIGIOUS EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS – CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL

Exempting certain religious educational institutions accredited by accrediting bodies recognized by the U.S. Department of Education from the requirement to obtain a certificate of approval from the Maryland Higher Education Commission to operate in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 11-202.1(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 209 Senator McKay**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES – SAVAGE HIGHLANDS STATE PARK – HOTEL RENTAL SURCHARGE**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to assess and collect an 8% hotel rental surcharge on rental units at Savage Highlands State Park and remit the proceeds to the Comptroller for distribution to Garrett County; and requiring Garrett County to use and distribute the proceeds from the surcharge either for promotion of the county or for the general fund of the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

NR, § 5-1016 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 210 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – HOME DETENTION – MONITORING AND SECURITY**

Transferring the monitoring and security of the home detention programs of the Division of Correction to the Warrant Apprehension Unit of the Intelligence and Investigative Division within the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CS, §§ 3-403, 3-412, and 10-702 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 211 Senator Folden**MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – REPEAL**

Repealing the Maryland estate tax; and applying the Act to decedents dying after June 30, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, §§ 2-801, 2-802, 7-301 through 7-305, 7-305.1, and 7-306 through 7-309 - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 212 Senator Corderman**HIGHER EDUCATION – NONRESIDENT TUITION – EXEMPTION FOR
DEPENDENTS OF STATE OR LOCAL PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES
(MARYLAND FALLEN HEROES TUITION BENEFITS ACT)**

Exempting financially dependent children of State or local public safety employees who die as a result of or in the course of performance of duties from paying out-of-state or out-of-county tuition at a public institution of higher education in the State.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 15-106.12 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 213 Senator Lewis Young**STATE PROCUREMENT – TRANSPARENCY AND PROCEDURES**

Requiring a unit of State government to provide a certain debriefing of a contract award to certain persons on request; adding an exemption to the prohibition on an individual who assists in the drafting of specifications, an invitation for bids, or a request for proposals from submitting a bid or proposal or assisting in the submission of a bid or proposal; requiring a procurement contract to include a certain clause pertaining to certain contract modifications related to changes in law; altering the required contents of a certain change order; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, §§ 13-212.1(b), 13-218(a), 15-112(b)(1), 15-218, and 15-219 - amended
and § 13-104(h) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 214 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Natural Resources)**NATURAL RESOURCES – VESSEL TRANSFERS – TRANSFER-ON-DEATH BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION**

Authorizing an individual who is the sole owner of a certain vessel to apply to the Department of Natural Resources to designate a beneficiary to take ownership of the vessel on the death of the owner; requiring a designated beneficiary who survives the owner of a vessel to apply to the Department for a new certificate of title for the vessel; and requiring an application for a certificate of title for a vessel to contain certain information.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, § 8-715(e) - amended and § 8-720.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 215 Senator Simonaire**VETERANS AND UNIFORMED SERVICES – MARYLAND VETERANS TRUST FUND AND APPLICATION OF LAWS**

Altering the application of certain provisions of law governing local government personnel, trout stamps, and landlord remedies to apply to all uniformed services; and altering the composition of the Maryland Veterans Trust Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, ED, FL, IN, LG, NR, RP, SG, and TR, Various Sections - amended and RP, § 1-101(a-1) and SG, § 9-901(g-1) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Judicial Proceedings

SB 216 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION**

Altering requirements related to the confidentiality of unemployment insurance information to ensure compliance with federal law and regulations; altering existing confidentiality requirements related to inspection of employment records and claim information by agents of child support enforcement units; establishing exceptions to confidentiality requirements in accordance with federal law and regulations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

LE, §§ 8-101, 8-110, and 8-1305(c) - amended, § 8-111 - added, and §§ 8-625(d) and 8-811 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 217 Senator M. Washington**COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AND REPAIR FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the purpose of the Community Reinvestment and Repair Fund; requiring the Comptroller to administer the Fund at the direction of the Office of Social Equity; altering requirements for a certain county plan for the distribution of funds from the Fund; requiring a county to consult with the Office to make any adjustments to the county plan; altering the requirements for a certain report on the Fund; requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Office, to ensure compliance with provisions of law governing the Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ABC, §§ 1-3A-01 and 1-3A-03 - amended and § 1-3A-04 - added and SG, § 9-4108 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 218 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Education)

STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS – PROLONGED STATE OF EMERGENCY – AUTHORITY TO DECLARE

Authorizing the State Superintendent of Schools to declare a prolonged state of emergency for an event that prevents regular, in-person attendance at a public school for at least 14 consecutive school days.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 7-14A-01(c) and 7-14A-02 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 219 Senator Salling

PUBLIC SCHOOLS – AIRWAY CLEARING DEVICE AVAILABILITY AND USE – POLICY (BOWEN LEVY AIRWAY CLEARING DEVICE ACT)

Requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to obtain at least one airway clearing device per school and to authorize school nurses and other school personnel to use an airway clearing device in certain emergency situations; and requiring the State Department of Education to develop and disseminate a form for public schools to report each incident requiring the use of an airway clearing device.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-426.8 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 220 Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee (By Request – Departmental – Public Safety and Correctional Services)

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – LIFETIME SEXUAL OFFENDER SUPERVISION – CONDITIONS, VIOLATIONS, AND PETITIONS FOR DISCHARGE

Requiring inclusion of certain conditions for lifetime sexual offender supervision; requiring a sexual offender management team to report a certain violation of a condition of lifetime sexual offender supervision to the office of a certain State's Attorney; requiring a certain judge to conduct a certain hearing; requiring a certain sentencing court to adjudicate rather than hear and adjudicate a certain petition; altering the period before a certain petition may be renewed after being denied; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, §§ 11-723 and 11-724 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 221 Senator James**CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD PORNOGRAPHY – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from possessing more than 100 images of certain child pornography or possessing or viewing images of certain child pornography depicting a minor or an individual indistinguishable from an actual and identifiable child under the age of 13 years; providing that a violation of the Act is a felony and on conviction a violator is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years; and providing that a sentence under the Act may be separate from and consecutive to or concurrent with a sentence imposed for certain other crimes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 11-208.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 222 Senators Carozza and West**FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATORS – QUALIFICATIONS**

Establishing qualifications for an individual to be appointed by a court as a custody evaluator; and authorizing a court to waive certain requirements for a court employee or an individual under contract with the court under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

FL, § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 223 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Energy Administration)**MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – JANE E. LAWTON CONSERVATION LOAN PROGRAM AND MARYLAND STRATEGIC ENERGY INVESTMENT FUND**

Transferring the Jane E. Lawton Conservation Loan Program from the Maryland Energy Administration to the Maryland Clean Energy Center; repealing the authority of the Maryland Energy Administration to adopt regulations to implement the Program; and altering reporting requirements for the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, Various Sections - renumbered and amended and SG, §§ 9-20A-01 through 9-20A-10 - transferred and § 9-20B-12 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 224 Senator Lewis Young**PROPERTY TAXES – AUTHORITY OF COUNTIES TO ESTABLISH A SUBCLASS AND SET A SPECIAL RATE FOR COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county to establish, by law, a subclass of real property consisting of certain commercial and industrial property and to set a special property tax rate for certain commercial and industrial property for the purpose of financing certain transportation improvements or the approved budget of the county board of education; applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, §§ 6-202.1 and 6-302(b) - amended and §§ 6-302(e) and (f), 7-402, 9-112, and 9-276 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 225 Senators M. Washington and Brooks**ENVIRONMENT – INTERJURISDICTIONAL WATERSHEDS – FLOOD MANAGEMENT**

Providing for the designation of the Carroll Creek, Gwynns Falls, Jones Falls, Herring Run, and Patapsco River watersheds as interjurisdictional flood hazard watersheds for certain planning purposes.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EN, § 5-803(d) and (e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 226 Chair, Finance Committee (By Request – Departmental – Planning)**MARYLAND HERITAGE AREA AUTHORITY AND HERITAGE AREAS – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the voting membership of the Maryland Heritage Area Authority; increasing the number of voting members of the Authority that constitutes a quorum from 9 to 10; repealing the requirement that the Authority send copies of boundary maps to certain county clerks; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FI, §§ 13-1104(a), 13-1105, 13-1110(d) and (e), 13-1112, and 13-1113 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 227 Senator Ellis**MOTOR VEHICLES – PARKING – DISABLED VETERAN SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES**

Prohibiting a political subdivision from adopting or enforcing an ordinance, a regulation, or a policy that requires payment of a fee for parking a motor vehicle in an on-street parking space served by a meter if the vehicle has disabled veteran special registration plates; and prohibiting a State agency from adopting or enforcing a regulation or a policy that requires payment of a fee for parking a motor vehicle in a parking lot owned or controlled by the agency if the vehicle has disabled veteran special registration plates.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 26-301(b) - amended and § 26-301(c-1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 228 Chair, Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Environmental Service)**MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – AUTHORIZATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the authority of the Treasurer of the Maryland Environmental Service to delegate certain functions to the Deputy Treasurer of the Service; increasing the threshold amount from \$25,000 to \$50,000 or less for estimated contract costs under which the Service may use the small procurement process; and altering the process for providing notice of the establishment or adjustment of certain rates charged for Service projects, products, or services.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

NR, §§ 3-103(e) and (g)(3) and 3-108(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 229 Senators Brooks and Gile**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTH – MARYLAND NATIVE PLANT MONTH**

Requiring the Governor to annually proclaim May as Maryland Native Plant Month in recognition of the benefits that native plants have on Maryland's natural environment; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and environmental organizations and businesses to observe Maryland Native Plant Month properly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 230 Senator West

CRIMINAL LAW – THIRD-DEGREE SEXUAL OFFENSE – BURGLARY

Establishing that engaging in sexual contact with another without the consent of the other in connection with a first-, second-, or third- degree burglary constitutes sexual offense in the third degree; and altering the definitions of “tier I sex offender”, “tier II sex offender”, and “tier III sex offender” applicable to provisions relating to sex offender registration to include certain acts constituting sexual offense in the third degree.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 3-307 and CP, § 11-701(o), (p), and (q) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 231 Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Labor)

HORSE RACING – PROHIBITED ACTS – SLAUGHTER OF RACEHORSES FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES

Prohibiting a person from slaughtering or causing the slaughter of a racehorse in the State for certain commercial purposes; prohibiting a person from purchasing, selling, transferring, offering for sale, importing into the State, or transporting a racehorse if the person knows or reasonably should know that the racehorse will be slaughtered for certain commercial purposes; requiring certain fines collected by the State Racing Commission to be distributed to the racing Special Fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

BR, § 11-402 - amended and § 11-1002 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation