



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 3, 2026
Schedule 13

PLEASE NOTE: February 9 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 9.

As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED February 3, 2026

SB 515 Senator Beidle

HEALTH SERVICES COST REVIEW COMMISSION – HEALTH FACILITIES – JURISDICTION AND RATE SETTING

Altering the jurisdiction of the Health Services Cost Review Commission; and requiring the Commission, in carrying out certain responsibilities relating to evaluating facility resources to meet certain financial requirements and reviewing costs and rates of hospital services, to take into account all costs incurred or expenditures made by a health facility in connection with the operation of the facility.

EMERGENCY BILL

HG, §§ 19-211(a), 19-212, and 19-219(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

Department of Legislative Services

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SB 516 **Senator Waldstreicher****LAW ENFORCEMENT – PROTECTIVE BODY ARMOR – REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTING**

Providing that a law enforcement agency may not assign a law enforcement officer to duties other than administrative duties unless the officer is issued protective body armor; requiring a law enforcement agency to issue only protective body armor that meets certain standards; requiring a law enforcement agency to replace protective body armor before a certain date; requiring a law enforcement agency to notify the Maryland Police Training and Standards Commission under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-535 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 517 **Senator Ready****AMENDMENTS CONVENTION CALLED UNDER ARTICLE V OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION – DELEGATION TO THE CONVENTION**

Requiring the General Assembly to appoint a delegation to an amendments convention called under Article V of the U.S. Constitution and an advisory committee under certain circumstances and in accordance with certain requirements; providing for the membership of the delegation; providing for the qualifications, oath, compensation, and duties of a commissioner to the delegation; establishing the operations of the delegation and the advisory committee; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

SG, §§ 10-1801 through 10-1807 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 518 **Senator King****MARYLAND FINANCIAL EMPOWERMENT CENTER NETWORK PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Maryland Financial Empowerment Center Network Pilot Program within the Office of the Comptroller to establish a statewide network of financial empowerment centers in different regions of the State; requiring each center to provide one-on-one financial counseling and coaching services free of charge; and requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill for fiscal years 2028 and 2029 an appropriation to the Comptroller sufficient to cover the costs of the Pilot Program.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TG, §§ 1-501 through 1-505 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 519 **Senator King****EARNED INCOME TAX CREDIT – ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION DELAY AND STUDY**

Delaying the implementation of the Earned Income Tax Credit Assistance Program until taxable year 2030; requiring the Comptroller's Office, on or before December 1, 2026, to study and make recommendations regarding outreach efforts to encourage eligible taxpayers to claim the State earned income tax credit; and requiring the Department of Service and Civic Innovation to make certain recommendations concerning methods to assist low-income Marylanders with claiming certain credits and obtaining certain assistance.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 2-116 and Chapters 110 and 111 of the Acts of 2022, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation