



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 15, 2026
Schedule 2

PLEASE NOTE: January 23 – Bill request deadline.
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 January 15, 2026

SB 232 Senator Salling

STATE PROCUREMENT – PREFERENCES – HISTORICALLY UNDERUTILIZED BUSINESS ZONE BUSINESSES

Requiring a unit to structure procurement procedures to meet certain federal procurement standards; establishing certain overall percentage goals of the unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts to be made directly or indirectly with historically underutilized business zone businesses in certain years; requiring the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs to adopt regulations establishing a certification process and a percentage price preference; and establishing penalties for certain violations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SF, § 14-501 - amended and §§ 14-1101 through 14-1105 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 233 Senator Salling**BUSINESS REGULATION – CEMETERIES – ACTIONS FOR SALE, TRANSFER, OR ALTERNATE USE**

Authorizing certain persons to bring an action when the owner of a property that includes a cemetery proposes the sale, transfer, or alternate use of all or part of a certain cemetery; providing the owner of the property that includes the cemetery has the burden of proof in any proceeding regarding the disposition of the property and the cemetery; and requiring a court to take certain actions under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, §§ 5-101 and 5-505 - amended and § 5-506 - repealed

Assigned to: Finance

SB 234 Senator Salling**BUSINESS REGULATION – ABANDONED CEMETERIES – ACQUISITION AND DISPOSITION**

Authorizing a governmental unit to acquire property on which an abandoned cemetery is located under certain circumstances and for a certain purpose; requiring a governmental unit that acquires property under the Act to make a timely and reasonable effort to contact descendants of the persons interred in the abandoned cemetery for a certain purpose; authorizing a person or organization to bring an action to request the court to transfer property acquired under the Act to the person or organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BR, § 5-806 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 235 Senator Salling**BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAX CREDITS – PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS AND PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM EMPLOYEES**

Requiring the governing body of Baltimore County to grant, by law, a property tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain dwellings owned by public safety officers or Baltimore County public school employees under certain circumstances.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-305(j) and (k) - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 236 Senator Kagan**ELECTION LAW – CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION-SUPPORTING TECHNOLOGY – REGULATIONS, REVIEW, AND EVALUATION**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the review, certification, and decertification of election–supporting technology and to review and evaluate election–supporting technology on or before January 1 each year; and requiring that the regulations be adopted by December 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EL, § 9-107 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 237 Senator Kagan**ELECTION LAW – PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS – SELECTION AND VOTING**

Altering the procedures for the selection of presidential elector nominees and alternate presidential elector nominees; requiring the State Administrator of Elections to preside at a certain meeting of certain presidential electors; altering the procedures for the meeting of presidential electors; and establishing procedures for the preparation, delivery, signing, and transmission of an amended certificate of ascertainment after the vote of the State’s presidential electors under certain circumstances.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EL, §§ 1-101(ii-2), 8-504, 8-506, 8-507, and 8-509 - added and §§ 1-101(tt-1) and 8-503 through 8-505 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 238 Senator Augustine**SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST INTERSTATE LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact for the purpose of authorizing licensed school psychologists who hold multistate licenses to provide school psychological services in member states; establishing requirements for multistate licensure; establishing the School Psychologist Interstate Licensure Compact Commission; providing for the withdrawal from the Compact; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, §§ 25-401 and 25-402 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 239 Senator Lewis Young**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – REDEPOSIT OF ACCUMULATED CONTRIBUTIONS – ALTERATIONS**

Authorizing a member of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to receive certain service credit on the redeposit of contributions from the Employees' Pension System or the Teachers' Pension System.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, § 25-304 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 240 Senator Lewis Young**OFFICE OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COUNCIL – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Office of Health Care Quality Stakeholder Advisory Council to provide feedback to the Office of Health Care Quality regarding maintaining oversight of health care facilities and to notify the Secretary of Health if the Office is negligent in providing oversight of health care facilities; and requiring the Advisory Council, beginning in 2027, and by December 1 annually, to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 19-2701 and 19-2702 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 241 Senator Augustine**ELECTION LAW – INDIVIDUALS RELEASED FROM STATE CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES – AUTOMATIC RESTORATION OF VOTER REGISTRATION**

Requiring the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to transmit a list that includes the name and new residential address of individuals released from incarceration at a State correctional facility to the State Board of Elections on a weekly basis; requiring the State Board to automatically restore the voter registration of certain individuals released from State correctional facilities who were registered to vote in the State before being incarcerated; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2027

EL, § 3-203.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 242 Senator Simonaire, et al**MODERNIZING CIVIL RELIEF FOR SERVICE MEMBERS ACT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

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

SB 243 Senator Simonaire, et al**UNIFORMED SERVICES SPOUSES ACT**

Applying certain provisions of law regarding priority registration at public institutions of higher education, resources and support at community colleges, senatorial and Delegate scholarships, and preferences in hiring by the Public Service Commission to the spouses of active service members and veterans; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, Various Sections, LE, § 3-714(a) and (b), PU, § 18-111(a) and (b), and SP, § 7-207(c)(1)(iii) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 244 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code Revision)**CODE REVISION – HEALTH – MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM**

Revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of this State relating to the Maryland Medical Assistance Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 15-103.1 through 15-103.8 - renumbered, §§ 15-103.1, 15-103.2, and 15-305 through 15-309 - added, and Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 245 Senator Smith, et al

PUBLIC SAFETY – IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT AGREEMENTS – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting the State, a unit of local government, a county sheriff, or any agency, officer, employee, or agent of the State or a unit of local government from entering into an immigration enforcement agreement; and requiring the termination of an existing immigration enforcement agreement on or before July 1, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

CP, § 5-104.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings