



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 21, 2026
Schedule 5**

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 21, 2026

SB 282 The President (By Request – Administration)

BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2027)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2027, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 283 The President (By Request – Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2026, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, AND 2025

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,824,782,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 284 The President (By Request – Administration)

BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2026

Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; authorizing, requiring, or altering the distribution of certain revenue; altering eligibility for certain programs; providing certain modifications to federal adjusted gross income of an individual or federal taxable income of a corporation for Maryland income tax purposes relating to certain depreciation deductions allowed under the federal income tax; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

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

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

AG, EC, ED, HG, HO, LE, LG, NR, PS, SF, SG, SP, TG, TP, TR, and Chapter 275 of the Acts of 2023, Various Sections - amended and added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 285 Senators Carozza and Bailey

HIGHER EDUCATION – SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS

Altering the eligibility criteria for the Maryland Police Officers and Probation Agents Scholarship Program to include correctional officers.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 18-3801 through 18-3804 and 18-3807 - amended

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

SB 286 Senator McCray**PUBLIC SAFETY – ELEVATOR INSPECTION CERTIFICATES – SEARCHABLE DATABASE**

Requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to post a user-friendly, searchable database of active elevator inspection certificates on the Maryland Department of Labor’s website; and requiring the database to be searchable by street address, city, and county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 12-811 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 287 Senator McCray**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – TAX INCREMENT FINANCING – NONCONTIGUOUS AREAS**

Authorizing the governing body of a political subdivision to designate certain noncontiguous blighted areas as development districts; and defining “blighted area” as one in which a majority of buildings have declined in productivity by reason of obsolescence, depreciation, or other causes to an extent that they no longer justify fundamental repairs and adequate maintenance.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

EC, § 12-201(e) through (u) - renumbered, § 12-201(e) - added, and §§ 12-201(i), 12-202, and 12-203(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 288 Senator McCray**TRANSPORTATION – HIGHWAY USER REVENUES CAPITAL GRANTS – CALCULATION**

Altering the amounts of certain capital grants calculated based on highway user revenues that are required to be appropriated to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities in fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TR, § 8-403 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 289 Senator McCray**CONCENTRATION OF POVERTY SCHOOL GRANT PROGRAM –
PERSONNEL AND PER PUPIL GRANTS – ELIGIBLE USES**

Repealing the limitation on the authorization to use personnel grants and per pupil grants under the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program to provide certain fine arts instructional programs through fiscal year 2027.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 5-223(c)(9) - amended

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

SB 290 Senator McCray (By Request – Baltimore City Administration)**BALTIMORE CITY – ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT – AMOUNT OF
FINES AND PENALTIES**

Increasing from \$1,000 to \$5,000 the maximum amount that Baltimore City is authorized to establish for civil and criminal fines and penalties for violating certain ordinances, rules, or regulations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

The Charter of Baltimore City, Art. II, § (48) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings and Budget and Taxation

SB 291 Senator Bailey**INCOME TAX – CREDIT FOR INCOME TAXES AND PENALTIES DUE
TO FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION**

Allowing a credit against the State income tax for certain income taxes and penalties attributable to an early withdrawal of retirement funds due to financial exploitation; 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 292 Senator Bailey**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT TRANSPORTATION – SUNSET REPEAL**

Repealing the termination date of certain provisions of law that authorize a county board of education to provide transportation to and from school for certain students using a vehicle other than a certain type of school vehicle under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Chapters 197 and 198 of the Acts of 2021, § 3 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 293 Senator Jackson**PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE – NURSING HOMES, ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES, AND NURSE MIDWIVES – DISCLOSURE**

Requiring nursing homes, assisted living programs, and nurse midwives to notify each resident and prospective resident at certain times if the nursing home, assisted living program, or nurse midwife either does not maintain professional liability insurance or professional liability insurance coverage has lapsed and has not been renewed; requiring each nursing home operating in the State that does not maintain professional liability insurance coverage to post that information in a conspicuous location: etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 294 Senator Love**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PROTECTION OF IDENTITY OF VICTIM OF SEXUAL ASSAULT OR STALKING**

Prohibiting a court or a party in a criminal or juvenile delinquency case from disclosing or allowing inspection of a certain court filing or record to a nonparty unless the court or the party redacts certain identifying information relating to a certain victim of sexual assault or victim of stalking that appears in the filing or record, subject to a certain exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 11-301 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 295 **Senator Love, et al****CIVIL ACTIONS – IMMUNITY – DISCLOSURE OF ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUALLY ASSAULTIVE BEHAVIOR (STOP SILENCING SURVIVORS ACT)**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, § 5-809 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 296 **Senator Love, et al****JUVENILES – DETENTION AND CONFINEMENT – LIMITATIONS ON JUVENILE CONTACT WITH INCARCERATED ADULTS**

Altering and establishing certain provisions relating to the detention, confinement, and transportation of children arrested, convicted, or awaiting trial for certain offenses.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2028

CJ, § 3-8A-16 and CP, § 4-202(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 297 **Senator Waldstreicher****VEHICLE LAWS – MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – PRICES LISTED ON DEALER WEBSITES (JACK FITZGERALD PRICE TRANSPARENCY ACT)**

Providing that a manufacturer, distributor, or factory branch may not take an adverse action against a dealer for disclosing on its website that the advertised price of a vehicle is the manufacturer's minimum allowable advertised price and that the dealer may offer a lower price for the vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 15-207(h) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 298 Senator Henson**DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – MARYLAND CAPITOL POLICE – STATEWIDE JURISDICTION**

Altering the jurisdiction of the Maryland Capitol Police of the Department of General Services.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SF, §§ 4-601 and 4-605 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 299 Senator Hester, et al**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – THERAPY DOGS – POLICY FOR HANDLING AND USE IN SCHOOLS**

Requiring a county board of education to allow, subject to certain requirements and policies, the use of therapy dogs in public schools in the county.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 4-148 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 300 Senator Hester, et al**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – RURAL READINESS PROGRAM AND RURAL MARYLAND CAPACITY BUILDING FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Finance

SB 301 Senator Simonaire, et al**VETERANS' DISCOUNTS ACT**

Authorizing certain governmental entities to waive certain fees imposed by statute for veterans; and requiring certain governmental entities to adopt regulations before waiving certain fees imposed by statute for veterans.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

AG, BOP, BR, EN, FI, NR, PS, and TR, Various Sections - added and amended
Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Finance

SB 302 Senator Carozza, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – CAUSING INGESTION OF AN ABORTION–
INDUCING DRUG – PROHIBITION (WOMEN'S FREEDOM FROM
COERCION ACT)**

Prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully causing another to ingest an abortion–inducing drug when the person knows or believes that the other person is pregnant and without consent, through fraud or coercion, or by force or threat of force.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 3-216 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 303 Senator Kagan**BUSINESS REGULATION – SALE OF MOTOR FUEL – PRICING
SIGNAGE**

Altering the requirements for signs displaying a standard price and a conditional price for motor fuel products at retail service stations; and authorizing the Comptroller to assess certain penalties under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

BR, § 10-315 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 304 Senator Bailey, et al**COLLISIONS WITH WILD ANIMALS – PROHIBITED ACTIONS BY INSURER**

Prohibiting an insurer, with respect to private passenger motor vehicle insurance, from increasing a premium, adding a surcharge, or removing, altering, or refusing to consider a discount based on accidents or losses caused by a collision with a free-roaming wild animal and for which the insured was not at fault for the loss.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, § 27-501(k) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 305 Senators Hettleman and McCray**QUALIFYING NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUAL TRAINING AND REENTRY GRANT FUND – EXTENSION**

Extending the fiscal years through 2029 in which the Governor may include an appropriation of \$1,000,000 in the annual budget bill for certain qualifying nonprofit organizations that provide automotive repair training and reentry assistance to incarcerated or formerly incarcerated individuals; and extending the termination date for provisions relating to funding for certain services to incarcerated and formerly incarcerated individuals.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

PS, § 4-1013 and Chapter 892 of the Acts of 2024, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 306 Senator Hettleman, et al**EDUCATION – BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE TRUSTEES FOR BALTIMORE COUNTY – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering from 15 to 11 the number of members on the Board of Community College Trustees for Baltimore County; and altering the membership of the Board to reflect the change in Baltimore County councilmanic districts.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

ED, § 16-402 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 307 Senators Hettleman and Love**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – RESTOCKING MENSTRUAL HYGIENE PRODUCTS – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring each county board of education to ensure that each public school regularly restock dispensers in the women’s restrooms at the school with menstrual hygiene products.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-449 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 308 Senator Hettleman, et al**GENERAL PROVISIONS – COMMEMORATIVE MONTHS – MUSLIM AMERICAN HERITAGE AND JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTHS**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the month of January as Muslim American Heritage month and the month of May as Jewish American Heritage month; and requiring the proclamations to urge certain organizations to observe the months with certain programs and activities.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

GP, §§ 7-501 through 7-507 - renumbered and §§ 7-501 and 7-505 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 309 Senator Jennings**SALES AND USE TAX – PRECIOUS METAL BULLION OR COINS – EXEMPTION**

Altering the definition of “precious metal bullion or coins” for purposes of eligibility for an exemption from the sales and use tax for the sale of precious metal bullion or coins and expanding an exemption by repealing requirements that the sale price exceed a certain amount and the sale occur at the Baltimore Convention Center.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 11-214.1 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 310 Senator Jennings**CRIMINAL RECORDS – MARYLAND JUDICIARY CASE SEARCH – TRAFFIC VIOLATION BY A MINOR**

Prohibiting the Maryland Judiciary Case Search from in any way referring to the existence of records relating to an alleged violation of the Maryland Vehicle Law or any other traffic law, ordinance, or regulation by a minor.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CP, § 10-402 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 311 The President (By Request – Accountability and Implementation Board)**EDUCATION – THE BLUEPRINT FOR MARYLAND’S FUTURE – REVISIONS**

Repealing a requirement that county boards of education submit a certain technology report each year; extending the time period during which a certain method is used to calculate compensatory education enrollment through fiscal year 2027; repealing a termination date for the use of funds under the Concentration of Poverty Grant Program for the purpose of providing certain programs; altering the qualifications for an initial teacher certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, Various Sections - amended, added, and repealed

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 312 The President (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)**CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS – SALARIES**

Providing for the annual salaries of the Comptroller, the Treasurer, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of State.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, §§ 4-103, 5-104, 6-103, and 7-107 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 313 The President (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)**COURTS – ADMINISTRATIVE JUDGES – ANNUAL STIPEND**

Authorizing the Chief Judge of the Appellate Court of Maryland and a judge who serves as an administrative judge for a circuit court or the District Court to receive an annual stipend in addition to the judge’s annual salary.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CJ, § 1-702 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED January 21, 2026**SJ 1 The President (By Request – Governor’s Salary Commission)**

GOVERNOR’S SALARY COMMISSION – SALARY
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT
GOVERNOR

Establishing the salaries to be paid to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor, as directed by Article II, Section 21A of the Maryland Constitution, for the 4–year term of office beginning January 20, 2027.

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SJ 2 The President (By Request – Judicial Compensation Commission)

JUDICIAL COMPENSATION COMMISSION – RECOMMENDATIONS

Establishing the compensation of the members of the Judiciary in this State in accordance with Section 1–708 of the Courts and Judicial Proceedings Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland.

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

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation