



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2026 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 23, 2026
Schedule 7**

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 23, 2026

SB 328 Senator Folden

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT – DISABLED OR FALLEN PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICER – ALTERATIONS

Altering, for purposes of a certain property tax credit for a certain dwelling, the definition of “fallen public safety officer” to include disabled public safety officers who have died regardless of the cause of death; authorizing, under certain circumstances, the amount of the credit for a dwelling owned by a disabled or fallen public safety officer or the surviving spouse or cohabitant to be in the same proportion as the property tax credit initially granted for the dwelling; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 9-210 - amended and § 9-210.1 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 329 Senator Folden**EDUCATION – CERTIFICATION OF SCHOLARSHIP GRANTING ORGANIZATIONS (OPTING IN ON OPPORTUNITY ACT)**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-137 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 330 Senator Folden**PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE ACCOUNTABILITY – INVESTIGATION RECORDS RELATING TO NOT ADMINISTRATIVELY CHARGED, UNFOUNDED, AND EXONERATED COMPLAINTS**

Requiring that certain investigation records relating to a complaint of misconduct by a police officer be removed from the police officer's personnel record 3 years after an administrative charging committee issues a determination not to administratively charge the police officer in connection with the complaint or a trial board issues a finding of unfounded or exonerated in connection with the complaint.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 3-112 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 331 Senator Folden, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – HANDGUN PERMITS – EXPIRATION AND RENEWAL PERIODS FOR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

Establishing alternative expiration and renewal periods for a handgun permit issued to a retired law enforcement officer who retired in good standing from service with a law enforcement agency of the State or a county or municipal corporation of the State; and providing that a handgun permit issued to a law enforcement officer who retired in good standing expires on the last day of the holder's birth month following 5 years after the date the permit is issued and may be renewed for successive periods of 5 years under certain circumstances. EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PS, § 5-309 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 332 Senator Kramer**CONDOMINIUMS – PROPERTY INSURANCE DEDUCTIBLES – UNIT OWNER RESPONSIBILITY**

Increasing, from \$10,000 to \$25,000, the maximum amount of the council of unit owners' property insurance deductible for which a unit owner is responsible if the cause of damage to or destruction of any portion of the condominium originates from the unit owner's unit; and providing that a contract for the resale of a condominium unit by a unit owner other than the developer is not enforceable unless it contains a written notice of the unit owner's responsibility for the amount of the deductible where damage originates from the unit.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

RP, §§ 11-114(g) and 11-135(a)(6) and (b)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 333 Senator Kramer**INTERSTATE PODIATRIC MEDICAL LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact; authorizing a podiatrist to practice in a participating state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing the Interstate Podiatric Medical Licensure Compact Commission to oversee the Compact and its duties and powers; and providing the Act is contingent on the enactment of substantially similar provisions in four other states.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HO, § 16-3A-01 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 334 Senator Love, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – FIREARM CRIMES – MACHINE GUN CONVERTIBLE PISTOLS**

Prohibiting, on or after January 1, 2027, a person from manufacturing, selling, offering for sale, purchasing, receiving, or transferring a certain machine gun convertible pistol, subject to certain exceptions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, §§ 4-301(m) and (n) and 4-305.2 - added and §§ 4-301(m) through (o) and 4-302 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 335 Senator Love, et al**HUMAN RELATIONS – DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING – INCOME–BASED HOUSING SUBSIDIES**

Providing that a certain landlord may not refuse to rent to a prospective tenant who pays rent with the assistance of an income–based housing subsidy under certain circumstances; providing that a certain landlord may collect financial information from a prospective tenant under certain circumstances; and providing that a violation of the Act is a discriminatory housing practice and is subject to enforcement by the Maryland Commission on Civil Rights.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

SG, §§ 20-701(c) and 20-1020(e) - amended and § 20-705.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 336 Senator Feldman**TASK FORCE ON RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL PSYCHEDELIC SUBSTANCES – EXTENSION**

Extending to December 31, 2027, the Task Force on Responsible Use of Natural Psychedelic Substances to study and make recommendations related to the use of natural psychedelic substances; and requiring the Task Force to submit an updated report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before October 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Chapter 793 of the Acts of 2024, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 337 Senator Lewis Young (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP – CLARIFICATIONS**

Clarifying the membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System for certain employees of certain Maryland Department of Health facilities; and clarifying that certain participating employees who are appointed, promoted, or transferred are members of the Correctional Officers' Retirement System as a condition of employment.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

SP, §§ 20-206(g), 25-201, and 25-401 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 338 Senator Lewis Young (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – TRANSFERS BETWEEN SYSTEMS – WORKGROUP – EXTENSION**

Extending the reporting date from December 1, 2025, to October 1, 2026, and the termination date from 2026 to June 30, 2027, for a workgroup convened by the State Retirement Agency to study transfers of member service between State and local retirement and pension systems; and requiring the State Retirement Agency to report to the Governor and the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Joint Committee on Pensions.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

Chapters 768 and 769 of the Acts of 2025, §§ 1(d) and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 339 Senator Lewis Young**MARYLAND SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF – MEMBERSHIP OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Board of Trustees of the Maryland School for the Deaf from 19 members to 13 members and requiring that at least 7 members be deaf.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 8-3A-04(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 340 Senator Hettleman**NURSING FACILITIES – MEDICAID QUALITY ASSESSMENT –
FUNDING OF OFFICE OF THE LONG-TERM CARE OMBUDSMAN**

Requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill at least 3% of the special funds collected from the Medicaid quality assessment imposed on certain nursing facilities to fund the operations of the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

HG, § 19-310.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 341 Senator Brooks, et al**PUBLIC UTILITIES – SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS AND
SOLAR RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS (AFFORDABLE SOLAR ACT)**

Authorizing the purchase, installation, and use of a certain portable solar energy generating system for certain purposes; altering the renewable energy portfolio standard; requiring that certain alternative compliance fees be paid into a certain escrow account rather than into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund; requiring the Public Service Commission to require electric companies to procure a certain number of SRECs and SREC-IIs; requiring the Commission to issue certain solicitations; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

PU, Various Sections - added and amended and TG, §§ 8-404 and 8-408 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 342 Senator Brooks, et al**MARYLAND BEVERAGE CONTAINER RECYCLING REFUND AND
LITTER REDUCTION PROGRAM**

Establishing the Maryland Beverage Container Recycling Refund and Litter Reduction Program to increase the reuse and recycling of beverage containers and reduce the litter, pollution, and costs associated with beverage containers; prohibiting a producer from selling, offering for sale, or distributing in or importing into the State a redeemable beverage container unless the producer is registered with the Department of the Environment, pays a certain fee, and is part of a beverage container stewardship organization; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

EN, §§ 9-1702(d) and 9-1707(f) - amended and §§ 9-1737 through 9-1756 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 343 Senator King**COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – POST COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS PATHWAYS – PAYMENT OF COSTS**

Authorizing a county board of education to develop and establish income eligibility guidelines and procedures for payment of costs for a certain post college and career readiness (post-CCR) pathway, except that a county board must provide access to the post-CCR pathway at no cost to the student or student's parents or guardians if the student's family income is below 400% of the federal poverty level.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-205.1(g) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 344 Senator King**PROPERTY TAX – AGRICULTURAL USE ASSESSMENT – COMMUNITY SOLAR ENERGY GENERATING SYSTEMS**

Altering the date from December 31, 2025, to December 31, 2030, by which certain community solar energy generating systems must be approved by the Public Service Commission in order for land that is used by the community solar energy generating systems to qualify for the agricultural use assessment.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TP, § 8-209(e) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 345 Senator Waldstreicher**VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS – DEALER ASSOCIATIONS – ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**

Authorizing a vehicle dealer association to request an administrative hearing on certain matters.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 15-201(a-1) - added and § 15-214 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 346 Senators Waldstreicher and Smith**CIVIL ACTIONS – VIOLATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS (NO KINGS ACT)**

Establishing certain civil liability for an individual who, under color of law, deprives another of a right, a privilege, or an immunity secured by the U.S. Constitution.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CJ, §§ 3-2701 and 3-2702 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 347 Senator Muse**CHILD SUPPORT – SUSPENSION OF DRIVER’S LICENSES**

Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual’s child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual’s driver’s license or privilege to drive under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 10-119(b) and (c) and TR, § 16-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 348 Senator Jackson**HOSPITALS AND FREESTANDING BIRTHING CENTERS – HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES – COMMUNICATION AFTER DISCHARGE**

Altering the time period after the delivery of a newborn following a high-risk pregnancy in which a hospital or freestanding birthing center must call the birthing parent to evaluate the birthing parent’s status and, as necessary, provide certain information to be at least 24 hours, but not later than 72 hours, rather than at least 24 hours, but not later than 48 hours after discharge.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

HG, §§ 19-310.5 and 19-3B-03.1 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 349 Senator A. Washington**VEHICLE LAWS – ELUDING POLICE – PENALTIES**

Altering certain penalties for attempting to elude a police officer when that attempt results in the death of another person to be imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both for a first offense, and imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$5,000 or both for a second or subsequent offense.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 21-904 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 350 Senator A. Washington**PUBLIC SCHOOLS – OPEN ENROLLMENT – POLICIES AND FUNDING**

Authorizing a county board of education to adopt an open enrollment policy to authorize certain students to attend, free of charge, a public school in a county other than the county where the student is domiciled with the student's parent or guardian, subject to certain requirements; requiring county boards to include certain students in full-time equivalent enrollment counts; and directing certain funding to the county in which certain students are enrolled in a public school under an open enrollment policy.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, § 7-101(b)(1) - amended and § 7-101.4 - added

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

SB 351 Senator A. Washington**PRIVATE PASSENGER MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE – USE OF PROGRAMS THAT MEASURE THE OPERATION OF AN INSURED VEHICLE**

Requiring an insurer that issues or delivers private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies in the State to disclose the use of a program that measures the operation of an insured vehicle and to establish a process by which a policyholder may correct or appeal data the policyholder believes to be erroneous; prohibiting insurers with respect to certain private passenger motor vehicle insurance policies from initiating a premium increase in increments of less than 6 months from the date the policy goes into effect; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

IN, §§ 12-307 and 19-521 - added and § 27-501(t) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 352 Senator Charles**MOTOR VEHICLES – SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES – OLD LINE PLATES (OLD LINE PLATE PROGRAM ACT OF 2026)**

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to develop and make available an Old Line Plate with a certain numeric-only registration number for certain motor vehicles.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 13-619.5 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 353 Senator Charles**REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL FORECLOSURES – COMMENCEMENT RESTRICTIONS**

Establishing certain restrictions for the commencement of a foreclosure and an order to docket or a complaint to foreclose a mortgage or deed of trust on residential property.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

RP, § 7-105.1(e) - amended and § 7-105.1(e-1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 354 Senators Kagan and Waldstreicher**BUSINESS REGULATION – CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS – AUDIT AND REVIEW THRESHOLDS**

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 355 Senator Ready**FAMILY LAW – MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS –
APPEARANCE IN COURT**

Requiring both parties to be married, rather than one party, to appear before the clerk of a circuit court to apply for a marriage license.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

FL, § 2-402(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 356 Senator Waldstreicher**INCOME TAX CREDIT – PARENT OF A STILLBORN CHILD**

Allowing a parent of a stillborn child a refundable credit of \$1,000 against the State income tax for each birth for which a certain certificate of birth resulting in stillbirth or a certificate of fetal death has been issued; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2026.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

TG, § 10-758 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 357 Senator Bailey**ST. MARY’S COUNTY – GAMING BY QUALIFIED ORGANIZATION –
LICENSE REQUIRED**

Requiring a qualified organization to hold a gaming license whenever the qualified organization conducts certain gaming in St. Mary’s County; authorizing the County Commissioners of St. Mary’s County to adopt certain regulations; and requiring the Board to designate a person to administer the issuance of gaming licenses in the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, §§ 13-2101 and 13-2111 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 358 Senator Hershey**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY – CIRCUIT COURT JUDGESHIPS**

Increasing to two the number of resident judges of the Circuit Court for Queen Anne’s County.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

CJ, § 1-503 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 359 Senator Henson**CHILD CARE FACILITIES – CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK – REQUIREMENT**

Requiring individuals who will have direct contact with children in certain child care facilities to submit to a criminal history records check; requiring the State Department of Education to establish a centralized unit for the processing and management of information about criminal history records checks; altering the applicability of probationary employment qualifications for first-time child care teachers in child care centers in the State that serve children who are at least 2 years old; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

ED, §§ 2-104(a) and 9.5-404(b)(13) - amended and § 9.5-118 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 360 Senator Henson**CRIMINAL LAW – EMERGENCY RESPONSE ANIMAL – PROHIBITED ACTIONS AGAINST**

Repealing the prohibition against intentionally inflicting bodily harm, permanent disability, or death on an animal owned or used by a law enforcement unit; and prohibiting a person from harassing, interfering with, injuring, or killing or causing serious physical injury to an emergency response animal.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 10-606 - amended and § 10-606.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 361 Senator Attar**BALTIMORE CITY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – LICENSE EXTENSION**

Extending until the end of July 1, 2029, the expiration of a racetrack alcoholic beverages license issued for the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue in Baltimore City for the purpose of completing renovations at the same location.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

SB 362 Senator Attar**CRIMINAL LAW – CHILD’S ACCESS TO FIREARMS – PENALTY
(NY’KALA STRAWDER ACT)**

Altering the penalty to add imprisonment not exceeding 5 years for storing or leaving a loaded firearm in a location where the person knew or should have known that an unsupervised minor has access to the firearm.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

CR, § 4-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 363 Senator Mautz**MARYLAND–IRELAND TRADE COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP AND
TERMINATION – ALTERED AND EXTENDED**

Altering the membership of the Maryland–Ireland Trade Commission and extending the termination of the Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

EC, §§ 5-2503 and 5-2504 and Chapter 409 of the Acts of 2024, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 364 The President (By Request – Department of Legislative Services – Code
Revision)****CODE REVISION – HIGHER EDUCATION – JANET L. HOFFMAN LOAN
ASSISTANCE REPAYMENT PROGRAM**

Revising, restating, and recodifying the laws of this State relating to the Janet L. Hoffman Loan Assistance Repayment Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

ED, §§ 18-1503 through 18-1506 - renumbered and § 18-1502 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 365 Senator Waldstreicher**SECURITY GUARDS – CERTIFICATION RENEWAL – REQUIREMENTS**

Altering certain certification renewal requirements for security guards; repealing a \$5 per day certification renewal late fee; and repealing the requirement that a licensed security guard agency or security guard employer submit a certain declaration to the Secretary of State Police at least 90 days before a security guard certification expires.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

BOP, § 19-404.1 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 366 **Senator Waldstreicher****MOTOR VEHICLES – INTELLIGENT SPEED ASSISTANCE SYSTEM
PILOT PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Intelligent Speed Assistance System Pilot Program; requiring individuals whose driver's licenses are subject to certain suspension or revocation to participate in the Program; requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to issue to participants a restricted license requiring the use of an intelligent speed assistance system; and prohibiting a participant from operating a motor vehicle in violation of the requirements of the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2026

TR, § 16-404(c) - amended and § 16-404.2 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 367 **Senators Carozza and Mautz****WICOMICO COUNTY – HIGHWAY PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ACT**

Prohibiting a person in Wicomico County from standing in a roadway, shoulder, median divide, or intersection determined by the county or a municipal corporation in the county to be inherently dangerous; and prohibiting a police officer from issuing a citation for a violation of the Act unless appropriate signs have been installed.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2026

TR, § 21-507.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings