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**TITLE: HB 640 Mandated Reports, Boards, and Commissions - Revisions**

**DATE: March 26th 2026**

**COMMITTEE: Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee**

**POSITION: Favorable with Amendments**

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** This legislation modifies certain reporting requirements, boards, and commissions for practicability and efficiency.

**EXPLANATION:** Streamlining government operations is a hallmark of the Moore Miller administration. Last year, the Governor issued an Executive Order launching the Government Modernization Initiative (GMI), a partnership between the Governor's Office of Performance Improvement and DBM. The Government Modernization team has worked across state agencies to achieve \$29 million dollars in savings and efficiencies since January 2025, with a goal of \$50 million in 2026.

In addition to that cost savings work, the Government Modernization Team jumpstarted an ongoing effort to identify outdated boards, commissions, and reporting requirements. As a result, House Bill 640 proposes repealing or modifying 20 boards and commissions and 18 mandated reporting requirements.

The identification process spanned two years and involved extensive agency engagement. Beginning in May of 2024, the Office of Legal Counsel and the Governor's Legislative Office asked Cabinet Secretaries to compile lists of the councils, task forces, committees, boards, commissions, and similar advisory entities supported by their respective agencies. They were asked for information to determine staff time, efficiency, and utility of each effort.

The recommended legislative changes, which appear in HB 640, primarily reflect modifications or repeal to address duplication, updated due dates, membership modifications and other streamlining measures. Recommendations are also summarized on the attached charts.

Since the introduction of the bill, the Government Modernization has identified two additional reporting requirement recommendations (identified in the attached charts) and one technical amendment (attached).

The Department respectfully asks for a favorable report with amendments on HB 640.

Proposed Amendments:

HG 24-1708	Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Council	<b>Amend frequency of report.</b> Require report every three years, rather than every year.
TG 10-738, 10-739, 10-752	Tax Credit for Preceptors Programs - Physicians (Medical School) Student Preceptors, Nurse Practitioner Student Preceptors, Registered Nurse and Licensed Practical Nurse, and Physician Assistant Student Preceptors	<b>Amend due date.</b>
On page 25, line 11	Maryland Cannabis Administration	Amend agency reference. Substitute "Department of Social and Economic Mobility" to reflect transfer of the Office of Social Equity per Chapter 605, Acts of 2025, effective October 1, 2025.

**AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 640**  
**(Third Reading File Bill)**

**AMENDMENT NO. 1**

On page 25, in line 11, strike “Maryland Cannabis Administration” and substitute “**DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY**”.

*Rationale:* To align with Chapter 605 of the Acts of 2025 (HB 1253 – Department of Social and Economic Mobility – Established), which, effective October 1, 2025, transferred the Office of Social Equity from the Maryland Cannabis Administration to the newly established Department of Social and Economic Mobility.

**AMENDMENT NO. 2**

On Page 26, Line 1, Before “19–101.” Insert:

**ARTICLE - HEALTH - GENERAL, §24–1708 (G)**  
**ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1 ~~EACH YEAR,~~ EVERY THREE YEARS.**

*Rationale:* The Maryland Loan Assistance Repayment Program Advisory Council for Physicians and Physician Assistants, which is staffed by the Department, and the Primary Care Office within the Office of Population Health Improvement (OPHI) holds a seat at the Advisory Council, has recommended in the last 2 annual reports to move annual reporting requirement from every year to every 3 years. This amendment would provide sufficient time to enable the Council to fulfill its mandates and produce robust reports from its work.

**AMENDMENT NO. 3**

On Page 30, Line 27, Before “Article – Housing and Community Development.”  
Insert:

**ARTICLE - TAX - GENERAL, §10–738 (D)(2)**  
**ON OR BEFORE ~~JANUARY 1~~ MARCH 1 OF EACH TAXABLE YEAR.**

**ARTICLE - TAX - GENERAL, §10–739 (E)(2)**  
**ON OR BEFORE ~~JANUARY 1~~ MARCH 1 OF EACH TAXABLE YEAR.**

**ARTICLE - TAX - GENERAL, §10–739.1 (E)(2)**  
**ON OR BEFORE ~~JANUARY 1~~ MARCH 1 OF EACH TAXABLE YEAR.**

**ARTICLE - TAX - GENERAL, §10–752 (E)(2)**  
**ON OR BEFORE ~~JANUARY 1~~ MARCH 1 OF EACH TAXABLE YEAR.**

*Rationale:* For effective and efficient administration and management of the Tax Credit for Preceptors Programs, the Department has previously sought to amend the annual reports of the General Assembly’s due date from January 31 to March 1. It is difficult to meet the General Assembly’s current reporting due date of January 31 due to the Tax Credit application cycle.

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Citation	Board/Commission	Topic
AG 10-1503	Renewable Fuels Incentive Board	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> Board has been inactive since 2017.
CP 10-207 through 10-210	Criminal Justice information Advisory Board	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> Board has fulfilled statutory objective.
CS 3-525	Maryland Correctional Enterprises Customer Council	<b>Amend to remove the Department of Commerce.</b> Council is outside of Commerce's area of expertise.
EC 3-203	Maryland Life Sciences Advisory Board	<b>Amend to require staggered terms.</b>
EC 3-408 through 3-410	Partnership for Workforce Quality Advisory Board	<b>Repeal as unnecessary.</b> Board is inactive and unnecessary for ongoing program administration.
EC 5-2603	Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission	<b>Amend to revise membership.</b> Remove nonparticipating members and add representatives from Maryland's commercial aerospace sector.
EN 2-1303.1	Maryland Commission on Climate Change - Just Transition Employment and Retraining Working Group	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> Working Group is paused indefinitely.
EN 2-1303.2	Energy Industry Revitalization Working Group	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> Working Group has fulfilled statutory objective.
EN 2-1303.3	Maryland Commission on Climate Change - Energy Resilience and Efficiency Working Group	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> Working Group is paused indefinitely.
EN 2-1303.4	Maryland Commission on Climate Change - Solar Photovoltaic Systems Recovery, Reuse, and Recycling Working Group	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> Working Group is paused indefinitely.
FL 5-706(l)	Advisory Council for Alternative Response	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> Alternative Response has been fully implemented since July 2014.

HCD 4-2104 and 4-2105	Interagency Council on Homelessness	<b>Amend to specify the chair and allow reimbursement under certain circumstances.</b>
HG 13-4502	Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council	<b>Amend to remove the Maryland Department of Agriculture.</b> Council is outside of MDA's area of expertise.
HG 19-1409	Oversight Committee on the Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities	<b>Amend to reduce the number of Maryland Department of Health representatives.</b> MDH will have sufficient representation from two, rather than three, representatives.
HS 2-601	Two-Generation Family Economic Security Commission	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> The Commission has achieved its statutory objective.
HS 7-301	Commission on Caregiving	<b>Amend to revise the membership.</b> Remove a defunct organization and replace with an additional stakeholder seat.
HS 8-1302	Commission on Trauma-Informed Care	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> The Board has achieved its statutory objective.
SFP 14-410	Maryland Green Purchasing Committee	<b>Amend to remove the Department of Commerce.</b> Council is outside of Commerce's area of expertise.
SG 9-3203	Justice Reinvestment Oversight Board	<b>Amend to remove the Maryland Department of Health.</b> MDH can be requested to participate as needed without being a standing member.
TR 2-606	Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee	<b>Amend to remove the Maryland State Department of Education.</b> Committee is outside MSDE's area of expertise.

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Citation	Report	Topic
EC 5-2606	Maryland Aerospace and Technology Commission	<b>Amend report requirements.</b> Incorporate strategic plan.
ED 5-111.1	Specialized Intervention Services	<b>Repeal as duplicative.</b> Information is compiled through a separate process.
ED 7-506	Youth Suicide Prevention School Program	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> Program has been replaced with other suicide prevention services and is no longer active.
ED 7-1A-02	Child Care Report	<b>Amend due date.</b> Align due date with data availability.
EL 3-204	Annual Report on Voter Registration Efforts In American Job Centers	<b>Repeal as unnecessary.</b> Program has been implemented for several years and there are no new substantive changes or updates.
EN 4-708	Oil Contaminated Site Environmental Cleanup Fund Annual Report	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> Program has closed.
HG 7.5-802	Maryland Mental Health and Substance Use Disorder Registry and Referral System Annual Report	<b>Repeal as duplicative.</b> Information is reported in annual 2-1-1 Maryland reports.
HG 13-706	Auto-Injectable Epinephrine Administration at Youth Camps	<b>Repeal as duplicative.</b> Information already required to be reported under HG 13-7A-03(a).
HG 18-204	Cancer Registry Activities and Data Utilization	<b>Repeal as unnecessary.</b> Internal process and function with limited utility for policy or decision making.
HG 18-1002	Hepatitis C Virus Prevention Activities	<b>Repeal as unnecessary.</b> Information is made publicly available on the Department of Health webpage.
HG 19-134, 20-1004, 20-1006, and	Office of Minority Health and Health Disparities Annual Report	<b>Consolidate requirements.</b> Combine financial and report card requirements into the annual report.

20-1007		
HG 21-330.1	Cottage Food Businesses	<b>Repeal as unnecessary.</b> Limited utility for policy or decision making.
NR 5-210.1	DNR Maintenance Projects	<b>Repeal as unnecessary.</b>
NR 10-202.1	Nutria Management Plan Implementation	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> Eradication is complete.
SG 2-10A-15	Interagency Council on Homelessness Report	<b>Amend due date.</b>
Ch. 2(13), 2007 Special Session	Geographic Cost of Education Index (GCEI) Adjustment	<b>Repeal as obsolete.</b> GCEI was repealed.