



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

February 5, 2024
Schedule 13

PLEASE NOTE: February 9 – Bill introduction deadline.

All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 8.

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

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 5, 2024

HB 979 Delegate Foley

AGRICULTURE – INVASIVE PLANT SPECIES – REGULATION
(BIODIVERSITY AND AGRICULTURE PROTECTION ACT)

Altering the regulatory approach for controlling invasive plant species in the State, including repealing certain provisions of law relating to a two-tiered regulatory approach and requiring the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a list of prohibited invasive plants by regulation in a certain manner on or before October 1, 2024; establishing certain protocols for assessing certain nonnative plants and determining whether those plants are invasive or whether the plants may be placed on a certain watch list; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AG, §§ 9.5-101, 9.5-205, 9.5-301, 9.5-302, and 9.5-303 - amended, §§ 9.5-301.1 and 9.5-301.2 - added, and § 9.5-304 - repealed

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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HB 980 Delegate Rosenberg**PUBLIC HEALTH – OPIOID RESTITUTION ADVISORY COUNCIL AND FUND – REVISIONS**

Requiring the Secretary of Health to present decisions for the allocations of money from the Opioid Restitution Fund to the Opioid Restitution Fund Advisory Council; requiring the Maryland Department of Health to post on the Department's website certain information regarding allocations of money from the Fund; requiring in each fiscal year that at least 25% of the money in the Fund be used to support community-based recovery organizations in the State; establishing certain reporting requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 7.5-903(a)(6), 7.5-904(b), and 7.5-905 and SF, § 7-331(f) - amended and SF, § 7-331(k) and (l) - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 981 Delegates Martinez and Pena–Melnyk**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF DISABILITIES – INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY – ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES**

Requiring, on or before July 1, 2025, the Department of Disabilities to fully implement certain provisions of law requiring equal access to public services for individuals with limited English proficiency.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 10-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 982 Delegate Kipke**GENETIC TESTING – PROHIBITIONS ON DISABILITY, LIFE, AND LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE (GENETIC TESTING PROTECTION ACT OF 2024)**

Prohibiting insurance carriers that offer life insurance, long-term care insurance, and disability insurance policies or contracts from taking certain action regarding coverage based on whether an applicant or a policy or contract holder has requested or undergone genetic testing or the results of the genetic testing.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, § 27-909.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 983 Delegate Guzzone, et al**STATE PERSONNEL – MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – PAY RATES**

Increasing the number of certain bargaining units for the purpose of specifying certain pay rates for certain employees of the Maryland Department of Health; and requiring that the pay rates of certain Department employees who are in certain bargaining units and who work at the Regional Institutes for Children and Adolescents be equal to certain pay rates for employees who work at Clifton T. Perkins Hospital.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, § 8-203(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 984 Delegate Guzzone, et al**STATE PROCUREMENT – APPRENTICESHIP PREFERENCE PROGRAM**

Establishing an apprenticeship preference program in State procurement; establishing a certain price preference for bids and proposals that will utilize registered apprentices in the performance of certain contracts; requiring contractors and certain subcontractors to provide certain information to a unit regarding the use of registered apprentices as a condition of receiving a contract; and providing for the liability of contractors and subcontractors for a certain amount under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 14-801 through 14-806 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 985 Delegate R. Lewis**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE FOR FERTILITY TREATMENT AND PRESERVATION SERVICES – STUDY**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to study the potential fiscal and health access impacts of expanding coverage under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to include fertility treatment and preservation services.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 986 Delegate R. Lewis**MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – COVERAGE FOR THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY**

Requiring, beginning on July 1, 2025, the Maryland Medical Assistance Program to provide comprehensive coverage for the treatment of obesity; and requiring the Maryland Department of Health to provide notice to Program recipients of the coverage requirements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxi) and (xxii) - amended and §§ 15-103(a)(2)(xxiii) and 15-155 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 987 Delegate Acevero, et al**STATE GOVERNMENT – EQUAL ACCESS TO PUBLIC SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENCY – MODIFICATIONS**

Altering provisions of law relating to equal access to public services for individuals with limited English proficiency by establishing certain requirements for certain State departments, agencies, or programs, including establishing certain positions, establishing a certain language access plan, and developing certain guides and offering certain services; and requiring the Office of the Attorney General to provide oversight, monitoring, investigation, and enforcement of certain language access provisions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, §§ 10-1102 and 10-1103 - amended and § 20-209 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 988 Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – VACANCY PROCEDURES – ALTERATIONS MC 5–24**

Altering the procedures used to fill a vacancy of an elected member of the Montgomery County Board of Education occurring 55 days or more before a certain candidate filing deadline.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 3-901(f)(5) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 989 Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SUBDIVISION PLATS – CONDITIONS
PG/MC 111–24

Providing that the Montgomery County Planning Board may tentatively approve a subdivision plat subject to specified conditions; and providing for the approval and submission of a certain subdivision plat to the county land records.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LU, § 23-207(d) - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 990 Delegate Stein

ENVIRONMENT – GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTIONS –
MANUFACTURERS

Altering the definition of “manufacturing” for purposes of certain greenhouse gas emissions reduction requirements to exclude the production of cement; altering the application of certain provisions of law regarding the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions from the manufacturing sector to apply only to persons that engaged in manufacturing in 2023; and altering certain prohibitions that apply to a State agency’s implementation of a final plan to reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 2-1202(h) and 2-1205(g) and (h) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 991 Delegate Love, et al

ENVIRONMENT – INDUSTRIAL SLUDGE UTILIZATION PERMIT –
ESTABLISHMENT

Establishing an industrial sludge utilization permit; prohibiting a person from utilizing industrial sludge in the State unless the person obtains a permit; requiring the Department of the Environment to provide certain notices and information to certain persons; applying certain provisions of law regarding public notice and participation to industrial sludge utilization permits; and authorizing a representative of the Department to enter and inspect any site where industrial sludge is utilized.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, § 1-601(a) - amended and §§ 9-293 through 9-299, 9-299.1, 9-299.2, 9-299.3, and 9-299.4 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 992 Delegate Stein**ENVIRONMENT – DELEGATED AUTHORITIES – WELL AND SEPTIC PROGRAM PERMITS**

Requiring a local health department or county government to which the Department of the Environment has delegated authority to administer a septic and well program to submit, by December 1, 2024, a schedule of review times for certain well and septic program permits for approval; and requiring a local health department or county government to submit well and septic program permit data to the Department for review beginning 3 months after the original schedule submission approved by the Department and every 3 months thereafter.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EN, § 9-1114 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 993 Delegate Stein**COMMEMORATIVE WEEKS – MARYLAND CLIMATE EDUCATION WEEK**

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim the first week of April as Maryland Climate Education Week; and requiring the proclamation to urge residents of all ages to participate in educational activities that promote awareness of climate change and take action toward the State's climate commitments.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, § 7-601 - renumbered and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 994 Delegate Adams**STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT – RETENTION PROCEEDS**

Requiring that undisputed retention proceeds retained by a unit or a certain contractor under a State procurement contract be paid within 90 days after the date of substantial completion.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 13-225 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 995 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – MEMBERS – RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT**

Requiring that a member of the Washington County Board of Education be a resident of Washington County for at least 6 months and the State for at least 12 months immediately preceding the date the member takes office; and requiring members of the county board to maintain a primary residence in Washington County during their term.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 3-1301 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 996 Delegate White Holland**CONSUMER PROTECTION – CONSUMER COUNCIL – NAME CHANGE AND OTHER MODIFICATIONS**

Changing the name of the Consumer Council in the Division of Consumer Protection in the Office of the Attorney General to the Consumer Protection Commission; authorizing the members of the Commission to receive certain per diem compensation; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, §§ 13-202 and 13-205(a)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 997 Delegate Wolek, et al**GREEN SCHOOLS – MODEL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES – DESIGNATION**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources, in collaboration with the State Department of Education and in consultation with other relevant parties, to establish criteria for designating green schools in the State as model professional development facilities; requiring the Maryland Association of Environmental and Outdoor Education to use a fiscal year 2026 appropriation of \$5,000 to update its recertification application on or before September 1, 2025; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-117.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 998 Delegates Adams and Fisher

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR – UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE – STUDY ON ACTIVELY SEEKING WORK REQUIREMENTS

Requiring the Maryland Department of Labor, on or before December 1, 2024, to conduct a study on the actively seeking work requirement of the unemployment insurance system in the State and other states to evaluate the effects of ghosting on actively seeking work requirements and report on the study to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 999 Delegate Hill, et al

WORKGROUP ON ESTABLISHING A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY BEST PRACTICES AND INNOVATION NETWORK

Establishing the Workgroup on Establishing a Science and Technology Best Practices and Innovation Network to identify and analyze options for establishing and maintaining a network of experts in science, technology, and industry for certain purposes; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1000 Delegate Ruff

REAL PROPERTY – RESIDENTIAL CONTRACTS OF SALE – BUYER PRIVACY RIGHTS

Prohibiting a contract of sale for single-family residential real property from containing the name of an individual buyer prior to acceptance of the contract of sale by the seller; and applying the Act prospectively.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025

RP, § 10-714 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1001 Delegate Love, et al**MOTOR VEHICLES – AUTOMATED ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS – PRIVACY PROTECTIONS**

Requiring a custodian of recorded images produced by certain automated enforcement systems to deny inspection of the images; prohibiting certain State and local agencies from using a recorded image or associated data produced by an automated enforcement system unless the use is for an appropriate traffic enforcement purpose; providing that a certain employee who knowingly violates the Act is subject to a fine of up to \$1,000; establishing certain requirements and authorizations for the removal and destruction of recorded images; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, § 4-321 and TR, §§ 21-202.1(j), 21-704.1(k), 21-706.1(k), 21- 809(i), 21-810(i), & 24-111.3(j) - amended and TR, § 12-113.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1002 Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee (By Request – Office of the Attorney General), et al**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL – INVESTIGATIVE AUTHORITY**

Authorizing the Office of the Attorney General to subpoena persons or evidence, administer oaths, and take depositions and other testimony to investigate fraud, waste, abuse of Maryland Department of Health funds, or certain behavior in the Department; and authorizing the Office to petition a court to compel compliance with a certain order or subpoena or testimony or the production of evidence under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 2-503 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1003 Prince George’s County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**MONTGOMERY COUNTY – CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT – PLAT RECORDATION PG/MC 110–24**

Authorizing a plat in Montgomery County to be drawn, recorded, and maintained in electronic form in a manner approved by the State Archivist.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 3-108(n) - added and §§ 3-108(n) and 3-304 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1004 Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – AVERAGE FINAL COMPENSATION – COMPENSATION ADJUSTMENTS**

Establishing that certain adjustments to compensation may not be considered an extraordinary salary increase when determining the average final compensation of a member in the State Retirement and Pension System; and requiring a member to submit certain information to the State Retirement Agency at the time of retirement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, §§ 20-205(e) and 20-205.1(d) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1005 Delegate McCaskill**CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering membership in the Correctional Officers' Retirement System to include certain employees of the Maryland Department of Health; requiring the State Retirement and Pension System to transfer the creditable service of employees transferred into the Correctional Officers' Retirement System under the Act unless the employee elects not to transfer service on or before June 1, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1006 Delegate Guzzone, et al**HOSPITALS AND AMBULATORY SURGICAL FACILITIES – SURGICAL TECHNOLOGISTS**

Prohibiting a hospital or an ambulatory surgical facility from employing or contracting with an individual to provide surgical technology services unless the individual completes certain educational requirements and holds a certain credential or provides documentation of certain training or employment; and requiring a hospital or an ambulatory surgical facility to submit to the Maryland Department of Health, on request, certain documentation related to surgical technologists.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 19-2601 through 19-2606 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1007 Delegate Palakovich Carr, et al**FAIR SHARE FOR MARYLAND ACT OF 2024**

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; altering a certain limitation on the amount of the estate tax for decedents dying on or after a certain date; requiring that certain sales of tangible personal property be included in the numerator of the sales factor used for apportioning a corporation's income to the State under certain circumstances; altering the State income tax rate on Maryland taxable income of certain individuals; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

TG, §§ 7-309(b)(3), 10-105(a), 10-402(d), 10-704, 10-751, and 10-811 -amended and §§ 10-102.2 and 10-402.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1008 Delegate Stein**FOSSIL FUEL TRANSPORTATION FEE AND MITIGATION FUND
(CLIMATE POLLUTION REDUCTION FUND ACT)**

Imposing a fossil fuel transportation fee on a person that transports a fossil fuel in the State; providing that the rate of the fossil fuel transportation fee is 30 cents per million British thermal units of fossil fuels transported in the State; providing the fee does not apply to the transportation of a fossil fuel that is solely for use on a farm and the carrier does not otherwise use or sell the fossil fuel; establishing the Fossil Fuel Mitigation Fund to support activities that reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the State; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EN, §§ 7-701 through 7-703 - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended and § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Economic Matters

HB 1009 Delegate Chang**PUBLIC HEALTH – FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS
GRANT PROGRAM – RECOVERY OF FUNDING**

Altering, from 30 to 15, the number of years after completion of a project funded in part by a grant of the Federally Qualified Health Centers Grant Program after which the State may recover funding under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 24-1306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1010 Delegate Terrasa, et al**CONDOMINIUMS AND HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS –
GOVERNING DOCUMENTS – ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING
EQUIPMENT**

Providing that provisions of the governing documents of a condominium or homeowners association prohibiting or unreasonably restricting the governing body from installing or authorizing the installation of electric vehicle recharging equipment are void and unenforceable; and authorizing the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association to grant a license for up to 3 years on any common element necessary for the installation of equipment or for the supply of electricity to any electric vehicle recharging equipment.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, §§ 11-111.6 and 11B-111.11 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1011 Delegate Arentz, et al**VESSEL TRANSFERS – EXCISE TAX AND TITLE FEE EXEMPTION
AND TRANSFER-ON-DEATH BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION**

Prohibiting the imposition of an excise tax or certificate of title fee for the transfer of certain vessels to a trust or from a trust to certain beneficiaries under certain circumstances; requiring that an application for a certificate of title for a vessel contain certain information; authorizing an individual who is the sole owner of a certain vessel to apply to the Department of Natural Resources to designate a beneficiary to take ownership of the vessel on the death of the owner; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ET, § 14.5-1001 and NR, §§ 8-701(a), 8-715(e), and 8-716(b) and (e)(12) and (13) - amended and NR, §§ 8-716(e)(14) and 8-720.1 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Ways and Means

HB 1012 The Speaker (By Request – State Treasurer)**STATE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES – REQUIRED SURETY BONDS –
INSURANCE POLICIES AUTHORIZED**

Altering the requirements that certain officers and employees of the State be covered by certain surety bonds to allow the officers and employees to be covered by certain insurance policies; transferring certain duties and responsibilities of the Maryland State Employees Surety Bond Committee to the State Treasurer; and repealing certain provisions of law related to the approval, form, and record of certain surety bonds required for certain officers and employees of the State.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AG, BOP, BR, CS, EC, ED, IN, LE, NR, SF, SG, SP, and TR, Various Sections - amended, repealed, and added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Economic Matters

HB 1013 Delegate Wolek, et al**STATE EMPLOYEES – PAID SICK LEAVE – CERTIFICATE OF ILLNESS
OR DISABILITY SIGNED BY A LICENSED CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL
COUNSELOR**

Authorizing a licensed clinical professional counselor to sign a certificate of illness or disability when a State employee uses sick leave for 5 or more consecutive workdays.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, § 9-504(b) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1014 Delegates Adams and Ghrist**MARYLAND ESTATE TAX – UNIFIED CREDIT**

Altering a certain limit on the unified credit used for determining the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025; and altering a certain limitation on the amount of the Maryland estate tax for decedents dying on or after January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 7-309(b)(1) through (3) - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1015 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – GAMING – ACCEPTANCE OF CREDIT AS PAYMENT

Authorizing certain fire, rescue, and ambulance organizations conducting certain gaming events in Frederick County to accept credit from a person as payment to play a gaming device at the gaming event.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CR, § 12-108 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1016 Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK COUNTY – SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION MASTER PLAN WORKGROUP

Establishing the Frederick County School Construction Master Plan Workgroup; and requiring the Workgroup to comprehensively evaluate all school facility needs in Frederick County and report its findings and recommendations to certain Frederick County officials, the Interagency Commission on School Construction and the Frederick County House and Senate Delegations by December 31, 2024.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1017 Frederick County Delegation

BOUNDARY OF THE FREDERICK SOIL CONSERVATION DISTRICT – ALTERATION

Altering the boundary of the Frederick Soil Conservation District to include the Catocin Soil Conservation District.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AG, §§ 8-301 and 8-405(c) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1018 Delegate Qi**MANUFACTURING BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX – EXEMPTION**

Exempting all personal property in the possession of a person engaged in a manufacturing business that is a small or medium-sized enterprise from the personal property tax.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, §§ 6-104, 7-109(a), 7-222, 7-225, and 7-508 - amended and § 7-225.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1019 Delegate Alston, et al**MENTAL HEALTH LAW – PETITIONS FOR EMERGENCY EVALUATION**

Specifying that a petition for emergency evaluation is effective for 5 days after being endorsed by the court; authorizing a court, for good cause shown, to extend a petition for an additional 5 days; and authorizing peace officers to use reasonable and necessary force when executing a petition.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 10-623 and 10-624(a) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

HB 1020 Delegate Wolek, et al**UNIVERSITIES AT SHADY GROVE REGIONAL HIGHER EDUCATION CENTER – DESIGNATION AS COMMUNITY OF INNOVATION**

Designating the Universities at Shady Grove Regional Higher Education Center as the State's Regional Higher Education Community of Innovation; and altering the purposes of the Universities at Shady Grove to include serving a diverse citizenry in an innovative manner to meet the educational needs of the region and fostering individual academic success leading to career success which positively impacts the economy of the entire region.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 12-119 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1021 Washington County Delegation**WASHINGTON COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS**

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Washington County to borrow not more than \$50,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of certain public facilities in Washington County and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 1022 Delegate Wilkins**ELECTION LAW – INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS – VOTING ELIGIBILITY AND ACCESS (VOTING RIGHTS FOR ALL ACT)**

Establishing requirements regarding the provision of ballot drop boxes and information related to voting to eligible voters by correctional facilities and the State Board of Elections; establishing a Voting Rights Ombudsman for Incarcerated Individuals; altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter for the purpose of allowing individuals convicted of a felony and serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction to register to vote; etc.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

CS and EL, Various Sections - repealed, renumbered, added, and amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Ways and Means

HB 1023 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY – THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT COMMISSION REFORM ACT PG/MC 103–24**

Authorizing the Secretary of Transportation's designee to attend meetings of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors on behalf of the Secretary when the Secretary is not available; authorizing the Washington Suburban Transit Commission to reappoint a certain appointee to be a principal member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PLL of Montgomery Co, Art. 16, §§ 87-5(a)(14) and 87-17(d) and PLL of Prince George's Co, Art. 17, §§ 5(a)(14) and 17(a)(4) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1024 Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

WASHINGTON SUBURBAN SANITARY COMMISSION –
CONNECTION PIPE EMERGENCY REPLACEMENT LOAN PROGRAM
– EXPANSION PG/MC 101–24

Expanding the Connection Pipe Emergency Replacement Loan Program to include certain sewer pipes and diagnostic actions; altering the maximum amount of a loan that may be made under the Program from \$5,000 to \$10,000; altering the total amount of loans that the Program may provide or have outstanding from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000; and increasing to \$200,000 the amount of funding through fiscal year 2034 which the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission must include for the Program in the Commission's budget.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

PU, § 23-205 and Chapter 539 of the Acts of 2018, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1025 Delegate M. Morgan, et al

TRANSPORTATION – MOTOR FUEL TAX RATES, VEHICLE–MILES–
TRAVELED TAX, AND FAREBOX RECOVERY REQUIREMENT
(TRANSPORTATION EQUITY, FAIRNESS, AND PRIVACY ACT OF
2024)

Repealing a requirement that certain motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers; prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle–miles–traveled tax or certain other similar fees, tolls, or taxes; requiring that the Maryland Transit Administration achieve a certain farebox recovery requirement for certain transit services; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TG, § 9-305 - amended and § 9-401 - added and TR, §§ 7-208(b-1) and 7-506(a)(1) - amended and § 22-107 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means and Environment and Transportation

HB 1026 Delegate Patterson, et al**ARMED FORCES – SUPPORT OF MILITARY FAMILIES AND ADDITION OF SPACE FORCE**

Adding the Space Force to certain provisions of law related to the armed forces; authorizing military spouses and residents of the State who are members of the National Guard of another state or a reserve component of the armed forces to terminate certain contracts at any time after the date the service member receives certain military orders to relocate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, ED, FL, and PS, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 1027 Delegate Fisher, et al**EDUCATION – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS – ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL OPTIONS (RIGHT TO LEARN ACT)**

Requiring, on or before January 1 each year, each county board of education to provide certain information to the parents or legal guardians of students who attend a failing school; requiring a failing school to retain the failing school designation until the school receives a certain rating; requiring students who are attending a failing school to be provided the opportunity to attend an alternative school; establishing the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 5-244 and 5-245 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1028 Delegate Allen**BUSINESS REGULATION – ELECTRIC VEHICLE SUPPLY EQUIPMENT – REGULATIONS FOR RETAIL USE**

Requiring the Comptroller to adopt regulations for the retail use of electric vehicle supply equipment in the State; and requiring the Comptroller, in consultation with the Public Service Commission, to submit a report on the development and enforcement of the regulations adopted under this Act to the General Assembly on or before January 15, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

BR, §§ 19-1001 through 19-1003 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1029 Delegate Allen**GAMING – PROBLEM GAMBLING – PREVALENCE STUDY AND FUND REVENUE**

Requiring the Department of Health to conduct certain prevalence studies concerning problem and pathological mobile gambling; requiring the initial prevalence study to be completed by July 1, 2029; and altering the distribution of certain State lottery, fantasy competition, and sports wagering proceeds.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, § 19-804 and SG, §§ 9-120(b)(1)(xii) and (xiii), 9-1D-04, and 9-1E-12(b) - amended and SG, § 9-120(b)(1)(xiii) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 1030 Delegate Allen**AGRICULTURE – ROOSTERS – RESTRICTIONS**

Prohibiting, unless authorized by the Department of Agriculture, a person from keeping a certain number of roosters on certain property beginning on January 1, 2026, subject to certain exceptions; authorizing the Department to work in cooperation with a local animal control or law enforcement officer to enforce the Act; and establishing a fine of \$1,000 for a violation of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AG, § 3-105.2 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 1031 Delegate J. Lewis**CORRECTIONAL SERVICES – MEDICATION–ASSISTED TREATMENT**

Repealing the requirement that each local correctional facility make available at least one formulation of each FDA–approved full opioid agonist, partial opioid agonist, and long–acting opioid antagonist used for the treatment of opioid use disorders; requiring the Maryland Secretary of Health to annually provide each county a grant equal to the costs incurred by the county for the implementation of a certain medication–assisted treatment program; and expanding the authorized uses of the Opioid Restitution Fund.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CS, § 9-603 and SF, § 7-331 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary and Health and Government Operations

HOUSE BILL REASSIGNED FEBRUARY 2, 2024

HB 771 Delegate Henson

PUBLIC SENIOR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS – PREGNANT AND PARENTING STUDENTS – POLICY REQUIREMENTS (PREGNANT AND PARENTING SUPPORT ACT)

Requiring each public senior higher education institution to adopt a policy regarding pregnant and parenting students using certain guidelines; and requiring each public senior higher education institution to post the policy on the institution’s website by August 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 15-138 - added

Reassigned to: Appropriations