



# SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

**February 14, 2024**  
**Schedule 19**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** House Bills 1464 through 1475, also introduced on February 14, appear on Schedule 18

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## **HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 14, 2024**

### **HB 1476 Delegate Kerr**

STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR AUDIOLOGISTS, HEARING AID DISPENSERS, SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS, AND MUSIC THERAPISTS – APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS

Requiring the Governor to appoint the licensed audiologist members to the State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, Hearing Aid Dispensers, Speech-Language Pathologists, and Music Therapists from a list submitted by the Maryland Academy of Audiology rather than by the Board.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 2-202(a)(5) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**HB 1477 Delegate Ebersole****BALTIMORE COUNTY – PROPERTY TAXES – AUTHORITY TO SET A SPECIAL RATE FOR VACANT AND ABANDONED PROPERTY**

Authorizing the governing body of Baltimore County to set a special property tax rate for a vacant lot or improved property cited as vacant and unfit for habitation or other authorized use on a housing or building violation notice; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 6-302 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1478 Delegate Pippy****BAY RESTORATION FUND – AUTHORIZED USES – DECOMMISSION OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT LAGOON**

Altering the authorized uses of the Bay Restoration Fund to include, beginning in fiscal year 2026, 100% of certain costs related to the decommissioning of certain wastewater treatment lagoons.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, § 9-1605.2(i)(2) - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1479 Frederick County Delegation****FREDERICK COUNTY – JUVENILES – TRUANCY REDUCTION PILOT PROGRAM**

Authorizing the Circuit Administrative Judge of the Sixth Circuit to establish a Truancy Reduction Pilot Program in the juvenile court in Frederick County.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-8C-02 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations

**HB 1480** Frederick County Delegation

FREDERICK AND WASHINGTON COUNTIES – BOW HUNTING –  
OPENLY CARRYING HANDGUNS

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from prohibiting certain licensed bow hunters from openly carrying a handgun under certain circumstances in Frederick County and Washington County during deer hunting season.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 10-408 - amended

Assigned to: House Rules and Executive Nominations