



SYNOPSIS

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SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED *February 9, 2024*

SB 1121 Senator Jackson

LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – BENEFITS

Altering the accrual rate from 2.0% to 2.5% for service earned on or after July 1, 2024, for calculating the retirement allowance for certain retirees of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System; altering the maximum benefit that certain retirees of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System may receive, from 65% to 70% of the member's average final compensation; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, §§ 26-204(a) and 26-401(b) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1122 Senator Jackson

ENVIRONMENT – COAL COMBUSTION BY-PRODUCTS

Requiring the owner or operator of a coal combustion by-products unit to submit certain reports and plans to the Department of the Environment and the Power Plant Research Program in the Department of Natural Resources on or before certain dates; requiring the owner or operator of a coal combustion by-products unit to conduct a drinking water survey by September 30, 2025, and submit a report of the survey to the Department of the Environment and the Power Plant Research Program by December 31, 2025; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 9-293 through 9-293.11 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

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SB 1123 Senator Jackson**PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY – SCHOOL FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY SURCHARGES AND REPORT – SUNSET EXTENSION**

Extending the termination date for certain provisions of law that reduce the school facilities surcharge for certain multifamily housing, exempt certain dwelling units from the school facilities surcharge, authorize the governing body of Prince George's County to reduce the school facilities surcharge up to 50% for certain dwelling units, and require Prince George's County to conduct a certain review of certain surcharges and report its findings to certain persons in Prince George's County and the General Assembly by a certain date.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2019, § 4, as amended - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1124 Senator Jackson**CALVERT COUNTY – ETHICS – CONSEQUENCES OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST VIOLATIONS**

Requiring that the conflict of interest provisions enacted by Calvert County include certain provisions relating to judicial relief for certain violations of the county's conflict of interest provisions; and requiring Calvert County to enact a law or regulation to require removal of a county elected official from office for violations of certain conflict of interest provisions.

EMERGENCY BILL

GP, § 5-811.1 - added and LG, § 12-107 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1125 Senator Jackson**MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION – LOCALLY OPERATED TRANSIT SYSTEMS – MANDATORY FUNDING**

Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund of \$80,533,314 for the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TR, § 4-322(c) - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1126 Senator King

TRANSPORTATION – REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES

Establishing the Baltimore Region, Capital Region, and Southern Maryland Region transportation authorities to develop and implement certain congestion relief plans; establishing the Baltimore Region, Capital Region, and Southern Maryland Region congestion relief funds as special, nonlapsing funds; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Comptroller, to study and report on the feasibility of creating local–option transportation revenues to fund the regional transportation authorities; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. & 190. - amended & SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. , 192., and 193. and TR, §§ 10.5-101 thru 10.5-310 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1127 Howard County Senators

CANDIDATES FOR VILLAGE BOARD OR COLUMBIA COUNCIL IN A VILLAGE OF COLUMBIA – REPORTS OF DONATIONS AND DISBURSEMENTS HO. CO. 10–24

Requiring each village community association for a village of Columbia to require each candidate for election to the village board or the Columbia Council who receives donations or makes disbursements to file reports of the donations and disbursements with the village community association; requiring each village community association to make the reports of donations and disbursements available to the public; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

RP, § 11B-106.3 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1128 Howard County Senators

HOWARD COUNTY AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD – TERM LENGTH – ALTERATION HO. CO. 15–24

Limiting the term of a member serving on the agricultural preservation advisory board in Howard County to 3 years; and authorizing members currently serving on the agricultural preservation advisory board in Howard County to complete their terms.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AG, § 2-504.1 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1129 Howard County Senators

HOWARD COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS – RANKED-CHOICE VOTING HO. CO. 6-24

Authorizing the Howard County Council to adopt a ranked-choice voting method for elections for the Howard County Board of Education.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

EL, §§ 8-101 and 9-204 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1130 Howard County Senators

HOWARD COUNTY – PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FINANCING – BOARD OF EDUCATION HO. CO. 1-24

Authorizing the governing body of Howard County to establish a system of public campaign financing for members of the county board of education.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, § 13-505 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1131 Howard County Senators

HOWARD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION – BOARD MEMBER TERMS AND COMPENSATION COMMISSION HO. CO. 2-24

Altering the terms of the members of the Howard County Board of Education; and establishing the Howard County Board of Education Compensation Commission.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, §§ 28-1A-01 through 28-1A-07 - renumbered and §§ 28-1A-01 through 28-1A-08 - added and ED, §§ 3-701(d)(2) and 3-703 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1132 Howard County Senators**HOWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS – DIFFERENCES IN CAPITAL BUDGET PROPOSALS – REPORT**

Requiring the Howard County Board of Education, under certain circumstances, to publish on the website of the Howard County public school system a report that details the differences between the Howard County Superintendent of Schools' proposed capital budget and the capital budget approved by the Howard County Board of Education and the detailed rationale for each difference; requiring the Howard County Board of Education to submit the report to the General Assembly; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 5-330 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1133 Senator McKay**ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS BWLT BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR TASTING PERMIT**

Authorizing a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit to be issued by the Board of License Commissioners for Allegany County; and establishing an annual fee for a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit of \$150 in addition to a one-time issuing fee of \$150.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 9-1305 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1134 Senator McKay**ALLEGANY COUNTY – ALLEGANY REGIONAL RECREATIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ESTABLISHED**

Establishing the Allegany Regional Recreational Economic Development Authority in Allegany County to support the development and construction of regional recreation facilities to benefit residents and the economic development of Allegany County, including athletic fields, indoor athletic facilities, and other facilities for recreational tourism; and requiring the Authority to annually report its activities to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly beginning October 31, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, §§ 12-1101 through 12-1106 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1135 Senator McCray**BALTIMORE CITY – TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AND SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – IMPOUNDMENT**

Authorizing violations recorded by traffic control signal and speed monitoring systems occurring in Baltimore City to be treated as parking violations for the purpose of impoundment of certain vehicles if the owner has accrued \$1,000 or more in unpaid civil penalties for certain violations recorded in Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 21-202.1(i) and 21-809(h) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1136 Senator Benson**PUBLIC HEALTH – PROHIBITED INGREDIENTS IN FOOD**

Prohibiting a person from manufacturing, selling, delivering, holding, or offering for sale in the State food that contains brominated vegetable oil, potassium bromate, propylparaben, or red dye 3.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2027

HG, § 21-259.4 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1137 Senator Benson**MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – LIST OF DIET PILLS (WEIGHT LOSS SUPPLEMENT IDENTIFICATION)**

Requiring the Maryland Department of Health to develop a list of diet pills, make the list publicly accessible on or before January 1, 2025, and update the list on a quarterly basis.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 21-228 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1138 Senator Benson**PUBLIC WORKS CONTRACTS – APPRENTICESHIP REQUIREMENTS
(MARYLAND WORKFORCE APPRENTICESHIP UTILIZATION ACT)**

Altering certain apprenticeship requirements relating to public works contracts to require certain contractors and subcontractors to employ a certain number of qualified apprentices or journeymen necessary to meet a certain applicable percentage for the project; altering the dollar value for certain projects for the purpose of applying certain apprenticeship requirements to the project; repealing certain provisions of law that allowed contractors and subcontractors to make certain payments in lieu of employing certain apprentices; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, Various Sections - amended, §§ 17-601.1, 17-602.1, 17-604, 17-605, and 17-607 - added and §§ 17-604 and 17-605 - repealed

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1139 Senator Hayes**ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS A LICENSE – FOOD RETAILERS**

Authorizing a food retailer to offer to purchase a Class A license from a Class A license holder under certain circumstances; and authorizing a food retailer to apply to a local licensing board for a Class A license under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, §§ 4-205 and 4-303 - amended and § 4-205.1 - added

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1140 Senator Mautz**NATURAL RESOURCES – SUBMERGED AQUATIC VEGETATION
SURVEYS**

Altering the definition of “aerial survey” for purposes of surveying submerged aquatic vegetation to include other surveys that use certain data; and requiring the Department of Natural Resources to study and report on the implications and feasibility of using alternative methods other than an aerial survey to delineate SAV protection zones on or before December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

NR, §§ 4-1006.1 and 4-11A-01(n) - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1141 Senators Lewis Young and RosapepeCOMMUNITY COLLEGES – MARYLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP – REQUIREMENTS

Establishing that applicants for a Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship are not subject to certain requirements of the scholarship application process if the applicant enrolls in a noncredit vocational certificate program, or a course leading to certification or licensure, or participates in a registered apprenticeship program; and authorizing a community college to require certain applicants for a Maryland Community College Promise Scholarship to complete an application for admission to the community college.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 18-3603 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SB 1142 Senators Zucker and Guzzone

TAX CLINICS FOR LOW-INCOME MARYLANDERS – FUNDING

Requiring the Comptroller to distribute \$250,000 of certain abandoned property funds to the Tax Clinics for Low-Income Marylanders Fund, which provides grants to the University of Maryland School of Law, the University of Baltimore School of Law, and the Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service to operate tax clinics for low-income Maryland residents.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CL, § 17-317 - amended

Assigned to: Senate Rules

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION INTRODUCED *February 9, 2024***SJ 5** Senator BensonSUPPORTING A LONG-TERM CEASEFIRE IN ISRAEL AND
PALESTINE

Stating that the General Assembly of Maryland conveys to Maryland's Congressional Delegation its support for an immediate, long-term ceasefire in Israel and occupied Palestine, the return of all hostages, and delivery of adequate humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people.

Assigned to: Senate Rules