



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 16, 2024**  
**Schedule 5**

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**PLEASE NOTE:** January 19 – Bill request deadline.  
February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.  
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate’s office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 5.  
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

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## **SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 16, 2024**

### **SB 353 Senator Simonaire**

#### **CONFINED AQUATIC DISPOSAL TASK FORCE**

Establishing the Confined Aquatic Disposal Task Force to discuss and review the overall concept, viability, and available options associated with confined aquatic disposal program and the State’s requirements and long-term strategies for maintaining functional and thriving ports in the Maryland; and requiring the Task Force to submit a report of findings and recommendations on or before July 1, 2025 to certain committees of the General Assembly and the Governor.  
**EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024**

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 354**     **Senators Waldstreicher and Jackson****MONTGOMERY COUNTY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – RENT COURT WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS PILOT PROGRAM**

Establishing the Rent Court Workforce Solutions Pilot Program in Montgomery County and Prince George’s County to provide residential tenants who are facing eviction for a failure to pay rent with information on workforce development and employment opportunities; and requiring by January 1, 2026 and each January 1 thereafter, a designated organization to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on the number of individuals that were connected to workforce development programs or employment opportunities through the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

RP, §§ 8-1001 through 8-1006 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 355**     **Senator Salling****CRIMINAL LAW – DISPLAY OF OBSCENE MATERIAL TO MINORS – PROHIBITION**

Altering the definition of “item” relating to the prohibition against displaying or distributing obscene material to minors to include a drawing or illustration; and prohibiting certain public schools from displaying certain obscene material under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 11-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 356**     **Senator Muse****LAND USE – EXPEDITED DEVELOPMENT REVIEW PROCESSES FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring local jurisdictions to establish and implement an expedited development review process for certain proposed affordable housing developments; applying the process to a charitable organization seeking to develop affordable housing on its own land and a public housing authority proposing to develop affordable housing on land owned by a charity or a government entity; and establishing a good-faith waiver for local jurisdictions that cannot implement an expedited development review process.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LU, § 7-105 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 357**     **Senator McCray****BALTIMORE CITY – OUT-OF-STATE VEHICLES – IMPROPER REGISTRATION**

Authorizing Baltimore City to tow, remove, or impound a vehicle owned by a new resident of the State who fails to register the vehicle with the Motor Vehicle Administration and display valid registration plates issued by the Administration within 60 days.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 26-301(b-1) - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 358**     **Senator McCray****ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION – APPLICATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring an application for investment by the Maryland Technology Development Corporation to include an option for an applicant to provide certain demographic information of the applicant and the geographic area of the applicant's primary place of business; requiring the Corporation to submit a certain report to the Governor, the Maryland Economic Development Commission, and the General Assembly by October 1 each year concerning certain applicant and investment activities and certain demographic and geographic information; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EC, § 10-409(a) - amended and § 10-415(c) - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 359**     **Senator Hayes****ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE COMPACT**

Entering into the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Compact; establishing criteria for participating states; authorizing an advanced practice registered nurse to practice in a party state under certain scope of practice rules; establishing the Interstate Commission of APRN Compact Administrators and its duties and powers; providing for the amendment of and withdrawal from the Compact; providing that the Compact is contingent on the enacting of substantially similar legislation in six other states; etc.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 8-7B-01 - added

Assigned to: Finance