



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 19, 2024**  
**Schedule 8**

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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 BILL INTRODUCED *January 18, 2024***

### **SB 392 Senator Gallion**

AGRICULTURAL LAND – ADVERSARIAL FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS  
– RESTRICTIONS ON PROPERTY INTERESTS

Prohibiting adversarial foreign governments from purchasing, acquiring, leasing, or holding any property interest in agricultural land in the State; and requiring the Attorney General to enforce the Act in a certain manner.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 14-101 - amended and § 14-101.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

### **Department of Legislative Services**

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**SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 19, 2024****SB 420**     **Senators Hayes and M. Washington**

## STATE PROCUREMENT – PREFERRED PROVIDERS – REMOVAL OF MARYLAND CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES

Repealing certain provisions of law establishing Maryland Correctional Enterprises as a preferred provider of supplies and services for certain State procurements.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, §§ 14-103, 14-106, and 14-107 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 421**     **Senator Waldstreicher, et al**

## DRUNK DRIVING OFFENSES – IGNITION INTERLOCK SYSTEM PROGRAM

Requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to require certain persons who are convicted of, or granted probation before judgment for, certain criminal offenses related to driving while impaired by alcohol, a drug or drug combination, or a combination of drugs and alcohol to participate in the Ignition Interlock System Program for certain periods of time.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 16-404.1(c)(1) and (d)(1)(i)1., (2)(i), and (4) - amended and § 16-404.1(d)(1)(i)2. - repealed and added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 422**     **Senator Rosapepe**

## INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – FOREIGN SERVICE RETIREMENT INCOME

Allowing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain foreign service retirement income received by an individual during the taxable year; providing that foreign service retirement income that is included in the subtraction allowed under the Act may not be taken into account for purposes of a certain subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for certain retirement income; and applying the Act to all taxable years beginning after December 31, 2023.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-207(pp) - added and § 10-209(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 423 Senator James****REAL PROPERTY – RECORDATION – PROCEDURES**

Requiring a county treasurer, tax collector, or director of finance to provide a certificate enumerating certain taxes, assessments, and charges against a property and to establish certain procedures to facilitate the issuance of a certificate; requiring a collecting agent presented with a certificate to endorse a deed and establishing that this endorsement is sufficient authority for a transfer on the assessment books; authorizing a county or municipality to collect a fee of up to \$55 for the issuance of a certain certificate; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, §§ 3-104(b) and 3-703 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 424 Senator James****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – ADMISSION OF OUT-OF-COURT STATEMENTS – ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE**

Providing that during the trial of a criminal case in which a defendant is charged with an assault in the second degree, a certain statement is not excluded by the hearsay rule if the statement is offered against a party that has engaged in, directed, or conspired to commit wrongdoing that was intended to and did procure the unavailability of the declarant of the statement, under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 10-901 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 425 Senator Hettleman, et al****MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN-CLASSROOM BREAKFAST PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS (MARYLAND MEALS FOR ACHIEVEMENT FLEXIBILITY ACT OF 2024)**

Clarifying that secondary schools participating in the Maryland Meals for Achievement In-Classroom Breakfast Program may serve breakfast in any broadly accessible part of the school; and authorizing elementary schools participating in the Program, subject to certain approval and allowances, to serve breakfast in any broadly accessible part of the school, including from “Grab and Go” carts.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-704 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 426**     **Senator Hettleman, et al**

## EDUCATION – MARYLAND STEM PROGRAM – ESTABLISHED

Establishing the Maryland STEM Program in the State Department of Education to provide additional compensation to educators who teach STEM classes at nonpublic schools; authorizing nonpublic schools to apply for the Program and requiring participating nonpublic schools to report certain information to the Department each year; requiring public schools to inform current and retired teachers about the Program and to submit a list of interested teachers to the superintendent of the local school system each year; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-135 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment and Budget and Taxation

**SB 427**     **Senator Hettleman, et al**

## PUBLIC HEALTH – OVERDOSE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVENTION SERVICES PROGRAM

Authorizing a community-based organization, with the approval of the Maryland Department of Health, to establish an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program to provide a location for the consumption of preobtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and certain other services; authorizing a Program to bill the insurance carrier of an individual who uses the services; authorizing the Department to approve not more than six programs, preferably two in urban, two in rural, and two in suburban areas; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HG, §§ 24-2401 through 24-2406 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 428**     **Senator McKay**

## GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2024

Establishing a resort beer license, a resort beer and wine license, and a beer, wine, and liquor festival license in Garrett County; altering the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages on Sundays for certain licenses; altering the residency requirements for certain applicants for an alcoholic beverages license in the county to require that at least one of the applicants be a resident of the State; prohibiting alcoholic beverages from being brought into places of adult entertainment and consumed or transferred; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, Various Sections - added and amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 429**     **Senator Bailey**

## CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL CHURCH, DIOCESE OF WASHINGTON

Repealing uncodified provisions of law relating to the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington, commonly known as the “Vestry Act”; and providing for the governance of religious corporations in union with the Protestant Episcopal Church, Diocese of Washington.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CA, § 5-301(e) - amended and §§ 5-341 and 5-342 - added and Chapter 96 of the Acts of 1976 - repealed

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 430**     **Senator M. Washington****COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY WORKS GRANT PROGRAM  
AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program in the Department of Housing and Community Development; establishing the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to provide financial assistance in the form of grants under the provisions of the Community Health and Safety Works Grant Program for certain eligible projects; requiring the Governor, for fiscal years 2025 through 2028, to include in the annual budget an appropriation of \$10,000 to the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HS, §§ 6-1201 through 6-1207 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. and 190. - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 431**     **Senator Waldstreicher, et al****WORKERS' COMPENSATION – OCCUPATIONAL DISEASE  
PRESUMPTION – LONG COVID (HOME OF THE BRAVE ACT OF 2024)**

Establishing that governmental essential workers are presumed to have an occupational disease that is compensable under workers' compensation law after being diagnosed with long COVID under certain circumstances; and applying the Act retroactively.

EMERGENCY BILL

LE, § 9-503 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 432**     **Senators Kagan and Feldman****PUBLIC SCHOOLS – ACTIVE SHOOTER SAFETY DRILLS OR TRAININGS – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring the Maryland Center for School Safety to collaborate with an institution of higher education or a designated federal or national research entity to study the effectiveness and impact of active shooter safety drills or trainings by researching and analyzing data collected by local school systems; requiring the Center to identify best practices for active shooter safety drills or trainings on or before October 1, 2024; requiring local school systems to provide parents with the annual schedule active shooter safety drills; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 7-1502(g) and 7-1509 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 433**     **Senator King****STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – SOCCER OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Soccer Opportunities Program in the State Department of Education to increase opportunities for minority students to participate in soccer in their communities; and requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$80,000 for the Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 2-305.1 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 434**     **Senator King, et al****EDUCATION – STATE LIBRARY RESOURCE CENTER – FUNDING**

Altering the calculation of certain funding for the State Library Resource Center for fiscal years 2025 through 2031.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 23-205(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 435**     **Senators Gallion and Folden****CRIMINAL LAW – CRIMES OF ARSON – PROHIBITIONS AND PENALTIES**

Prohibiting a person from committing a certain crime of arson that causes injury to a firefighter during the response to the fire or the efforts to suppress the fire; and establishing that a person who violates the Act is guilty of a felony and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 6-112 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 436**     **Senator Gile, et al****WORKPLACE FRAUD AND PREVAILING WAGE – VIOLATIONS – PENALTIES AND REFERRALS**

Establishing certain criminal penalties for employers knowingly failing to properly classify individuals as employees and contractors and subcontractors knowingly violating State prevailing wage laws; and requiring the Commissioner of Labor and Industry to refer to the Comptroller, certain State's Attorneys, the U.S. Department of Justice, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of the Treasury certain complaints that allege a violation of certain tax laws under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

LE, §§ 3-909 and 3-910 - amended and SF, § 17-227 - added

Assigned to: Finance