



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 18, 2024
Schedule 5

PLEASE NOTE: January 19 – Bill request deadline.
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 JANUARY 17, 2024

HB 351 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)

CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOAN OF 2024, AND THE MARYLAND CONSOLIDATED CAPITAL BOND LOANS OF 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, AND 2023

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,792,830,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes; etc.

VARIOUS EFFECTIVE DATES

Assigned to: Appropriations

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HB 352 The Speaker (By Request – Administration)**BUDGET RECONCILIATION AND FINANCING ACT OF 2024**

Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering the funding formula for community colleges and the State aid program for private nonprofit institutions of higher education; authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; requiring interest earnings for certain special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years 2024 through 2028; authorizing the transfer of certain funds; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

AG, CL, ED, HG, HS, NR, PS, SF, SG, and TR, Various Sections - amended and ED, § 24-204(d) and TG, § 10-748 - repealed

Assigned to: Appropriations

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 18, 2024**HB 400 Delegate Woods, et al****MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AND HEALTH INSURANCE – ANNUAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH WELLNESS VISITS – COVERAGE AND REIMBURSEMENT**

Requiring the Maryland Medical Assistance Program and certain health insurers, nonprofit health service plans, and health maintenance organizations to provide coverage and certain reimbursement for annual behavioral health wellness visits; and applying the Act to all policies, contracts, and health benefit plans issued, delivered, or renewed in the State on or after January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

HG, §§ 15-102.3(m) and 15-103(a)(2)(xxiv) and IN, § 15-861 - added and HG, § 15-103(a)(2)(xxii) and (xxiii) - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 401 Delegate Qi**PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION – RENTAL INCOME – REPORTING REQUIREMENT**

Requiring the owner of real property that is exempt from real property tax under certain provisions of law to report any rental income that is attributable to the property to the State Department of Assessments and Taxation under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 7-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 402 Delegate Grammer**REAL PROPERTY – NUISANCE AND BREACH OF LEASE ACTIONS – RODENT HARBORAGE**

Authorizing an individual to bring a nuisance action for damages caused by rodent harborage on certain real property against certain individuals and authorizing a landlord to bring a breach of lease action against a tenant for behavior that causes or contributes to rodent harborage; and providing that a nuisance action may not be brought under the Act if the rodent harborage occurs on property that is zoned for agricultural use and is actually and primarily used as agricultural property.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 14-134 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 403 Delegate Hill, et al**END-OF-LIFE OPTION ACT (THE HONORABLE ELIJAH E. CUMMINGS AND THE HONORABLE SHANE E. PENDERGRASS ACT)**

Authorizing an individual to request aid in dying by making certain requests; establishing requirements and prohibitions governing aid in dying, including requirements related to requests for aid in dying, consulting physicians, mental health assessments, the disposal of drugs prescribed for aid in dying, health care facility policies, and the effect of aid in dying on insurance policies; authorizing a pharmacist to dispense medication for aid in dying only to certain individuals under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 3-103 - amended and HG, §§ 5-6A-01 through 5-6A-16 and IN, § 27-208.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations and Judiciary

HB 404 Delegate Woods, et al**LAW ENFORCEMENT – WELLNESS CHECKS – REQUIREMENTS
(GABRIEL’S LAW)**

Requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a certain request for a wellness check of an individual to immediately conduct a wellness check or submit a request for the relevant law enforcement agency to conduct a wellness check.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 3-531 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 405 Delegate Kaufman, et al**FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATORS – QUALIFICATIONS
AND TRAINING**

Specifying certain qualifications and training necessary for an individual to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; specifying that certain expert evidence is admissible in certain child custody and visitation proceedings under certain circumstances; and requiring a court, in any action in which child support, custody, or visitation is at issue to provide information to the parties regarding the role, availability, and cost of a custody evaluator.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

FL, § 9-101.1 - amended and § 9-109 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 406 Delegate Simpson, et al**MARRIAGE – CONFIDENTIAL COMMUNICATION – CRIMINAL
CHARGE**

Establishing that a certain spouse is competent to disclose a confidential communication between spouses occurring during their marriage in a criminal action in which one spouse is charged with a crime against the other spouse.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 9-105 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 407 Delegate Kaufman, et al**FOOD SUPPLEMENT BENEFITS – STUDENTS – ELIGIBILITY (SNAP FOR STUDENTS)**

Requiring the Department of Human Services to provide food supplement benefits to students who are residents of the State, are enrolled in an institution of higher education for at least 15 credit hours per year, whose family contribution is expected to be \$0, and who are eligible to participate in a certain work study program; and requiring, for fiscal year 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation sufficient to reimburse the Department for certain expenditures.

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

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HU, § 5-502 - amended and § 5-503.1 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 408 Delegate Bagnall, et al**MENTAL HEALTH LAW – COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES – MEMBERSHIP**

Altering the membership of a county’s mental health advisory committee by including an individual with experience with mental health care for veterans or individuals serving in the military on the list of groups from which individuals may be appointed to the committee by the governing body of the county.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 10-309 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 409 Delegate Kaufman, et al**PUBLIC UTILITIES – STREET LIGHTING EQUIPMENT – ACQUISITIONS AND REPORTING (COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL STREET LIGHTING INVESTMENT ACT)**

Finding that local governments pay electric companies large sums to light streets and are limited in how this public safety resource can be managed, the Act authorizes certain counties or municipalities to acquire certain street lighting equipment by purchase or condemnation, convert its street lighting service to a customer–owned street lighting tariff, enter into an agreement to purchase electricity, and contract with an electric company for the maintenance of the street lighting equipment; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

LG, § 1-1309 - amended and PU, § 4-212 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 410 Delegate Atterbearry**MARYLAND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION –
EQUITECH GROWTH FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Specifying certain authorized uses, to make certain awards from the Fund and to pay the administrative costs, of the Equitech Growth Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EC, § 10-488 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 411 Delegate Kipke**PUBLIC HEALTH – OPIOID OVERDOSE REVERSAL DRUGS –
STANDING ORDERS**

Requiring a licensed health care provider, when issuing a standing order for an opioid reversal drug, to allow an individual to choose any formulation of any opioid reversal drug approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 13-3106 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 412 Delegate Foley, et al**GENERAL ASSEMBLY – SPECIAL ELECTION TO FILL A VACANCY
IN OFFICE**

Proposing a constitutional amendment to require that a special election be held at the same time as the regular statewide primary and general elections that are held in the second year of the term to fill a vacancy in the office of Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly if the vacancy occurs on or before the date that is 55 days before the deadline for filing certificates of candidacy for the regular statewide election; and requiring the amendment to be submitted to the qualified voters of the State for adoption or rejection.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. III, § 13 and Art. XVII, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 413 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – SPEED MONITORING SYSTEMS – PUBLICATION OF NOTICE MC 19–24

Repealing in Montgomery County the requirement that a local jurisdiction publish notice of the location of a speed monitoring system in a newspaper of general circulation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 21-809(b)(1)(viii)1. - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 414 **Delegate Forbes**

EDUCATION – MARYLAND COUNCIL ON ECONOMIC EDUCATION – FUNDING

Requiring the Governor, for each of fiscal years 2026 through 2028, to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$200,000 to the Maryland Council on Economic Education to support economic and financial literacy education of school-age children in the State; and providing that the funding may only be used to improve students' economic and personal finance understanding, provide free resources to financial literacy instructors, and assist local school systems and the Department with financial and economic curriculum development.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-135 - added

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 415 **Delegate Forbes (Chair, Joint Committee on Pensions)**

STATE POLICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM AND LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' PENSION SYSTEM – DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM – TECHNICAL CORRECTION

Correcting a certain incorrect reference of an age restriction applying to certain members of the Law Enforcement Officers' Pension System that participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP).

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Chapter 400 of the Acts of 2023, § 2 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 416 Delegates Solomon and Atterbeary**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: Ways and Means

HB 417 Delegate Grammer, et al**BALTIMORE COUNTY – NUISANCE ACTIONS – COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION**

Altering the definitions of “community association” and “local code violation” to authorize community associations to seek judicial relief for nuisance abatement in Baltimore County; and repealing a provision of law requiring the Circuit Court for Baltimore County to determine the amount and conditions of a bond filed by a community association in a certain nuisance action.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 14-125 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 418 Delegate Stein**GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REPORTING – MARYLAND EFFICIENT GRANT APPLICATION COUNCIL – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the composition of the Maryland Efficient Grant Application Council by adding the Comptroller or a designee and the Legislative Auditor or a designee; requiring the Council to study and make recommendations to the Governor’s Grants Office and the Department of Budget and Management regarding the creation of a State Grants Ombudsperson by July 1, 2025; altering certain reporting requirements; and extending the termination date of the Council to June 30, 2028.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, §§ 2-209 and 2-210 and Chapters 484 and 485 of the Acts of 2020, §§ 2 and 4 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 419 Delegate Lehman, et al**BUSINESS REGULATION – AUTOMATIC TIP PROMPT SCREEN – REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring certain businesses that use a point-of-sale system that automatically prompts a customer to leave a tip to disclose to whom the tip will be allocated.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BR, § 19-107 - added

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 420 Delegate Lehman, et al**STATE AND LOCAL PARKS – PLAY AREA ACCESSIBILITY – COMMUNICATION BOARDS**

Requiring the Department of Natural Resources and local governing bodies to construct communication boards in certain newly constructed public play areas; defining “communication board” as a device that displays photos, symbols, or illustrations to enable individuals with limited language skills to communicate; authorizing the Department and local governing bodies to construct communication boards when making alterations to certain existing public play areas; and providing funding for the construction of communication boards.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 5-2101 through 5-2103 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 421 Delegate Attar

CRIMINAL LAW – USE OR POSSESSION OF A MACHINE GUN IN THE COMMISSION OR ATTEMPTED COMMISSION OF A FELONY

Providing that a person may not use or possess a machine gun in the commission or attempted commission of a felony.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 4-404 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 422 Delegate Attar

CRIMINAL LAW – CRIME OF VIOLENCE – DEFINITION

Adding certain crimes relating to possession of a regulated firearm and possession of a rifle or shotgun to a certain definition of “crime of violence”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 14-101 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 423 Montgomery County Delegation

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – VOTING METHODS MC 1–24

Authorizing the Montgomery County Council to adopt, by law, a ranked choice voting method or an approval voting method for elections for certain local offices; and authorizing the Montgomery County Council to provide for the format of ballots to be used in an election conducted by ranked choice voting or approval voting.

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025

EL, §§ 8-101 and 9-204 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 424 **Montgomery County Delegation**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY – HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES COMMISSION – ALTERATIONS MC 3–24

Repealing the requirement that the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County hold public hearings on assisted family housing proposals; and repealing the requirement that the Montgomery Commission publish a summary of the Montgomery Commission’s annual financial report in certain newspapers.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HS, § 16-110 - repealed, § 16-112 - amended, and §§ 16-111, 16-113, and 16-114 - renumbered

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 425 **Delegate Rosenberg**

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: Health and Government Operations

HB 426 **Delegate Bhandari**

PLACES OF PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION – MOTION PICTURE HOUSES – CAPTIONING

Requiring all motion picture houses to offer closed captioning for each screening of a motion picture; and requiring a place of public accommodation that controls, operates, owns, or leases at least two motion picture houses in the State to provide open captioning for at least two screenings each week.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 20-306 - amended

Assigned to: Economic Matters

HB 427 Delegate D. Jones**HIGHER EDUCATION – COMMUNITY COLLEGE FACILITIES RENEWAL GRANT PROGRAM – ALTERATIONS**

Requiring the Maryland Higher Education Commission to distribute grants of equal amounts to each community college each fiscal year under the Community College Facilities Renewal Grant Program; and requiring the Governor in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter to annually appropriate in the operating or capital budget of the Commission an amount equal to 10% of the appropriation to the Community College Construction Grant Program in the same fiscal year.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 16-320 - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 428 Delegate Stewart**COMMUNITY SCHOOLS – RENTAL ASSISTANCE FOR COMMUNITY SCHOOL FAMILIES PROGRAM AND FUND – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Rental Assistance for Community School Families Program to provide rental assistance to eligible student households; requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Housing and Community Development, to administer the Program; establishing the Rental Assistance for Community School Families Fund; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$10,000,000 for the Fund; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 9.9-103 and 9.9-104 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)189. & 190. - amended and ED, § 9.9-104.1 and SF, § 6-226(a)(2)(ii)191. - added

Assigned to: Appropriations and Ways and Means

HB 429 Delegate Attar**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST – ARBITRATION**

Authorizing arbitration for disputes regarding certain applications for a certain permit, grant, tax credit, or authorization for a change or alteration of property subject to a certain historic easement.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SF, § 5A-321 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 430 Delegate Hill, et al**FIREARMS – LIABILITY INSURANCE – PUBLIC WEARING AND CARRYING**

Altering the circumstances under which a person is disqualified from possessing a regulated firearm, a rifle, and a shotgun; prohibiting a person from wearing or carrying a firearm under certain circumstances unless the person has obtained certain liability insurance related to wearing and carrying a firearm up to \$300,000; providing for the form and issuance of a citation for a violation of the Act; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, §§ 5-133(b) and 5-205(b) - amended and §§ 5-901 through 5-903 - added
Assigned to: Judiciary and Economic Matters

HB 431 Delegate Pruski, et al**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS – RENAMING AND DEPUTY SECRETARY OF MILITARY FAMILY POLICY AND PROGRAMS**

Renaming the Department of Veterans Affairs to be the Department of Veterans and Military Families; renaming the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to be the Secretary of Veterans and Military Families; requiring the Secretary to appoint a Deputy Secretary of Military Family Policy and Programs; and providing that the Department of Veterans and Military Families is the successor of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, Various Sections - amended and § 9-902.1 - added
Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 432 Delegate Kaufman, et al**COURTS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AND CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS – REFERENCES TO INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY**

Replacing references to mental retardation with references to an intellectual disability in certain provisions of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ and CP, Various Sections - amended and CJ, § 3-8A-01(s) - added and § 3-8A-01(t) - repealed
Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 433 Delegate Fraser–Hidalgo

CHESAPEAKE BAY TRUST – AUTHORITY TO RETAIN OUTSIDE COUNSEL

Altering the powers and duties of the Chesapeake Bay Trust by authorizing the Trust to retain outside counsel as necessary.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, § 8-1906 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 434 Delegate Atterbary

PERSONS PROVIDING LOBBYIST COMPENSATION – STATEMENT OF POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS – EXEMPTION FOR NONPROFITS

Exempting nonprofit organizations qualified under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code from the requirement for a person providing lobbyist compensation to file a statement of political contributions with the State Board of Elections.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

GP, § 5-716(a-1) - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HOUSE BILLS REASSIGNED JANUARY 17, 2024**HB 78 Chair, Appropriations Committee (By Request – Departmental – Maryland Environmental Service)**

MARYLAND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE – GOVERNANCE AND REQUIREMENTS

Altering the quorum threshold for the Board of Directors of the Maryland Environmental Service; authorizing the Secretary of the Board to delegate certain responsibilities to an employee of the Service; altering the obligations of the Service after receiving a request for services and after entering into a contract; altering the deadlines for certain audits and reports; and repealing a certain audit requirement.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 3-101(j), 3-103(b)(5) and (d), 3-107(b), and 3-126(d) and (h) - amended

Reassigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

HB 148 Delegate Ebersole, et al

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION – HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS, TRAINING, AND RESPONSE (SEE SOMEONE, SAVE SOMEONE ACT)

Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop and implement a certain training program for certain transportation–sector employees, taxicab drivers, and transportation network operators on the identification and reporting of human trafficking; requiring transportation–sector employers to provide a new employee with the required training within 90 days after the date of hire; requiring transportation–sector employers to establish procedures for reporting suspected human trafficking to certain entities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PU, § 10-208.1 and TR, § 2-113 - added and PU, § 10-404(a) - amended

Reassigned to: Environment and Transportation