



# SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions  
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 12, 2024**  
**Schedule 3**

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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 12, 2024**

### **SB 318 Senator West**

#### **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – POSTCONVICTION REVIEW – MOTION FOR REDUCTION OF SENTENCE**

Authorizing a State’s Attorney to file a motion for a reduction of sentence at any time during the period of active incarceration recommending a lesser sentence if it is in the interest of justice; authorizing an individual to file a response within 60 days after the filing of a motion to provide any additional information for the court to consider; requiring the court to hold a timely hearing on the motion; authorizing the court to consider certain factors when determining whether to reduce a certain sentence; etc.

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024**

CP, § 8-111 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

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**SB 319**     **Senator West****REGULATED FIREARMS – DEPARTMENT OF STATE POLICE – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Repealing and altering a reporting requirement to require the Department of State Police, instead of the State Commission on Criminal Sentencing Policy, to report on the number of charges, convictions, and sentences for certain regulated firearm violations; and requiring by October 1, 2024 and each October 1 thereafter, that the report be submitted to the Governor and the General Assembly and include information disaggregated by jurisdiction, race, and gender.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

CP, § 6-215 - repealed and PS, § 5-148 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 320**     **Senator Jackson (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: Budget and Taxation

**SB 321**     **Senator Jackson****PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT FOR HOTEL OR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS**

Authorizing the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore City or the governing body of a county or municipal corporation to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects; and altering eligibility for a certain property tax credit in Wicomico County against the county or municipal corporation property tax imposed on real property that is used for certain hotel or residential development projects.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-268 - added and § 9-324(d) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 322**     **Senator Jackson****MARYLAND TEACHERS AND STATE EMPLOYEES SUPPLEMENTAL RETIREMENT PLANS – AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT**

Requiring the State Board of Trustees of the Maryland Teachers and State Employees Supplemental Retirement Plans to implement an automatic enrollment arrangement for State employees who are hired on or after January 1, 2025; and requiring an eligible employer to deduct wages of an employee for contribution to a supplemental retirement plan in accordance with an automatic enrollment arrangement, unless the employee has elected to withdraw from or cease to contribute to the supplemental retirement plan.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SP, § 35-101 - amended and § 35-206 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 323**     **Senator Jackson****INCOME TAX – SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – PUBLIC SAFETY VOLUNTEERS**

Increasing, from \$7,000 to \$10,000, the amount of a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax for an individual who is a qualifying public safety volunteer for a taxable year beginning after December 31, 2024; requiring each police agency to maintain certain records of the activities of each member of a police auxiliary or reserve, provide each member with a certain report on the preceding calendar year, and provide a certain report and certification that an individual qualified for the subtraction modification; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TG, § 10-208(i-1) - amended and § 10-208(l) - repealed

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 324**     **Senator McCray****HANDGUN PERMITS – ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE AND TRAINING REQUIREMENTS – MARYLAND STATE POLICE GUN CENTER (FIREARM SAFETY ACT OF 2024)**

Requiring a person who holds a handgun permit and accidentally discharges a firearm to register within 90 days for a certain firearms safety training course and complete the course within 6 months of the incident; requiring the Secretary of State Police to revoke a handgun permit of a certain person who fails to successfully complete a certain firearms safety training course; requiring the Secretary to provide certain written notice to a person whose handgun permit is revoked; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2025

PS, § 5-315 - added and §§ 5-801, 5-802, and 5-803 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 325**     **Senators Brooks and West****MARYLAND PAINT STEWARDSHIP**

Requiring producers of architectural paint or a representative organization to submit a plan for the establishment of a Paint Stewardship Program to the Department of the Environment by July 1, 2025, and in accordance with certain requirements; requiring the Department to review and approve certain plans, including a certain assessment; prohibiting the sale of certain architectural paint beginning January 1, 2026 unless an approved Paint Stewardship Program has been implemented by certain producers; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EN, Various Sections - added and §§ 9-1701(i-1), 9-1702, and 9-1707(f) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 326**     **Senator Carozza, et al****JUVENILE LAW – QUESTIONING OF A JUVENILE – CRIME OF VIOLENCE OR CRIME INVOLVING A FIREARM**

Providing that a law enforcement officer may conduct a certain interrogation of a child if probable cause exists for the law enforcement officer to believe that the child committed a certain crime of violence or a crime involving a firearm and the law enforcement officer has made an effort reasonably calculated to give actual notice to the child’s parent, guardian, or custodian that the child will be interrogated.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CJ, § 3-8A-14.2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 327**     **Senator West****FAMILY LAW – CHILD CUSTODY – DETERMINATIONS**

Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the order that relates to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interest of the child.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, §§ 9-201 and 9-202 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

**SB 328**     **Senator Rosapepe****FUNDING FOR WAGES AND BENEFITS FOR NURSING HOME WORKERS (NURSING HOME STAFFING CRISIS FUNDING ACT OF 2024)**

Requiring that the Governor’s proposed budget for each of fiscal years 2026, 2027, and 2028 include an 8% reimbursement rate increase for providers of certain health care services under the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland Children’s Health Program, and the Community First Choice program; requiring nursing homes to annually submit a certain cost report to the Maryland Department of Health; etc.

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

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HG, § 16-201.4 - amended and § 16-209 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 329**     **Senator Beidle****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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 330**     **Senator Beidle****STATE BOARD OF DIETETIC PRACTICE – DIETICIAN–NUTRITIONISTS – LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Requiring that an individual shall have received a master’s degree rather than a baccalaureate degree to be licensed as a dietician–nutritionist.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HO, §§ 5-101(c), 5-302, and 5-305 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 331**     **Senators Lewis Young and Charles****TASK FORCE TO STUDY PARATRANSIT IN MARYLAND**

Establishing the Task Force to Study Paratransit in Maryland; requiring the Task Force to study paratransit in the State, including current, needed, and expected funding for paratransit, reasons for current funding and spending gaps, and the role public–private partnerships could play in meeting funding and service gaps; and requiring the Task Force to report, on or before June 30, 2025, its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 332**     **Senators Lewis Young and Guzzone****HOSPITALS AND URGENT CARE CENTERS – SEPSIS PROTOCOL (LOCHLIN’S LAW)**

Requiring, on or before January 1, 2025, each hospital and urgent care center in the State to implement an evidence–based protocol for the early recognition and treatment of a patient with sepsis, severe sepsis, or septic shock that is based on generally acceptable standards of care; requiring hospitals and urgent care centers to require periodic training in the implementation of the protocol for staff with direct patient care responsibilities and, as appropriate, for certain staff with indirect patient care responsibilities; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 19-310.4 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 333**     **Senator Hettleman****HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – IDENTIFYING SUITABLE PROPERTY**

Repealing a requirement that the Department of Housing and Community Development identify certain property as suitable for use or redevelopment; prohibiting the Department from identifying certain property for use or redevelopment as affordable housing; and requiring the Department to consider certain factors when identifying whether a property is suitable for use or redevelopment as affordable housing.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, § 2-203(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 334**     **Senator Klausmeier****HIGHER EDUCATION – MARYLAND DENT–CARE PROGRAM – ELIGIBILITY**

Expanding eligibility for the Maryland Dent–Care Program to include part–time dentists and dental hygienists who are practicing under a general or limited license; and authorizing the Office of Student Financial Assistance within the Maryland Higher Education Commission, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to establish prorated loan repayment assistance for part–time dentists and dental hygienists.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 18-2404 and 18-2406 - amended and § 18-2405(c)(3) - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 335**     **Senator Klausmeier****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – PRIVATE DENTAL OFFICES – INFECTION CONTROL**

Requiring each owner of a private dental office to designate a licensed dentist to be the supervising dentist for the private dental office; requiring a supervising dentist to complete the registration required by the State Board of Dental Examiners and be responsible for all infection control activities within the private dental office; establishing a limit of three private dental offices that a supervising dentist may supervise; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 4-104 - added

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 336**     **Senator Klausmeier****INSURANCE – PRODUCER LICENSING REQUIREMENTS – EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE**

Repealing the requirements for education and experience for licensing of certain insurance producers, including producers for property and casualty insurance, life insurance, health insurance, annuities, certain limited lines, and related products.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

IN, §§ 10-104, 10-105, 10-108, 10-109, 10-119(b) and (h), 10-120(a), 10-122(a), 10-124(a), and 10-125(d) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 337**     **Senator Feldman****ENVIRONMENT – COMMISSION ON CLIMATE CHANGE MEMBERSHIP – ADDITION**

Adding the Chair of the Public Service Commission, or the Chair's designee, as a member of the Commission on Climate Change.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, § 2-1302(a) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment



**SB 338**     **Senator Carozza****SOMERSET COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – CLASS C VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION OR CLUB LICENSE**

Authorizing the holder of a Class C (veterans’ organization or club) license in Somerset County to purchase alcoholic beverages from a retail dealer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

AB, § 29-1002 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

**SB 339**     **Senator Carozza****ENVIRONMENT – DUCK NEST BOXES – WETLANDS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS**

Exempting the installation and maintenance of certain duck nest boxes from certain wetlands license requirements; defining a “duck nest box” as a nesting structure located on or over water that is provided for the purpose of sheltering domesticated ducks; establishing that a duck nest box is not a nonwater-dependent project for the purpose of certain wetlands license requirements; and establishing that installing and maintaining duck nest boxes is a lawful use of private wetlands.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EN, §§ 16-101, 16-202(h), and 16-304 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 340**     **Senator King****PROPERTY TAX – CREDIT TO OFFSET INCREASES IN LOCAL TAX REVENUE**

Authorizing Baltimore City, a county, or a municipal corporation to grant the property tax credit to offset increases in local income tax revenues to the owner-occupied property of a homeowner for taxable years beginning after June 30, 2022, but before July 1, 2025, whether or not the homeowner has an application for the homestead property tax credit on file with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, notwithstanding a certain provision of law.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 341**     **Senator McCray**COMMISSION ON AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE –  
MUSEUM NAME CHANGE

Altering the name of the museum operated by the Commission on African American History and Culture in certain provisions of law from the “Banneker–Douglass Museum” to the “Banneker–Douglass–Tubman Museum”.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, §§ 9-3707 and 9-3708 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 342**     **Senator McCray**TAX CREDITS – HOMEOWNERS AND RENTERS – INCOME  
CALCULATION

Excluding the cash value of any qualified retirement savings plans or individual retirement accounts from the definition of “assets” for purposes of certain property tax relief provided to certain renters.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, § 9-102(a)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SB 343**     **Senator McCray**RENTERS’ PROPERTY TAX RELIEF AND HOMEOWNERS’ PROPERTY  
TAX CREDIT PROGRAMS – GROSS INCOME AND ASSESSED VALUE  
LIMITATIONS – ALTERATIONS

Altering the definition of “gross income” to exclude certain public assistance received in a cash grant for purposes of the renters’ property tax relief program and the homeowners’ property tax credit program; increasing the combined gross income limit used to determine eligibility for the tax credits; and increasing, from \$300,000 to \$450,000, the maximum assessed value of a dwelling on which the homeowners’ property tax credit is calculated.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

TP, §§ 9-102(a)(6) and (9) and 9-104(a)(8) and (14) and (j)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

**SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED January 11, 2024****SB 27****Senator Gile, et al****COSMETOLOGY LICENSURE COMPACT**

Entering into the Cosmetology Licensure Compact; establishing criteria for participating states; authorizing an individual practicing cosmetology to practice in a party state under certain circumstances; establishing the Cosmetology Licensure Compact Commission and its duties and powers; and providing for the amendment of and withdrawal from the Compact.

CONTINGENT – EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

BOP, § 5-6A-01 - added

Reassigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 54****Senator Carter****OCCUPATIONAL LICENSING AND CERTIFICATION – CRIMINAL HISTORY – PROHIBITED DISCLOSURES AND PREDETERMINATION REVIEW PROCESS**

Altering certain provisions of law regarding the prohibition on certain departments of State government from denying an occupational license or certificate to an applicant solely on the basis of the criminal history of the applicant by prohibiting a department from requiring disclosure of certain actions on an application and establishing a predetermination review process; authorizing a department to charge a criminal history review fee of no more than \$100 or to waive the fee under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 1-209 - amended

Reassigned to: Finance and Education, Energy, and the Environment

**SB 183****Senator Bailey****STATE PROCUREMENT – PROMPT PAYMENT OF SUPPLIERS**

Providing that certain provisions requiring prompt payments for State procurement contracts apply to payments owed by a contractor or subcontractor to a supplier.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 15-226 - amended

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation