



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 17, 2024
Schedule 6

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.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 17, 2024

SB 360 The President (By Request – Administration)

BUDGET BILL (FISCAL YEAR 2025)

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

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SB 361 The President (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: Budget and Taxation

SB 362 The President (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AG, CL, ED, HG, HS, NR, PS, SF, SG, and TR, Various Sections - amended and ED, § 24-204(d) and TG, § 10-748 - repealed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: Budget and Taxation

SB 363 Senator Ready

PROCUREMENT CONTRACTS – DISCLOSURES TO SECRETARY OF STATE – BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Altering the definition of “beneficial ownership” to mean any ownership interest of 25% rather than 5% for the purposes of certain disclosures made by certain businesses to the Secretary of State under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 13-221 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 364 **Senators Ready and Carozza**

ELECTION LAW – CASTING GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT IN MULTIPLE STATES – PROHIBITION

Prohibiting a person from willfully or knowingly casting a ballot in a general election in more than one state in the same year.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

EL, § 16-201 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 365 **Senator Carozza, 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; and specifying that certain expert evidence is admissible in certain child custody and visitation proceedings under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

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

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 366 **Senators Mautz and Bailey**

TEACHERS' PENSION SYSTEM – REEMPLOYMENT OF RETIREES

Establishing an exemption from a reemployed retiree earnings offset for retirees of the Teachers' Pension System who are reemployed by certain employers if the retiree's salary is funded from certain sources; and providing for the retroactive application of the Act.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 367 **Senator Mautz**

NATURAL RESOURCES – ANTLERLESS DEER HUNTING PROGRAMS – AUTHORIZATION

Authorizing a person to receive a raffle ticket for each antlerless deer hunted by the person during a certain raffle program that has as its objective the hunting of antlerless deer.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

NR, § 10-404(e) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 368 **Senators Waldstreicher and Gile**

STATE RETIREMENT AND PENSION SYSTEM – MILITARY SERVICE CREDIT – ELIGIBILITY

Repealing a limitation for members of the State Retirement and Pension System to receive certain service credit for active duty with the commissioned corps of the Public Health Service, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or the Coast and Geodetic Survey.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SP, § 38-101 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 369 **Senator Hettleman**

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: Budget and Taxation

SB 370 **Senator Hettleman**

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

SB 371 **Senator Lam**

MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – PROVIDER AGENCIES AND PERSONAL CARE AIDES – REIMBURSEMENT AND WAGE REPORTS (HOMECARE WORKERS LIVABLE WAGE ACT OF 2024)

Requiring provider agencies to submit certain reports to the Maryland Department of Labor regarding wage rates for personal care aides on or before September 1 each year, beginning in 2025; and requiring, by September 30, 2024, and every 2 years thereafter, the Maryland Department of Health to submit reports to the Senate Finance Committee and the House Health and Government Operations Committee regarding reimbursement rates for provider agencies and any recommended regulatory or legislative changes.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

HG, § 15-155 - added

Assigned to: Finance

SB 372 **Senators Feldman and Kagan**

ELECTION LAW – DEADLINE FOR SELECTION OF LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution by requiring a candidate for Governor in a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor within 21 days after the primary election; requiring a candidate seeking a nomination for Governor by any method other than a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor at the time of filing a declaration of intent to seek nomination; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State at the general election in November 2024; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. II, § 1B - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 373 **Senator Waldstreicher**

CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT – MAIL AND MAIL DEPOSITORY KEY

Prohibiting the theft of mail from a mail depository owned by the United States Postal Service; prohibiting the theft of a device used to open a mail depository owned by the United States Postal Service; prohibiting the theft of mail with intent to commit identity theft; prohibiting the theft of mail from an elderly or disabled person with intent to commit identity theft; and establishing penalties for violations of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 7-101 - amended and §§ 7-106.1 through 7-106.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 374 **Senator Waldstreicher**

STATE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BOARD – LICENSES AND CERTIFICATES – APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Prohibiting the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board from requiring an applicant to provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States or have a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number as a condition for licensure or certification; and requiring the EMS Board to require applicants for a license or certificate to disclose certain information or provide alternative documentation and record the information in the applicant's file for a certain purpose.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

ED, § 13-516(c) and FL, § 10-119.3(b) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 375 **Senator King**

STATE CONTRACTS – PROHIBITED PROVISIONS

Prohibiting certain provisions from being included in State contracts; specifying that certain provisions are void if included in a State contract; and specifying the applicable law and interpretation of State contracts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SF, § 2-901 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 376 **Senator King****HIGHER EDUCATION – MPOWERING JOINT STEERING COUNCIL – FUNDING**

Requiring the Governor, beginning in fiscal year 2026, to include a certain appropriation in the annual State budget bill for the MPowering Joint Steering Council to use exclusively on the University of Maryland Institute for Health Computing; and requiring the Governor in fiscal year 2029 and each fiscal year thereafter to include an appropriation of \$6,000,00 in the annual budget bill.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 12-304 - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 377 **Senator King****HIGHER EDUCATION – TEACHER DEVELOPMENT AND RETENTION PROGRAM – DEFINITION**

Altering the definition of “institution of initial eligibility” to include community colleges as eligible institutions as part of the criteria for applicants for the Teacher Development and Retention Program.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 18-2701 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 378 **Senator West, et al****CRIMINAL LAW – THEFT OF A HANDGUN**

Establishing the felony of theft of a handgun; and establishing a penalty for theft of a handgun of, for a first conviction, imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both and, for a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 7-104 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 379 **Senator West, et al****TASK FORCE TO STUDY CRIME CLASSIFICATION – RENAMING, MEMBERSHIP, AND DUTIES**

Extending the Task Force to Study Crime Classification and renaming it the Task Force to Study Crime Reclassification and Penalties; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the penalties for crimes and civil offenses under State law, the potential need for reclassification of certain crimes, the alteration of penalties, and whether certain changes should be made to crimes lacking an explicit mens rea; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

Chapter 712 of the Acts of 2023, §§ 1 and 2 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 380 **Senator West, et al****POLICE RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION WORKGROUP**

Establishing the Police Recruitment and Retention Workgroup to study issues and factors potentially contributing to recruitment challenges and the decline in police officer retention statewide; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 30, 2025.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 381 **Senator Carozza, et al****EDUCATION – INTERSCHOLASTIC AND INTRAMURAL JUNIOR VARSITY AND VARSITY TEAMS – DESIGNATION BASED ON SEX (FAIRNESS IN GIRLS’ SPORTS ACT)**

Requiring certain interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams or sports sponsored by certain schools to be expressly designated based on biological sex; prohibiting certain entities from taking certain adverse actions against a school for maintaining separate interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams and sports for students of the female sex; and providing that certain individuals have the right to bring a civil action under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 7-118 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 382 Senator Salling**CRIMINAL LAW – DISPLAY OF OBSCENE MATERIALS TO MINORS – AGE VERIFICATION**

Requiring a website operator or other person who displays, exhibits, sells, shows, or advertises for sale obscene material to adhere to certain age verification standards.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, § 11-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 383 Senator Salling**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: Judicial Proceedings

SB 384 Senators Lewis Young and Muse**MARYLAND ENERGY ADMINISTRATION – CARBON CAPTURE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM – ESTABLISHMENT**

Establishing the Carbon Capture Opportunity Program in the Maryland Energy Administration to assist nonprofit and for-profit businesses engaged in carbon capture projects or carbon capture research; and requiring the Administration to establish application procedures, provide technical assistance to participating businesses, assist participants in applying for federal and private grant funding, and publicize the availability of the Program.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

SG, § 9-2016 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 385 **Senator Lewis Young, et al****EDUCATION – FUNDING FOR GENERAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS –
DEFINITION ALTERATIONS**

Altering certain definitions relating to student enrollment that are generally used for the calculation of funding for general education programs.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 5-201 and 5-239(b)(1)(v) and (d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 386 **Senator Lewis Young, et al****COUNTY BOARDS OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBERS – VOTING
RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION IN EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Providing that student members on certain county boards of education may vote on certain matters and may attend certain executive or special sessions under certain circumstances; and providing that student members of county boards of education have certain voting rights and may attend certain executive or special sessions.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SENATE BILLS REASSIGNED January 15, 2024**SB 49** **Senator Elfreth****RESTRICTIONS ON USE – SOLAR COLLECTOR SYSTEMS –
ALTERATION**

Prohibiting a restriction on land use that increases the cost of installing a solar collector system by at least 5% over a certain cost or that reduces the efficiency of the system by at least 10% under a certain energy generation level; authorizing a community association to impose certain restrictions on the installation of solar collector systems in common areas or common elements; authorizing a community association to install a solar collector system in common areas or common elements under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

RP, § 2-119 - amended

Reassigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 317 Senator Bailey**OYSTERS, STRIPED BASS, AND CRABS – COMMERCIAL AUTHORIZATIONS – SUSPENSIONS AND REVOCATIONS**

Prohibiting the Department of Natural Resources from revoking a person's authorization to catch oysters, striped bass, or crabs unless the person has been convicted of or entered an accepted plea of nolo contendere to a certain crime; altering and establishing certain procedures for the suspension or revocation of an authorization to catch oysters, striped bass, or crabs; and authorizing the Department to reinstate a certain authorization under certain circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

NR, §§ 4-1210 and 4-1211 - amended

Reassigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SENATE BILL REASSIGNED January 16, 2024**SB 43** Senator Hayes**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

Reassigned to: Budget and Taxation