



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions
2024 Maryland General Assembly Session

January 18, 2024
Schedule 7

PLEASE NOTE: SB392 will appear in a future synopsis.
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 18, 2024

SB 387 **Senators Lam and Hester**

KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

Requiring the Governor annually to proclaim January 13 as Korean American Day; and requiring the proclamation to urge educational and cultural organizations to observe Korean American Day properly.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

GP, §§ 7-401 through 7-420 - renumbered and § 7-401 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

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SB 388 **Senator Gile, et al**

PRESCRIPTION DRUG AFFORDABILITY BOARD – AUTHORITY FOR UPPER PAYMENT LIMITS AND FUNDING (LOWERING PRESCRIPTION DRUG COSTS FOR ALL MARYLANDERS ACT OF 2024)

Requiring the Governor in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of at least \$1,000,000 for the Prescription Drug Affordability Fund which provides funding for the Board; and requiring the Board, under certain circumstances, to establish a process for setting upper payment limits for all purchases and payor reimbursements of prescription drug products in the State that the Board determines have led or will lead to affordability challenges.

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

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, § 21-2C-11 - amended, § 21-2C-16 - repealed, and § 21-2C-16 - added

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

SB 389 **Senator West, et al**

CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – INCARCERATED SENIORS – MOTION TO REDUCE THE DURATION OF A SENTENCE

Authorizing an individual who is at least 60 years old and has been imprisoned for at least 20 years to file a motion to reduce the duration of the individual's sentence; requiring the court to conduct a hearing on a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence, unless the court has held a hearing on a similar motion in the preceding 5 years; and requiring a court to consider certain factors in determining whether to grant a motion to reduce the duration of a sentence and to issue its decision in writing or on the record in open court.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 8-111 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 390 **Senator Kelly**

FAMILY LAW – CHILD SUPPORT – ACTUAL INCOME

Altering the definition of “actual income” to include taxes paid by a parent's employer or, if the income is nontaxable, the amount of taxes that would be paid if the income were taxable for purposes of child support calculations.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

FL, § 12-201(b) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 391 **Senators Kelly and Carozza**

CRIMINAL LAW – SEXUAL EXTORTION, STALKING, AND REVENGE PORN – STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS AND IN BANC REVIEW

Providing that the State may institute a prosecution for sexual extortion, stalking, or revenge porn at any time; and providing that, for purposes of the Maryland Constitution, a person who commits sexual extortion, stalking, or revenge porn shall be deemed to have committed a misdemeanor whose punishment is confinement in the penitentiary and may reserve a point or question for a certain in banc review.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, §§ 3-709, 3-802, and 3-809 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 393 **Senator King**

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: Budget and Taxation

SB 394 **Senator Hester****CATALYTIC REVITALIZATION PROJECT TAX CREDIT –
ALTERATIONS**

Altering the amount of a certain credit against the State income tax that certain persons may claim for certain construction and rehabilitation costs for certain catalytic revitalization projects in the State; repealing a certain limitation on the number of initial tax credit certificates the Secretary may award within a two-year period; prohibiting the Secretary from accepting applications and awarding initial credit certificates for catalytic revitalization projects under certain circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, §§ 6-902(a), 6-903(a) and (b), and 6-904 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 395 **Senators Augustine and Rosapepe****HIGHER EDUCATION – CREDIT ELIGIBILITY AND TRANSFER OF
CREDITS – ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE COURSES (CREDIT
FOR ALL LANGUAGE LEARNING (CALL) ACT)**

Requiring a public community college to consider a course or program for English as a second language or English language learner as eligible for world language or humanities credit toward an associate's degree under certain circumstances; requiring that certain world language credits earned by students who transfer from community colleges to institutions of higher education be transferable; and prohibiting institutions of higher education from denying the transfer of certain world language or humanities credits for any reason.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, §§ 11-207(c) and 15-117(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 396 **Senator Folden, et al****CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – STOPS AND SEARCHES – CANNABIS ODOR AND ADMISSION OF EVIDENCE (DRUG-FREE ROADWAYS ACT OF 2024)**

Repealing a certain prohibition against a law enforcement officer initiating a stop or a search of a motor vehicle based solely on the odor of burnt or unburnt cannabis; and repealing a certain provision of law rendering inadmissible certain evidence discovered or obtained in violation of a certain provision of law.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, § 1-211 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 397 **Senator Folden, et al****VEHICLE LAWS – MILITARY VEHICLES – REGISTRATION AND OPERATION**

Authorizing the Motor Vehicle Administration to register certain military vehicles; requiring all vehicles meeting certain criteria to be registered as a Class MV-C (military vehicle-collectors) vehicle; establishing a one-time registration fee of \$51; establishing certain standards and procedures for the registration of military vehicles; requiring an owner of a military vehicle to submit with the registration application a certain certification relating to the purposes for which the vehicle will be operated; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-936.3 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 398 **Senator Folden, et al****CRIMINAL INJURIES COMPENSATION BOARD – VICTIMS OF NONFATAL STRANGULATION**

Authorizing the reimbursement of certain physicians, qualified health care providers, and hospitals by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board for certain forensic examinations of and health care services provided to a victim of nonfatal strangulation without charge; and specifying that “strangulation” includes strangulation that is not related to rape, sexual offense, or sexual abuse.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CP, §§ 11-816.1, 11-1007, and 11-1102 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 399 **Senator West****CANNABIS – ADVERTISING – PROHIBITED LOCATIONS**

Altering a certain prohibition on advertising for cannabis licensees, products, or services by repealing a prohibition on certain outdoor advertising and instead prohibiting advertising within 500 feet of a substance use treatment facility, certain schools, child care facilities, or other locations; authorizing a cannabis licensee to request and requiring the Maryland Cannabis Administration to provide, within 30 days of receiving the advertisement, an opinion as to whether a cannabis advertisement meets certain requirements; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

AB, § 36-903 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 400 **Senators West and Waldstreicher****CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS – DEFINITIONS, EMERGENCIES, AND OUTSTANDING STOCK – REVISIONS**

Altering certain definitions as they relate to certain Maryland business entities; authorizing a corporation to adopt certain emergency bylaws; authorizing a corporation to take certain actions during an emergency; limiting the liability of certain persons for certain corporate acts taken during an emergency; and clarifying when certain stock is outstanding.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CA, §§ 1-101(w) and (x), 2-310, and 8-601.1 - amended and §§ 2-116 through 2-118 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 401 **Senator Kagan****DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY – UTILITIES INSTALLATION – DATA SUBMISSION**

Requiring a utility owner to submit to the Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transportation Authority, within 60 days after completion, certain information pertaining to the installation or relocation of facilities, infrastructure, or appurtenances associated with a utility service within or on certain property; and authorizing the Department or the Authority to take certain actions if a utility owner does not comply with the requirements of the Act.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, §§ 2-901 through 2-903 - added

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 402 Senator McKay**CORRECTIONAL TRAINING COMMISSION – MEMBERSHIP – ALTERATIONS**

Altering the membership of the Correctional Training Commission; requiring certain members of the Commission appointed by the Governor to represent certain geographic regions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2024

CS, § 8-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 403 Senator Klausmeier**HOSPITALS AND RELATED INSTITUTIONS – RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT CENTERS – ACCREDITATION**

Altering the definition of “accredited residential treatment center” for certain provisions of law governing hospitals and related institutions to include residential treatment centers accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities or the Council on Accreditation.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HG, §§ 19-301(c) and (j) and 19-360(a) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 404 Senator Smith**CRIMINAL LAW – CONTROLLED DANGEROUS SUBSTANCES AND FIREARMS**

Authorizing a person who is at least 21 years age to manufacture a personal use amount of cannabis products or concentrated cannabis for personal use or adult sharing at a private residence if the manufacturing process does not involve the use of a volatile solvent; specifying that manufacturing, distributing, dispensing, or possessing certain large quantities of certain controlled dangerous substances is a felony; altering the penalties for being a volume dealer and drug kingpin with regard to cannabis; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CR, §§ 5-603, 5-612, and 5-613 and PS, §§ 5-138,5-140, 5-406, and 5-703 - amended and CR, §§ 5-612.1 and 5-613.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 405 **Senator Smith****OUTDOOR LIGHTING – STANDARDS AND USE OF STATE FUNDS**

Requiring the Department of the Environment, on or before October 1, 2025, to develop outdoor lighting standards that consider the impact of outdoor lighting on energy consumption, the environment, and public health and safety; requiring the Department of the Environment to consult with the Maryland Department of Health, the Maryland Energy Administration, and the State Highway Administration in developing the standards; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

PS, § 12-1301 - added and SF, § 14-412 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 406 **Senator Smith****SCHOOL BUS STOPS – MONITORING CAMERAS AND SAFETY MEASURES**

Requiring a law enforcement agency, under certain circumstances, to issue a warning rather than a citation for a failure to stop for a school vehicle that is recorded by a school bus monitoring camera; and requiring the State Highway Administration to develop a certain plan for improved safety measures at certain school bus stops in Montgomery County and to report its findings on or before December 31, 2024.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

TR, § 21.706.1(e) and (f)(2) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 407 **Senator McKay****COMMUNITY COLLEGES – CAPITAL PROJECTS – STATE SHARE ADJUSTMENT**

Providing for a certain adjustment to the State share percentage for a community college or a regional community college capital project if the county's median household income is in the bottom quartile in the State and the State share percentage for a community college capital project is 50%.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 11-105(j) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 408 **Senator Klausmeier****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: Finance

SB 409 **Senators Klausmeier and Gile****HEALTH OCCUPATIONS – CLINICAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPISTS – RECIPROCAL LICENSURE REQUIREMENTS**

Altering the licensure requirements that the State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists may waive, and the circumstances under which the requirements may be waived, for applicants for a license to practice clinical marriage and family therapy in the State who are licensed or certified to practice clinical marriage and family therapy in another state, territory, or jurisdiction.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

HO, § 17-306 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 410 **Senator Benson****VEHICLE LAWS – UNAUTHORIZED REGISTRATION PLATES –
PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting the knowing use, possession, or purchase of unauthorized registration plates for a vehicle; and providing a penalty for violation of the Act of imprisonment of up to 90 days or a fine not to exceed \$10,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

TR, § 13-703(g) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 411 **Senator Gile, 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: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 412 **Senator Gile, 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: Finance

SB 413 **Senator Gile, et al****DISCRIMINATION – MILITARY STATUS – PROHIBITION**

Prohibiting discrimination based on military status with regard to public accommodation, housing, employment, financial transactions, education, insurance, the provision of public utility services, and State personnel actions.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024

CL, ED, HG, HU, IN, PU, SG, and SP, Various Sections - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 414 **Senator Zucker, et al****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: Budget and Taxation

SB 415 **Senator Lewis Young****FREDERICK COUNTY – LOCAL GAMING AND AUTHORIZATION FOR ELECTRONIC TIP JAR DISPENSERS**

Authorizing, subject to certain provisions of law, a person that operates a tip jar in Frederick County to operate an electronic tip jar dispenser that does not connect to the Internet or to a server; altering certain obsolete language in provisions of law governing gaming in Frederick County; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

CR, §§ 13-1301, 13-1304, 13-1305, and 13-1306(a) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 416 Senator Lewis Young**RENEWABLE ENERGY – CUSTOMER–SITED SOLAR PROGRAM**

Establishing the Customer–Sited Solar Program within the Maryland Energy Administration for the purpose of increasing deployment of customer–sited solar energy generating system and providing grants to eligible customer–generators for certain solar energy generating systems; authorizing a third party to apply for a grant on behalf of an eligible customer–generator under certain circumstances; and providing for the funding of Program grants from certain compliance fee and allowance proceeds in the Strategic Energy Investment Fund.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

SG, §§ 9-2016 and 9-20B-05(f)(13), (g-1), and (g-2) - added and § 9-20B-05(f)(12) and (13) and (i) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 417 Senator Hayes**ELECTION ADMINISTRATION – STATE ADMINISTRATOR, LOCAL BOARDS, AND ELECTION DIRECTORS**

Requiring the State Board of Elections to evaluate the performance of the State Administrator of Elections; requiring the State Administrator to provide a performance evaluation of the election director of each local board of elections to the local board; requiring each local board to confer with the State Administrator in appointing an election director, maintain a warehouse, and provide for early voting center expenses; requiring, rather than authorizing, election directors to take certain actions; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

EL, §§ 2-102, 2-103, 2-202, 2-203, and 2-206 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 418 Senator Watson**SEED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANCHOR INSTITUTION FUND – ALTERATIONS**

Expanding the purpose and use of the Seed Community Development Anchor Institution Fund administered by the Department of Housing and Community Development to include providing grants and loans to anchor institutions for a certain purpose in sustainable communities; and repealing a requirement that certain matching funds be from a private source.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

HS, § 4-509 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

SB 419 **Senators King and Zucker**

THERAPEUTIC CHILD CARE GRANT PROGRAM – FUNDING –
ALTERATIONS

Altering the fiscal years, to begin in fiscal year 2025 and each fiscal year thereafter, during which the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill a certain appropriation to the Therapeutic Child Care Grant Program.

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

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2024

ED, § 8-420(d) - amended

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation