

**MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN – WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – February 16, 2020**

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	<b>BUDGET &amp; TAXATION</b>			
SB 1  HB 1	Built to Learn Act. Alternative methods of funding public school construction including: public-private partnerships, sale-leaseback, competitive negotiation vs competitive bidding and other financing, construction arrangements. MD Stadium Authority would administer alternative financing and bonds. Prince George’s would have special financing options; The Interagency Commission for School Construction must approve plans and develop regulations for state-local cost-sharing for counties with 20,000 or fewer full-time students. Requires Governor to include additional \$40 Million a year until 2027 and thereafter \$80 Million a year for school construction.	B&T – Str. Peters, Miller & Pres.  APP – Speaker, McIntosh, M. Jackson & Dumais Hearing 1/23 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader  Passed 3 Reader 128-6	
SB 66	Income Tax Credit - Small Businesses (50 or less emp.) for years where Fed. Minimum wage is less than state. Credit equal to a product of employer withholding amt. (at highest rate) and total wages paid to each minimum wage employee attributable to difference between the State Minimum wage and \$10.10/hr.	B&T – Str. Ellis – Hearing 1/15 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 190 HB 150	Operating Budget Bill 2021.	B&T – Pres. Administration APP – Speaker- Administration	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 191 HB 151	MD Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2020 and consolidated loans of 2013, 2014, 2016, 2017 & 2019 totaling \$1,104,114,000.	B&T – Pres – Administration APP – Speaker - Administration	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 192 HB 152	Budget Reconciliation Financing Act of 2020.	B&T – Pres. – Administration APP – Speaker – Administration	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 269  HB 350	Retirement Income exemption for correctional & law enforcement & fire and rescue & EMS 50 yrs or older.	B&T – Pres. – Administration Hearing 2/05 at 1 p.m. W&M – Speaker – 2/14– 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader  1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	

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SB 278 HB 342	Retirement Tax Reduction Act of 2020. Phased in tax subtraction for individuals with incomes of \$100,000 or less & over 65 & receive Soc. Sec. benefits or not employed full time. Subtraction begins at 2021 at \$10,000 and reaches \$50,000 in 2025.	B&T – Pres. -Administration Hearing 2/05 at 2 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 279 HB 361	Extend tax subtraction for Military retirement from 15% of retirement income for those 55+ to exclude all Military retirement for years after 2020.	B&T Pres.– Administration et al Hearing 1/29 W&M – Hearing 2/14 – 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 325 HB 605	Constitutional Amendment to Expand Gaming in MD to other forms of gaming.	B&T – Str. King et al- 2/05 -2pm W&M – Del. R. Watson – <b>Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m.</b>	Passed 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 486 HB 788	Allowing an individual to itemize deductions to compute Maryland taxable income whether or not the individual itemizes deductions on the individual's federal income tax return; providing that, for an individual who does not itemize deductions on the individual's federal income tax return, Maryland itemized deductions shall be determined as if an individual itemized deductions on the federal income tax return; and applying the Act to taxable years after December 31, 2019.	B&T Str. Serafini et al Hearing 2/12 at 2 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	SUPPORT – MFRW Priority.
		W&M – Del. Wivell et al <b>Hearing – 2/21 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 631 HB 913	Increase Standard Deduction for MD Income Taxes from \$1,500 up to \$7,500 for individual; from \$3,000 up to \$10,00 for joint spouses or surviving head of household.	B&T – Str. Serafini <b>Hearing 2/19 at 2 p.m.</b> W&M – Del. Buckel et al Hearing 2/25 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 222	Income Tax Rates – Adding a 1% additional income tax on net capital gains income.	W&M – Del. P. Carr et al Hearing 2/12 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
	<b>BUSINESS AND ECONOMY</b>			
SB 313 HB 209	Prohibiting a store from distributing plastic carryout bags at the point of sale; store to charge & collect at least 10 cents per durable carryout bag provided to customer; store to retain all money collected; & set penalties for violations.	FIN – Strs. Augustine et al <b>Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m.</b>  ENT – Del. Lierman et al Hearing 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader  1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	

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SB 530	Expanding State housing policy to include providing fair housing to all citizens regardless of source of income. Act seeks to deconcentrate poverty by providing additional opportunities for tenants utilizing public subsidies to choose where to live; prohibits a person from refusing to sell or rent a dwelling to any person because of source of income. Penalties: Fine up to \$1,000 and/or 1- year imprisonment.	JPR – Strs. Smith, et al Hearing 2/04 at 1 p.m.	Favorable 2/amend by JPR	
HB 231		ENT – Del. Lierman et al Hearing 2/04 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 136	Licensing and Regulation of Wastewater Services Professionals - See HB 136 under Environment header.	ENT – Del. Stein – Hearing 2/12 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 163	-Labor Organizations - Right to Work	ECM – Del. Miller et al Hearing – 2/04 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 436	Establish Task Force on Tax Policy, Reform & Fairness to study State’s revenue structure & consider modifications to promote development, ensure fairness, & create a business-friendly environment. Report to GA by 12/1/2021.	W&M – Del. Buckel, et al Hearing 2/07		
	<b>EDUCATION</b>			
SB78	Require County Bds of Education to implement regulations on remedial behavioral expectations for the well-being of the school community. Requiring an individual who has harmed another to: offer apology to individual who was harmed; provide restitution for injury to or loss from the one harmed; hold a conf. with parent or guardian of individual who violated the clear behavioral expectations of school community & applicable school faculty/staff; and, modify schedule of individual who violated behavioral expectations to minimize contact with the individual who was harmed.	EHE – Str. Hough Hearing 1/22 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Oppose
SB275	Require a county board of education to designate as an innovation school a school that receives one star under the star rating system for previous 2 consecutive school years; For each innovation school, establish Innovation Plan Committee that includes 2 parents, 2 teachers, member of Co. Bd of Ed. etc.; who will develop innovation plan; provide for review,	EHE – Pres. By Req. Admin., et al; hearing - 2/04 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Support
HB 347		W&M – Speaker by Req. of Admin., Del. Adams et al <b>Hearing 2/19 at 1 pm.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	

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	adoption, modification, or rejection of a proposed innovation plan, including electronic posting, a public comment period, & a public hearing; etc. as specified. .			
SB 307	Higher Education – MD. Community College Promise Scholarship – CHANGES: Removes requirement to enroll within 2 years of high school graduation.	EHE – Str. Pinsky et al Hearing – 3/07 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 415	Removes requirement to use a MD address on state income tax during scholarship; removes requirement to work fulltime in MD 1 yr. for each year of scholarship and appears to remove conversion into a loan if recipient does not complete program.	APP. Del. Barnes et al Hearing – 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 542	Public School Elementary School students to have a daily program of physical activity totaling 150 minutes a week including recess with moderate-to-vigorous activity and at least 90 minutes each week of physical education. (local government mandate.	EHE – Str. Young Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 516		W&M – Del. Walker, et al <b>Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 767	Repeal provision of law that authorized institutions of higher education to use a third-party admissions application containing questions about the criminal history of an applicant; prohibiting these institutions from using an admission application that contains criminal history questions about the applicant.	EHE & JPR – Strs. Patterson & Augustine EHE Hearing 2/26 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 1000	Blueprint for Maryland’s Future – Implementation of Kirwan Recommendations. \$32 Billion additional spending over 10 years. Expands state control over education; Expands all-day pre-K to 3 and 4 year olds; expands school-based health and social services, etc.	<b>EHE &amp; B&amp;T – Strs Pinsky et al Joint Hearing 2/17 at 12 noon Joint Hearing Room LSB. APP &amp; W&amp;M</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	MFRW Opposes
HB 1300				
	<b>ELECTIONS - VOTING</b>			
SB 10	General Assembly Special Election to Fill a Vacancy. Change MD Constitution from Gov. appointing an individual to fill the remainder of term of Delegate or Senator to limiting that appointment to the next statewide election, if vacancy occurs before the 21 <sup>st</sup>	EHE – Strs. Lam & Hough et al W&M	Passed 3R – 44-0	
HB 103		W&M – Del. Moon et al Hearing 1/29 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	

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	day before deadline for filing in the 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of a term. Special Election to be held at same time as statewide Primary and General Election in 2 <sup>nd</sup> year of a term.			
SB 22  HB 1107	Authorizing Continuing Care Communities (200 or more residents over 60) to request establishing an on-site polling place and requires the CCC to provide space, etc. for the polling place. <b>Fiscal Note:</b> State Gen. Fund expenditures increase by \$2,500 per added polling place in FY 2022 and by \$1,000 annually for each added polling place thereafter. Local government expenditures increase, in range of \$12,000-\$23,000 per added polling place in FY 2022 and \$4,000-\$11,000 per added polling place annually.	EHE – Str. West - Hearing 1/22 at 1 p.m.  W&M – Del. Mangoine et al Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m.	Unfavorable Rpt.	
SB 87  HB 34	Campaign Finance – Prohibit contributions, expenditures or donations by foreign influenced corporations (all-kinds of bs) or foreign principals. Includes independent expenditures.	EHE – Str. Lam – Hearing 1/28 at 2 p.m. W&M – Del. Palakovich-Carr Hearing – 1/28 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader  1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 89	State Board of Elections must certify that all voting systems can accommodate multiple voting methods including Ranked Choice Voting.	EHE– Str. Kagan -Hearing – /28 Re-referred to B&T	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	MFRW Priority - OPPOSE Ranked Choice Voting. See MFRW brochure on RCV.
SB 91 HB 51	Felons being released from prison to receive a voter registration form and told that the must register to be able to vote.	EHE – Str. Kagan 1/28 W&M – Del. Boteler Hearing 1/16 at 1:30 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 145  HB 37	Election Law – Refer to Absentee Voting as Mail in Voting in communications with voters.	EHE – Str. Hester – Hearing 1/28 at 2 p.m. W&M – Del. Palakovich Carr EHE -	Passed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reader 45-0  Passed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reader 99-37 In Senate EHE	Amended in Senate EHE
SB 204  HB 182	Potomac Compact for Fair Representation. Compact between Virginia and Maryland to draw Congressional Districts. The Executive Director of MD Legislative Services would determine number of members of the Commission and appoint members. Compact would only be implemented if Virginia adopts a substantially	EHE – Strs. Elfreth & Lam Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m.  House Rules & Ex. Nominations Del. Reznik et al Hearing 3/02 at 2 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Oppose. Maryland Redistricting process should not be contingent on other states.

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	similar plan. MD General Assembly would have a vote but could not change the plan.			
SB 266	Redistricting Reform Act of 2020 – Constitutional Amendment. Require single-member delegate districts. Est. Redistricting Commission as independent unit of state govt.; require drawing of congressional & legislative districts -compact, contiguous & equal population as practicable and provides for GA approval, Governor veto and Court to set plan if nec.	EHE – Pres. Administration et al Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Support – Governor’s priority. MFRW priority
HB 341		House Rules & Ex. Nominations – Speaker – Admin. et al Hearing 3/02 at 2 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 284	Establish the Legislative and Congressional Redistricting and Apportionment Commission as an independent unit of State government; require a Redistricting Commission to be selected on or before March 1, 2021, and each year ending in the number 1 thereafter; the Redistricting Commission consists of nine members who are registered voters for at least 3 years; 3 who are from the Majority Party; 3 from the Principal Minority Party and 3 w/o a Party affiliation. Members can only serve one term.	EHE – Pres. Admin et al Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Support – Governor’s Priority MFRW Priority
HB 346		House Rules & Executive Nominations Hearing 3/02 at 2 p.m.		
SB 362	Absentee Ballots – Timing of Canvass. EMERGENCY BILL. Changing the time that a local Bd. Of Elections may begin opening absentee ballot envelopes to before 9 a.m. on the Friday following election day instead of prior to 8 a.m. on the Wednesday following election day.	EHE – Str. Kagan Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 555		W&M – Del. Mosby & Cain Hearing 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 372	Correctional Facilities Voter Registration and Voting.	EHE & JPR – West, McCray et al Hearing in EHE – 3/05 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 568		W&M & JUD – Del. Mosby et al Hearing 2/11/20 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 396	Constitutional Amendment to require a Candidate for Governor to designate a candidate for Lt. Gov. w/in 21	EHE – Str. Pinsky, et al <b>Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	

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	days after the Primary Election rather than at filing certificate of candidacy for Primary Election.			
SB 408	Require Dept. of Legislative Services in consultation with State Bd. of Elections & MD Assoc. of Election Officials to study requirements to implement voting by mail. Report to Gen. Assembly by December 1, 2020.	EHE – Str. Kramer et al <b>Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 426		House Rules & Ex. Nom. Del. Mosby – 2/24 at 2 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 647	Require designation of a student voting coordinator to increase voter registration (VR) & voting by students, & develop & implement a student voting plan at each public institution of higher education in collaboration with faculty, staff, recognized student organizations, and other appropriate stakeholders. Expand links to State Bd of Elections’ (SBE) online VR system on online portals used by students to register for course work; include links to VR information & voting by absentee ballot in OTHER STATES for students at MD Institutions who reside outside of MD. Establish separate precincts on campuses with more than 4,500 students to specifically serve students, faculty, and staff.	EHE – Strs. Lam et al <b>Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Note: Fiscal Note says cost for Higher Ed Inst. \$55,000 and \$45,000 in 2 specific cases; State Gen. funds per each additional polling place of \$5,000 in 2022 and \$2,500 in later years and local govt. cost w/be \$15,000 - \$28,000 for each polling place in FY 2022 and \$4,000 - \$12,000 in years thereafter. Includes private colleges that accept state operating/capital funds.
HB 245		W&M – Del. Luedtke & Mosby Hearing 2/06	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 800	Prohibit a person from knowingly voting in more than one location.	EHE – Str. Ready Hearing 3/05 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB137	MC-19-20) Require a 12 <sup>th</sup> Early Voting Center; require location be in White Oak area of Montgomery County.	W&M – Montgomery Co. Del. Hearing 1/29 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	M.C. Bd. Of Elections denied 12 <sup>th</sup> EV Center at White Oak.
HB 197	Requiring an election judge to establish a voter's identity & verify voter's address for voter to vote a regular ballot; by requesting the voter to present a current government-issued photo identification	W&M – Del. Parrott et al Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m.	Unfavorable Rpt.	MFRW PRIORITY – SUPPORT.
	<b>ENVIRONMENT</b>			
HB 136	Establishes a State Board of On-Site Wastewater Professionals in Dept. of Environment to regulate individuals who perform on-site wastewater services in MD. Set minimum standards for on-site waste water systems (septic systems). Set reasonable fees for licenses and renewals and establish an On-Site	ENT – Del. Stein Hearing – 2/12 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	

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	Wastewater Professionals Fund. Counties to adopt/enforce standards.			
SB 265	Clean & Renewable Energy Standard (CARES). Reforming "renewable energy portfolio standard" to be the "clean and renewable energy standard"; adding natural gas, bio-mass generating station with recapture carbon system and nuclear power as clean sources of electric energy. Creation of credits under the clean and renewable energy standard; removing "black liquor" from eligible bio-mass sources of a Tier 1 renewable source; and altering minimum percentage of energy derived from some energy sources by 2026. 67.5% clean energy with 14.5% from solar energy, etc.;	FIN – Pres. Admin- et al Hearing – 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 363		ECM – Speaker – Admin. et al Hearing 2/28 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 517	Constitutional Amendment -Environmental Rights. Establish that every person has right to clean & healthy environment and establishing that every person can intervene in an action brought by State or local subdivision to protect those rights & prohibit state of local subdivision from causing diminution of state's natural resources.	ENT – Del. Stewart <b>Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 926	Increase greenhouse gas emissions reductions MD must achieve by 2030 to 60%; require State to achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; require MD Dept. Env. to adopt a final plan on or before December 31, 2020; establish the Climate Jobs Workgroup.	EHE & B&T – Str. Pinsky et al <b>EHE Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 1425		ENT & ECM – Del. Stein et al Hearing in ENT – 3/04 at 1 p.m.	1 Reader	
	<b>HEALTH CARE</b>			
SB 124	MD Health Benefits Exchange – to assist in stabilizing individual health insurance market by adding a State based health insurance subsidies program thru assessments on health ins. Providers.	FIN – Str. Feldman Hearing 2/05 at 2 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 196		HGO – Del. Pena-Melnyk <b>Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 135	Public Health – Access to Vaccines – Minors. Enables a minor, at least 16 year of age to receive vaccines without parent consent.	FIN – Str. Feldman <b>Hearing – 2/18 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 87		HGO – Del. Korman	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	



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SB 228	Establish Commission on Universal Health Care; provide for composition, chair, & staffing. Develop a plan for State to establish, by January 1, 2023, a universal health care program to provide health benefits to all residents of the State through a <b>single-payer system</b> ; authorizing Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Dept. of Health to apply for Federal waivers; etc.	Hearing 2/12 at 1 p.m. FIN – Str. Pinsky <b>Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	OPPOSE – MFRW Priority.
SB 355 HB 530	A pharmacist may administer a vaccination TO AN INDIVIDUAL THAT IS AT LEAST 9 YEARS OLD BUT UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS IF THE VACCINE is listed in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s Recommended Immunization Schedule and is subject to a written protocol and State regulations.	EHE – Strs Augustine & Feldman; Hearing 2/13 - 1 p.m. HGO – Del. Kelly, Krebs et al <b>Hearing – 2/18 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	NOTE: Not sure if this allows a minor to receive a vaccination without parent’s consent.
HB 53	Prohibiting a health care provider from inserting or implanting a contraceptive device, including an intrauterine device or implantable rod, into the body of a minor unless the minor's parent or guardian provides written authorization for the minor to have the device inserted or implanted.	HGO – Del. Parrott, et al Hearing 3/13 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 113	Add to the Patient’s Bill of Rights that unless a provision of federal or state law allows a minor patient to consent to medical treatment, a parent or guardian of a minor patient has full decision-making authority over the minor patient’s health care, including the choice to transfer minor patient to a different health care provider or facility.	HGO – Del. Grammer	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 409	Participation of School-Based Health Centers in MD Medical Assistance Program to include those with a written agreement with a sponsoring agency that meets certain requirements in the “Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards” report of 12/1/2019.	HGO – Del. Cullison Hearing 2/05	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	

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HB 498	Dept. of Aging – Mandates Gov. include \$1 Million a year in Budget Bill for grants to nonprofits and area agencies on aging to expand and start “aging in place” programs for seniors w/at least 10% of funds used to support “senior villages”.	APP – Del. Hill, et al Hearing 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
	<b>IMMIGRATION RELATED</b>			
SB 197	Requiring a State or local correctional facility notified by US Dept. of Homeland Security that an individual is subject to an immigration detainer to provide notice to US DHS at least 72 hours before the individual is released from the facility if the individual is charged with or convicted of a crime of violence or violation of Title 9, subsection 8 of the Criminal Law. If individual is subject of criminal warrant the state/local correctional facility may maintain custody for up to 48 hours beyond release time for US DHS to assume custody.	JPR – Strs. Hough, Bailey, et al Hearing 1/30 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	SUPPORT. MFRW Priority.
SB 332	Similar to SB 197 but does not require a criminal warrant to hold the individual up to 48 hours after release date	JPR – Strs. Ready, et al Hearing 1/30 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 653	Criminal Procedure- Allow a court finding “ <b>facts justifying a finding of guilt</b> ” (but not actually finding the individual guilty) to suspend a portion or all of the sentence. The Fiscal/Policy Note says that a PBJ under Maryland law wipes out the conviction, but NOT under Federal Immigration Law. <b>Under this bill a court could suspend all of a sentence and thus not be reportable as a conviction to Federal authorities.</b>	JPR – Strs. Lee, Carter et al Hearing 2/19 at Noon	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 213		JUD – Hearing 1/28	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 850	General Assembly prohibits state & local governmental entities from entering into agreements facilitating immigration-related detention by private entities; prohibiting gov’t. entities from entering into certain agreements to house immigration-related detainees; requiring governmental entities to terminate existing contracts for the detention of immigration-related	JPR – Strs. Sydnor et al Hearing 2/26 at noon	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	OPPOSE – MFRW Priority
HB 677		JUD – Del. Stewart et al Hearing – 2/25 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	

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	detainees not later than October 1, 2021. Prohibits a state or local agency from granting a zoning exemption or building permit for a private immigration detention center.			
SB 903	Requiring the Attorney General, in consultation with stakeholders, to develop guidelines to assist public schools, hospitals, and courthouses to draft, implement and publish policies that limit civil immigration enforcement activities on their premises to the greatest extent possible in order to ensure these facilities remain safe and accessible to all;	JPR – Str. Smith Hearing 2/26 at noon	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	OPPOSE – MFRW Priority
HB 403		JUD – Del. Wilkins et al Hearing 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 388	Prohibiting a State or local law enforcement agent from inquiring about an individual's immigration status, citizenship status, or place of birth during a stop, search or arrest or transferring an individual to federal immigration authorities unless required by Federal law. Without a Judicial Warrant; and, without a Judicial warrant, a state or local law enforcement agent is prohibited from transferring or detaining an individual, notifying federal immigration authorities with an individual's location information, or using law enforcement resources to further civil immigration enforcement;	JUD – Del. Pena-Melnyk et al Hearing 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	OPPOSE – MFRW Priority
	<b>LIFE ISSUES</b>			
SB 357	Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.	FIN – Str. Serafini, et al Hearing - 3/10 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 701	Assisted Suicide. Authorizing an individual, who a physician has diagnosed as probably having 6 months or less to live, to request aid in dying by making verbal & written requests; prohibiting an individual from requesting aid in dying on behalf of another person; includes conditions/requirements for aid in dying and for witnesses to a written request for aid in dying and specifying form. Aid in dying” means the medical practice of a physician prescribing medication to a	JPR - Str. Waldstreicher et al Hearing 2/28 at 12 noon	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 643		HGO & JUD – Del. Pendergrass et al	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	

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	qualified (see above) individual that the qualified individual may self-administer to bring about that individual's death.			
	<b>MARIJUANA AND DRUG RELATED</b>			
SB 356  HB 813	Law cannot be construed to authorize possession of marijuana or cannabis on grounds of a local correctional facility or while an offender is in a home detention program and authorizing penalties.	JPR – Str. Serafini, et al Hearing 2/13 at 12 noon  HGO – Del. Wivell & McKay <b>Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 193	Changing a criminal misdemeanor offense to a civil penalty for the possession of de minimis quantities of a controlled dangerous substance, i.e., 10 grams of marijuana; or 300 milligrams of cocaine; or 300 milligrams of heroin; 5 tablets of 3, 4 - methylenedioxymethamphetamine (mdma); 5 tablets of lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD); 300 milligrams of methadone; or 200 milligrams of amphetamine. Civil fine 1 <sup>st</sup> offense - \$100; 2 <sup>nd</sup> offense \$250 and 3 <sup>rd</sup> offense \$500 and requires court to order offender to participate in a drug education program.	JUD – Cardin et al – Hearing 1/28 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
HB 464	MD Dept. of Health to authorize up to 6 Community-based org. to provide a place for consumption of prohibited drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid & other services. Two programs in urban areas, 2 in suburban and 2 in rural areas.	HGO – Del. Hettleman, et al Hearing 2/28 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
	<b>SECOND AMENDMENT RELATED</b>			
SB 39	Altering the definition of "regulated firearm" to include the Anderson Manufacturing .223 caliber AM-15 and .300 caliber AM-15.	JPR – Str. Waldstreicher – Hearing 1/15 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 55	Income Tax Checkoff – MD Assault Weapons Buyback Fund. Tax payer may contribute \$5.00. requires Gov. to include \$50,000/year Many weapons eligible.	B&T – Str. Young – WITHDRAWN	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 208	Public Safety – Rifles and shotguns secondary transfers. Require background check before loan or	JPR – Str. Lee et al Hearing 2/05 at 1 p.m.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	

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HB 4	other temporary transfer of rifles and shotguns requiring background check including at gun shows. Military, police and family members exempt.	JUD – Del. Atterbeary In JPR	Passed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reader 1 <sup>st</sup> Reader -JPR	
SB 422	Firearm Permits to Carry, or transport – Required Courses. Except for Active Duty Law Enforcement officers or a qualified handgun instructor, every person with a permit issued or renewed must complete on separate calendar days each calendar year an approved course on situational awareness and a course on competent handling of a firearm.	JPR - Strs. Young, et al Hearing 2/13 at noon.	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	
SB 646 HB 636	Access to Firearms – Storage Requirements. Makes a firearm owner who knowingly or should have known that an unsupervised minor could gain access to a loaded or unloaded firearm and the minor gains access to the firearm w/be subject to fine up to \$2500 and/or 2 years in prison and if “the gun causes harm to the minor or another person” the owner w/be guilty of a misdemeanor and if convicted subject to fine up to \$5,000 or up to 5 years in prison.	JPR – Strs. Smith et al <b>Hearing 2/20 at noon</b>  JUD – Del. Stein et al <b>Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Reader  1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	