

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN – WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – March 22, 2020, 2020

BILL # BILL DESCRIPTION COMMITTEE/HEARING BILL STATUS/SPONSOR COMMENTS

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	BUDGET & TAXATION			
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 in Senate 2/19.	1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader 128-6; Passed 3 rd Reader as amended 45-0; Passed enrolled 125-9.	
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 st Reader	
SB 190 HB 150	Operating Budget Bill 2021.	B&T – Pres. Administration APP – Speaker- Administration	Passed 3 rd Reader (47-0) Passed 3 rd Reader amended 126-8; Passed enrolled 45-0. 122-9.	
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 Hearing 2/26 APP – Speaker – Administration	Passed 3 rd Reader 45-0; Passed 3 rd Reader 122-9. 1 st Reader	
SB 192	Budget Reconciliation Financing Act of 2020.	B&T – Pres. – Administration Hearing APP 3/13;	Passed 3 rd Reader (47-0) Passed 3 rd Reader - with	

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HB 152		APP – Speaker – Administration Hearing 2/27 at 1 p.m.	amend. 122-12; Senate concurred with amend. 45-0. Passed Enrolled. 1 st 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 st Reader 1 st Reader	
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. W&M – Speaker – Admin et al Hearing 2/14 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st 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 st Reader 1 st 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 Hearing W&M 3/19 at 1 p.m. W&M – Del. R. Watson – Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m.	Passed 3 rd Reader (46-1) In W&M 1 st 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. W&M – Del. Wivell et al Hearing – 2/21 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	SUPPORT – MFRW Priority.
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 Hearing 2/19 at 2 p.m. W&M – Del. Buckel et al Hearing 2/25 at 1 p.m.	Passed 2 nd Reader w/amend. 1 st Reader	

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SB 1001 HB 932	21 st Century Economy Sales Tax Act. Applies sales tax to digital products and services and requires Comptroller to pay all receipts from this tax to Education Trust Fund (ETF). Includes e-books, e-greeting cards, videos, movies, e-newspapers, music, any ringtones, pay-for view, cable or satellite services, etc. ETF revenues increase by \$117.4 million in FY 2021 and by \$147.4 million in FY 2025.	B&T – Strs. Rosapepe & Serafini Hearing- 3/10 at 1p.m. W&M – Del. Korman Referred to B&T	Passed 2 nd Reader w/amend. Passed 3 rd Read (87-47); Passed 3 rd Reader w/amend. 30-15; House concurred with amend. 89-45. Passed Enrolled.	OPPOSE
SB 1028	Constitutional Amendment -General Assembly to be able to add or increase items in the Executive Dept. budgets provided total executive dept. budget does not Exceed Governor’s proposed budget.	B&T Strs. Rosapepe et al Hearing 3/04 at 1 p.m. Hearing APP 3/18 at 9:30 a.m.	Passed 3 rd Reader 30-15 on 3/17; Passed 3 rd Reader 95-39 on 3/18.	OPPOSE Introduced 2/14.
SB 1040 HB 1494	Local Tax Relief for Working Families Act of 2020. Allows Counties to RAISE the local income tax rate to 3.5% from a maximum of 3.2% on individual incomes of \$500,000 or joint incomes of \$600,000 (twice current maximum). Requires counties to establish “tax brackets” on income and the tax rates to which tax applies. A County could lower rate for lower-income people and increase it for higher incomes. Will increase costs to State to implement that will be reimbursed by counties. After tax year 2022 a county cannot change its tax rate w/o brackets. Currently it is a flat rate.	B&T – Str. Rosapepe Hearing is 3/12 at 1 p.m. W&M – Del. Mosby, et al Referred to B&T	1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader (94-35);	Impact could be significant for small businesses. Fiscal Note states: “The bill may decrease future revenue gains in counties that do NOT impose the maximum authorized rate . 12 counties currently charge less than the maximum rate: Allegany, AA, Calvert, Carroll, Cecil, Charles Frederick, Garrett, Harford St. Mary’s, Talbot, Worcester
SB 1080	State of Emergency – Authority of Governor & Unemployment Ins. Benefits (COVID-19)	FIN – President	Passed 3 rd Reader w/amend. 45-0; Passed 3 rd Reader w/amend. 123-6; Senate concurred with amendment 44-0.	
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 st Reader	
HB 1405	Constitutional Amendment – Allow General Assembly to add items to budget for transportation related items and allow Gov. to veto those items and Speaker	APP – Del. Barve & Stein Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	W/allow GA to add highway or mass transit or other trna

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	& Senate Pres. to issue proclamation for immediate special session to override such vetoes.			
HB 1628	Reduces general sales tax by 1 cent from 6 cents to 5 cents/per dollar and expands tax to apply to any labor or service provided, or any material or property sold. Applies to application or installation or a professional service. "Taxable Service means activity engaged in for a buyer for consideration." Includes mandatory tip for service to groups of 10 or more for food & beverages; pre-paid telephone calling arrangements, sale of custom software services and computer maintenance contracts and tax on vending machine sales. Does not include health care or social assistance services; or service of a religious, civic, labor or political organization.	W&M – Del. Luedtke, et al Hearing 3/02 at 1 p.m.	Unfavorable Report W&M	Oppose. General fund revenues increase by approximately \$886.5 million in FY 2021 and by \$2.9 billion in FY 2025. General fund expenditures increase by approximately \$1.8 million each year beginning in FY 2021.
	BUSINESS AND ECONOMY			
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 Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m. ENT – Del. Lierman et al FIN	1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader w/amend. (95-37)	
SB 530 HB 231	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. Assigned to ENT ENT – Del. Lierman et al Hearing 2/04 at 1 p.m.	Favorable 2/amend by JPR; passed 3 rd Reader (34-12). Passed 3 rd Reader (94-42) Final passage. Passed 3 rd Reader w/amend. (95-42); Passed 3 rd Reader 31-15.	
SB 912 HB 1543	Environment Climate Crisis and Education Act. Imposes numerous fees on natural gas, petroleum and coal & any solid, liquid or gaseous fuel derived from them to be used in generating electricity. Some of the	B&T & EHE – Str. Kramer Hearing in B&T 3/11 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Would cause the cost of electricity to increase.

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	fees would go to fund Kirwan education programs with credits to lower income ind. Requires increasing reduction in greenhouse gases to zero by 2040.	ECM – Del. Fraser-Hidalgo et al Hearing 3/12 at 1 p.m. Hearing ENT Cancelled.		
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.	Passed 3 rd Reader w/amend. (96-41)	
HB 163	-Labor Organizations - Right to Work	ECM – Del. Miller et al Hearing – 2/04 at 1 p.m.	Unfavorable Rpt.	
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 Referred to B&T	Passed 3 rd Reader (133-0); Passed 3 rd Reader 46-0.	
	EDUCATION			
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.	Unfavorable Rpt.	
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,	EHE – Pres. By Req. Admin., et al; hearing - 2/04 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	Support
HB 347	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, adoption, modification, or rejection of a proposed innovation plan, including electronic posting, a public comment period, & a public hearing; etc. as specified. .	W&M – Speaker by Req. of Admin., Del. Adams et al Hearing 2/19 at 1 pm.	1 st Reader	

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SB 307 HB 415	Higher Education – MD. Community College Promise Scholarship – CHANGES: Removes requirement to enroll within 2 years of high school graduation. 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.	EHE – Str. Pinsky et al Hearing APP on 3/17 – 1 p.m. APP. Del. Barnes et al Hearing – 2/11 at 1 p.m. Assigned to EHE	Passed 3 rd Reader (44-0); Passed 3 rd Reader w/amend. 133-0 Senate concurred with amend. 45-0. Enrolled. Passed 3R as amended by App. (136-0); Passed 3 rd Reader 46-0.	
SB 542 HB 516	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. W&M – Del. Walker, et al Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st 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 st Reader	
SB 1000 HB 1300	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.	EHE & B&T – Strs Pinsky et al APP & W&M	1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader (96-41); Passed 3 rd Reader w/amend. 37-9; House concurred w/amend 96-38. Passed Enrolled.	MFRW Opposes
HB 796	Higher Education – Freedom of Speech on Campus Protection Act. Specifies that outdoor areas on campuses of public institutions of higher education are public forums; prohibiting public institutions of higher education from designating areas in which expressive activities are prohibited; authorizing public institutions of higher education	APP- Del. Grammer Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	Support

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	to create reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions on expressive activities; prohibiting public institutions of higher education from denying benefits to student organizations for reasons related to the expressive activities of the organizations			
	ELECTIONS - VOTING			
SB 10 HB 103	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 st day before deadline for filing in the 2 nd year of a term. Special Election to be held at same time as statewide Primary and General Election in 2 nd year of a term.	EHE – Strs. Lam & Hough et al W&M – Hearing 3/17 at 1 p.m. W&M – Del. Moon et al Hearing 1/29 at 1 p.m.	Passed 3R – 44-0 1 st Reader	
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. Fiscal Note: 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. Mangione 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 st Reader 1 st 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 1 /28 Re-referred to B&T	1 st Reader	MFRW Priority - OPPOSE Ranked Choice Voting. See MFRW brochure on RCV.

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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; Referred to W&M W&M – Del. Boteler	Passed 3 rd Reader (40-5) 1 st Reader	
SB 145 HB 37	Election Law – Refer to Absentee Voting as Mail in Voting in communications with voters. Amendment – Local Boards of Elections to be reimbursed 50% of cost of prepaid postage.	EHE – Str. Hester – W&M - W&M – Del. Palakovich Carr EHE -	Passed 3 rd Reader 45-0; Passed 3 rd Reader as amended 100-33; Senate concurs in amend 35-10; Enrolled. Passed 3 rd 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 similar plan. MD General Assembly would have a vote but could not change the plan.	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 st Reader	Oppose. Maryland Redistricting process should not be contingent on other states.
SB 266 HB 341	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. House Rules & Ex. Nominations – Speaker – Admin. et al Hearing 3/02 at 2 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Support – Governor’s priority. MFRW priority

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SB 284 HB 346	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. House Rules & Executive Nominations Hearing 3/02 at 2 p.m.	1 st Reader	Support – Governor’s Priority MFRW Priority
SB 362 HB 555	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 -House W&M 3/17- at 1 p.m. W&M – Del. Mosby & Cain Assigned to EHE.	Passed 3 rd Reader (45-0) Passed 3rd Reader (135-0)	
SB 372 HB 568	Correctional Facilities Voter Registration and Voting. Provides for registering felons being released and registering and promptly returning absentee ballots for those incarcerated awaiting trial or incarcerated for misdemeanors. State general fund & local gov’t. expenditures increase, by at least \$432,057 (split 50/50) in FY 2021. Hiring at least 4 correctional officers to be dedicated, roving voter registration & voting outreach personnel for correctional facilities across the State & work closely with State & local boards of elections (potentially based in elections offices through an interagency agreement(s)) and travel to various correctional facilities across the State, operating an ongoing, year-round program.	EHE & JPR – West, McCray et al Hearing in EHE – 3/05 at 1 p.m. W&M & JUD – Del. Mosby et al Hearing 2/11/20 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader 135-0; Passed 3 rd Reader in Senate with amendment 45-0 on 3/18. Note: Did not finally pass as House did not act to concur in amendment before adjournment.	Note non-incarcerated citizens must mail or deliver their own Absentee ballots to their local Bd. of Elections.
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 Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	

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	days after the Primary Election rather than at filing certificate of candidacy for Primary Election.			
SB 408 HB 426	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 Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m. House Rules & Ex. Nom. Del. Mosby – 2/24 at 2 p.m.	Unfavorable Report 1 st Reader	
SB 647 HB 245	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 Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m. W&M – Del. Luedtke & Mosby Referred to EHE.	Unfavorable Report Passed 3 rd Reader (93-36) with amend.	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.
SB 800	Prohibit a person from knowingly voting in more than one location.	EHE – Str. Ready Hearing 3/05 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB 967 HB 1431	Constitutional Amendment – Fair Maps -Congressional & Legislative Districts shall comply with (1) the U.S. Constitution, the federal voting rights act or its successor law; and (2) the additional following criteria in the following order of priority: (i) be of substantially equal population; (ii) be geographically contiguous; (iii) provide racial, ethnic, & language groups equal opportunity to participate in the political process, and not dilute or diminish their ability to elect candidates of choice whether alone or in coalition with others; (iv) respect the integrity of areas with recognized	EHE-Strs. Washington, Lam, Lee & West. Hearing 3/05 - 1 p.m. House Rules & Ex. Nom. 3/02 at 2 p.m. Del. Wilkins et al	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	

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	similarities of interests, including but not limited to racial, ethnic, economic, social, cultural, geographic, or historical identities, but not based on common relationships with political parties or political candidates; (v) respect natural boundaries and the boundaries of political subdivisions; and (vi) be compact in form. Requires Gen. Assembly to have a public hearing process; conduct broad outreach & gain public input.			
HB137	MC-19-20) Require a 12 th 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 st Reader	M.C. Bd. Of Elections denied 12 th 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.
	ENVIRONMENT			
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 Wastewater Professionals Fund. Counties to adopt/enforce standards.	ENT – Del. Stein Referred to EHE	Passed 3 rd Reader (96-41) as amended.	
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	FIN – Pres. Admin- et al Hearing – 2/11 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	Support – Governor's Priority.
HB 363		ECM – Speaker – Admin. et al Hearing 2/28 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	

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	of energy derived from some energy sources by 2026. 67.5% clean energy with 14.5% from solar energy, etc.;			
SB 912 HB1543	Environment & Climate Crisis & Education Act. See entry under “Business & Economy” heading.	B&T - Str. Kramer Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m. ECM – 3/12 at 1 p.m.		
SB 926 HB 1425	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 EHE Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m. ENT & ECM – Del. Stein et al Hearing in ENT – 3/04 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 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 Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.	Unfavorable Report Withdrawn	
	HEALTH CARE			
SB 124 HB 196	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. HGO – Del. Pena-Melnyk Hearing 2/20 at 1 p.m.	Passed 3 rd Reader (43-2) Passed 3 rd Reader as amended by HGO (101-31). Senate concurred with House amend. Passed 40-6. Enrolled. 1 st Reader	
SB 135 HB 87	Public Health – Access to Vaccines – Minors. Enables a minor, at least 16 year of age to receive vaccines without parent consent.	FIN – Str. Feldman Hearing – 2/18 at 1 p.m. HGO – Del. Korman	Unfavorable Rpt. Unfavorable Rpt.	
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	FIN – Str. Pinsky Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	OPPOSE – MFRW Priority.

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	benefits to all residents of the State through a single-payer system ; authorizing Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Dept. of Health to apply for Federal waivers; etc.			
SB 355	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.	Unfavorable Report	NOTE: House Sponsor says bill doesn’t address parental permission.
HB 530		HGO – Del. Kelly, Krebs et al Hearing – 2/18 at 1 p.m.	Unfavorable Report	
SB 990	Authorizing an Overdose and Infectious Disease Prevention Services Program by a community-based organization to provide a place for the consumption of pre-obtained drugs, provide sterile needles, administer first aid, and other services; providing the Maryland Department of Health may approve not more than, two programs in urban areas, two in suburban areas, and two in rural areas, to operate at a single location in areas with a high incidence of drug use;	FIN – Str Hettleman, et al Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 464		HGO – Del. Pena-Melnyk et al Hearing 2/28 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
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 st 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 Hearing – 3/04 at 1 p.m.	Unfavorable Report	
HB 409	Participation of School-Based Health Centers in MD Medical Assistance Program to include those with a	HGO – Del. Cullison Referred to FIN	Passed 3 rd Reader	

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	written agreement with a sponsoring agency that meets certain requirements in the “Maryland School-Based Health Center Standards” report of 12/1/2019.		(133-0); Passed 3 rd Reader 45-0.	
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 Referred to FIN	Passed 3 rd Reader as amend by APP (136-0); Passed 3 rd Reader 45-0.	
	IMMIGRATION RELATED			
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 st 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 st Reader	
SB 649	Public Information Certification at MVA to require Judicial Warrant for personal information & report.	JPR – 2/27 at 12 noon Strs. Lam et al	Favorable w/amend. Special Order to3/16	
HB 892		ENT – 2/27 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB 653	Criminal Procedure- Allow a court finding “ facts justifying a finding of guilt ” (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. Under this bill a court could suspend all of a sentence and thus not be reportable as a conviction to Federal authorities.	JPR – Strs. Lee, Carter et al Referred to JUD.	Passed 3 rd Reader (47-0)	
HB 213		JUD – Hearing 1/28	1 st Reader	

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SB 850 HB 677	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 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.	JPR – Strs. Sydnor et al Hearing 2/26 at noon JUD – Del. Stewart et al Hearing – 2/25 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	OPPOSE – MFRW Priority
SB901 HB1612	Prohibit State and local gov't. law enforcement & government agencies, courts, schools & hospitals from sharing information or data bases with Federal Immigration officials without judicial warrant. Indemnify state/local law enforcement from costs of judgements due to refusal to give info on immigration status to Federal gov't or another state. Penalize state/local gov't. officials who cooperate with Federal Immigration officials. Requires state/local officials to notify a person that Federal authorities have made an inquiry regarding civil immigration status and provide a copy of any written document with that individual within 48 hours. Allows cooperation with Feds if person has been convicted of a violent criminal offense.	JPR – Str. Smith Hearing – 2/26 at 1 p.m. House Rules & Ex. Nom. Del. Moon	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	OPPOSE – MFRW Priority Most expansive bill on restricting cooperation with Federal Immigration officials to date.
SB 903 HB 403	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 JUD – Del. Wilkins et al Referred to JPR & EHE	1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader (93-45)	OPPOSE – MFRW Priority

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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 st Reader	OPPOSE – MFRW Priority
HB 1411	Correctional Services -Transfer to Federal Authorities (Protecting Marylanders from Violent Crime Act of 2020). On request of the U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security (USDHS), a state or local correctional facility with custody of an undocumented immigrant serving a sentence for conviction of a crime shall transfer the individual to the USDHS if the individual: (1) has engaged in or is suspected of terrorism or espionage, or otherwise poses a danger to national security; (2) has been convicted of an offense of which an element is active participation in a criminal street gang, as defined in 18 U.S.C.. § 6 521; (3) is at least 16 years of age and intentionally participated in a criminal street gang, as defined in 18 U.S.C. § 521, to further illegal activities; or (4) has been convicted of an aggravated felony, as defined in 8 U.S.C. § 1101.	JUD – Del. Szeliga et al Hearing – 3/10 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
	LIFE ISSUES			
SB 357	Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.	FIN – Str. Serafini, et al Hearing - 3/10 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
SB 664	Constitutional Amendment: Declaration of Rights – Right to Privacy. That each individual has a natural, essential, & inherent right to privacy that guarantees freedom from government intervention & includes the	JPR – Str. Lee Hearing – 3/11 at noon	1 st Reader; HEARING CANCELLED; withdrawn by sponsor.	This bill inserts into the Maryland Constitution the right to abortion through

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	right to live free from intrusion caused by or directly traceable to the unauthorized collection of data concerning the individual by another. The right to privacy DOES NOT prohibit the state from regulating the sale or purchase of a firearm or ammunition.			birth. Vague and broadly worded.
SB 701 HB 643	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 qualified (see above) individual that the qualified individual may self-administer to bring about that individual’s death.	JPR - Str. Waldstreicher et al Hearing 2/28 at 12 noon HGO & JUD – Del. Pendergrass et al	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Note: written testimony and oral testimony sign-ups must be submitted by 11 a.m.
HB 734	Human Fetal Tissue – Prohibition	HGO – Del. Grammer Hearing 3/13 at 1 p.m.	UNFAVORABLE RPT; withdrawn	
HB 793	Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act.- Exept to prevent serious health risk to woman.	HGO – Del. Wivell Hearing 3/13 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 1162	Health – Abortion Reporting Requirements – annual rpt. to Vital Records.	HGO – Del. Wivell, et al Hearing 3/13 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 1179	Unborn human beings & infants - humane deposition of human remains.	HGO – Del. Cox Hearing 3/13 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 1227	Require Ultra-sound before women signs informed consent on abortion.	HGO- Del. Botetler et al Hearing – 3/13 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 1299	Abortion Methods Modifications – Prohibit certain physicians from mutual financial relationships, repealing non-liability for damages, etc.	HGO – Del. Metzgar et al Hearing – 3/13 at 1 p.m.	UNFAVORABLE RPT.	
HB 1321	Ultra-Sound and Waiting period and requirements and training.	HGO – Del. Ciliberti et al Hearing – 3/13 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	

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HB 1412	Abortion Methods. Physician may not perform an abortion on a woman more than 10 weeks pregnant using a method that results in disarticulation or dismemberment of a fetus or fetal death.	HGO – Del. Metzgar et al Hearing 3/13 at 1 p.m.	UNFAVORABLE RPT.	
	MARIJUANA AND DRUG RELATED			
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 Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.	1 st 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 st offense - \$100; 2 nd offense \$250 and 3 rd 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.	UNFAVORABLE Rpt. Withdrawn	
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 st Reader	
HB 1400	Cannabis Legalization, Taxation & Regulation.	JUD & W&M – Del. Moon Hearing: JUD -3/06 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	OPPOSE
	SECOND AMENDMENT RELATED			
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 st Reader	

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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	Unfavorable Rpt.	
SB 208 HB 4	Public Safety – Rifles and shotguns secondary transfers. Require background check before loan or other temporary transfer of rifles and shotguns requiring background check including at gun shows. Military, police and family members exempt.	JPR – Str. Lee et al Referred to JUD. Hearing Cancelled. JUD – Del. Atterbeary In JPR	Passed 3rd Reader w/amend. (31-14); Passed 3 rd Reader w/amend. (87-42); Passed 3rd Reader w/amend. JPR (31-14) House concurred w/S amend. (87-43). Passed enrolled.	
SB 422	Firearm Permits to Carry, or transport – Except for Active Duty Law Enforcement officers or a qualified handgun instructor, every person with a permit must complete on separate calendar days each year approved course on situational awareness and a course on competent handling of a firearm.	JPR - Strs. Young, et al Hearing 2/13 at noon.	Unfavorable Rpt.	
SB 646 HB 636	Access to Firearms – Storage Requirements. Firearm owner who knowingly or should have known that an unsupervised minor could gain access to a loaded or unloaded firearm & minor gains access to firearm subject to fine up to \$2500 and/or 2 years in prison & if “the gun causes harm to minor or another person” owner w/be guilty of a misdemeanor & if convicted subject to fine up to \$5,000 or up to 5 years in prison.	JPR – Strs. Smith et al Hearing 2/20 at noon JUD – Del. Stein et al Hearing 2/19 at 1 p.m.	Passed 3 rd Reader 29-16; Referred to JUD. 1 st Reader	