

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN – WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – FEBRUARY 19, 2021

BILL #	BILL DESCRIPTION	COMMITTEE/HEARING SPONSOR(S)	BILL STATUS	COMMENTS
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	BUDGET AND TAXES			
HB 0201	Impose an additional 1% income tax on capital gains; principal home sale exempt & some farm resources.	W&M; Hearing 1/21 - 1:30 p.m.; Del. Palakovich-Carr	1 st Reader	
HB 0435	Increasing State income tax rate to 7% of MD taxable income of an individual in excess of \$1,000,000; applies to taxable years after December 31, 2021.	W&M; Hearing 2/04 – 1:30 p.m. Del. Smith	1 st Reader	
HB 0588	Budget Bill for FY 2022.	APP – Speaker (Req. of Admin.)	1 st Reader	
HB 0589	Budget Reconciliation & Financing Act.	APP – Hearing 3/03 at 1:30 p.m. Speaker (Req. of Admin.)	1 st Reader	
SB 0493		B&T – Hearing 3/3 at 1 p.m.; President (req)	1 st Reader	
HB 0590 SB 0492	Consolidated Capitol Bond Loan of 2021 and Consolidated Bonds of 2012 through 2020.	APP – Speaker (Req. of Admin.) B&T – President (Req.)	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0649 SB 0362	Transportation Fund -Increase distribution from Gasoline & Motor Vehicle Revenue Act for Baltimore City to 8.8%; Counties - 3.2% & municipalities - 2.2%.	ENT– Hearing 2/11; Del. Anderton B&T – Hearing 2/02 at 1 p.m.; Str. McCray	1 st Reader	
HB 1053 SB 0882	Operating Budget -Mandate funding -Education organizations must be funded equal to funding for 2021 & add an additional \$150,000.	APP; Hearing 3/03 at 1:30 p.m. Del. B. Barnes B&T; Str. Guzzone Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 1101	Establish Maryland Peoples Fund. This is a non-lapsing fund to receive 25% of the Estate Tax as well as amounts budgeted and interest earned. The fund can also receive money from any other source. No purpose for the fund is stated.	APP; Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Acevero	1 st Reader	
HB 1323	Require Bd. of Public Works to set standards for responsible purchase of products or services that use algorithmic decision systems. “Algorithmic decision system” means a computational process, including one derived from machine learning, statistics, or other data processing or artificial intelligence	HGO; Hearing 3/17 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Hill	1 st Reader	

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	techniques, that makes a decision, or facilitates human decision making, in a manner that impacts individuals. BPW must ensure fairness, tolerance for others & eliminate discrimination in these systems.			
SB 0018	Income Tax subtraction for 2021 for school supplies for home instruction & virtual learning programs	B&T – Hearing 1/21 – 11 a.m. Strs. Hough and Sailing	1 st Reader	Support
SB 915	Blueprint for MD Future. Funding must be sufficient to enable students to achieve performance standards in COMAR 13A & ensure funds are distributed equitably to school systems across state and that adequate funds be provided by State & local govt. for local education agencies to meet performance stds.	EHE – Hearing 3/09 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
	CIVIL RIGHTS			
HB 0121	Establish & Fund Maryland Reparations Commission to identify and provide compensation for persons who ancestors were enslaved in the State of MD. May include cash payments; college tuition forgiveness and low interest loans and mortgages. No limits on amounts are given.	HGO; Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. W. Fisher	1 st Reader	Sets a budget mandate to fund Commission & pay reparations from State Budget;
HB 0128 SB 0220	Hate Crimes – Protected Groups - Changes term “Gender-related” to “Gender Identity” and add a penalty for violations to include completion of an anti-racism course; and orders before January 1, 2023, the Board of Regents of the University Maryland system to develop a curriculum to manage the development of an antibias education program that provides antibias education relevant to the provisions of title 10, subtitle 3 of the Criminal Law article.	JUD; Hearing 1/26; Del. Stewart. JPC; Str. Hettleman	1 st Reader Passed 3 rd R (45 -0) In House JUD	
HB 0130	Establish Commission on LGBTQ Affairs in Office of the Governor. Commission w/work with local gov’ts. to pass LGBTQ inclusive laws. Commission may seek money from federal government, foundations, & private sources in addition to state financing. May	HGO; Hearing 1/14 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Qi	Passed 3 rd Reader in House (102-27) In Senate EHE.	

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	accept gifts, grants, donations, bequests, or endowments for any of its purposes. Money received and income and fees derived from activities are not subject to § 7–302 of the state finance & procurement article but may be audited.			
HB 0650	Adds to eligible groups of the Minority Business Program: Sexual or gender minority – a lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgender person, regardless of race or ethnicity is considered economically disadvantaged.	HGO – Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 pm. Del. Boyce	1 st Reader	
HB 1088	To declare that it is the Policy of the State to provide equal access to justice in all courts of equity, agencies, programs and departments and services for LGBTQ+ individuals and to provide equal services to these individuals and families.	HGO – Hearing 3/17 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Acevero	1 st Reader	
SB 768		JPC Hearing 3/09 at 1 p.m. Str. Washington	1 st Reader	
HB 1156	Establish a Commission of Men & Fatherhood to study and review the status of men in the state; strengthen home life by directing attention to critical problems confronting men as husbands, fathers, homemakers, and workers; recommend methods of overcoming discrimination against men in public and private employment & in family law disputes; - more.	HHO – Hearing 3/17 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Metzgar.	1 st Reader	
SB 0807		EHE; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m.; Str. Salling.	1 st Reader	
HB 1227	Set up Task Force on Preventing & Countering Domestic Terrorism. Whereas clauses include: GA is committed to defending democratic institutions, the integrity of our elections, & security of people and facilities that carry out the democratic process; violent white supremacy is “the most persistent and lethal threat in the Homeland; January 6, 2021, domestic terrorism incident at our nation’s Capitol does not reflect the values of the State; & Disinformation, misinformation, & online conspiracy theories such as QAnon are spreading and inspiring real-world violence; White Supremacy is greatest threat; Task Force to recommend ways to counter	JUD – Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Rosenberg	1 st Reader	No one condones the violence at the Capitol or the threat against any Governor, but it is glaring that there is no mention of Antifa or BLM intimidation, violence or riots or threats as matters of concern.
SB 0864		JPC - Hearing 3/10 at 12 noon; Str. Hettleman	1 st Reader	

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	and prosecute online extremism while balancing First Amendment concerns.			
HB 1314	Business Regulation – Social Media Web sites with 75,000,000 or more users may not censor political or religious speech or use algorithms to turn away users; provides a user with ability to seek court actions. Violations are unfair or deceptive trade practices.	ECM; Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Adams	1 st Reader	
HB 1321	Right to Work Law: A public or private employer may not require, as a condition of employment, that an employee or a prospective employee join or remain a member of a labor organization; pay any dues, fees, assessments, or other charges to a labor org. or pay a fee in lieu of dues paid by a labor org. member.	ECM; Hearing 3/05 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Novotny	1 st Reader	
	CRIMES - & LAW ENFORCEMENT			
HB 0003 SB 0202	Parole – Life Imprisonment – Remove Governor’s authority to grant parole for life sentences.	JUD – Hearing 1/18 at 1:30 pm.; Del. Clippinger JPC –Hearing 2/03- 11 a.m. Str. Kelley	1 st Reader	Note: Leaves intact Governor’s authority to Pardon a Life Sent.
HB 0149	Changes prohibition to apply only to a person 18 years-old or older against knowingly promoting, advertising, soliciting, distributing, or with the intent to distribute any matter, visual representation, or performance that depicts a minor engaged in sadomasochistic abuse or sexual conduct; and generally relating child pornography	JUD – Hearing 1/21 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Wilson.	1 st Reader	
HB 0151 SB 0627	Repeal Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights	JUD; Hearing 2/09 – 1:30 p.m. Del. Acevero JPC; Hearing 2/04 at 11 a.m. Str. Carter	1 st Reader	
HB 0194	Require every deputy public defender, district public defender, and assistant public defender and police officer (i) undergo, before beginning service, a test for implicit bias; (ii) receive training to address implicit bias; and (iii) undergo, after receiving	JUD; Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Wells	1 st Reader	

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	training, an evaluation to measure the results of the training; and ensure that anonymized data on all tests and evaluations required are available to the public on the website of the office or by request.			
HB 0260	Would change prohibition for a person to serve on a jury from anyone convicted of a Federal or State Crime who served a term of 1 year or more to prohibiting a person convicted of a felony of Federal or state law and is currently serving the sentence imposed for conviction, including any probation.	JUD; Hearing 1/20; Del. W. Fisher	1 st Reader	
SB 0625	Would change prohibition for a person to serve on a jury from anyone convicted of a Federal or State Crime who served a term of 1 year or more to prohibiting a person convicted of a felony of Federal or state law and is currently serving the sentence imposed for conviction, including any probation.	JPC; Hearing 2/26 at 2 p.m., Senator Carter	1 st Reader	
HB 0286	Adding First-Responders and Law Enforcement officers to the list of protected people/groups against whom Hate crimes can be charged included their person or property or property of the group.	JUD; Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 pm Del. Hartman and Long.	1 st Reader	Support
SB 0099	Adding First-Responders and Law Enforcement officers to the list of protected people/groups against whom Hate crimes can be charged included their person or property or property of the group.	SB 0099 – JPC; Hearing 2/04 at 11 a.m. Str. Bailey	1 st Reader	
SB 0867	SB 867 is similar to HB 286 and SB 99 but does not cover destruction of property of a protected group.	SB 867- JPC – Hearing 3/10-noon Strs. Corderman etal	1 st Reader	
HB 0382	Juvenile Law- Conduct of Children involving sexually explicit or nude images sent only prohibited if a child from knowingly possessing a sexually explicit or nude image depicting another child without the other child’s consent or group of children. Child alleged to have violated this Act may be subject only to petition alleging that the child is a child in need of assistance;	JUD; Hearing 1/21 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Wilson	1 st Reader	The intent is to keep minors from being charged w/felonies for sharing digital images of nude or explicit behavior. But it appears images could be shared w/others, even adults, if those pictured agreed.
HB 0385	Murder 1 st degree – Child (under 18) cannot be convicted of 1 st Degree Murder. Those convicted prior to Sept. 30, 2021 may request review & resentencing. Max. penalty not to exceed 40 years.	JUD; Hearing 1/21. Dels. Crutchfield et al	1 st Reader	
SB 0395	Murder 1 st degree – Child (under 18) cannot be convicted of 1 st Degree Murder. Those convicted prior to Sept. 30, 2021 may request review & resentencing. Max. penalty not to exceed 40 years.	JPC – Hearing 2/11 at 1 p.m.; Str. Carter	1 st Reader	
HB 0409	Authorizes a court, when sentencing a minor convicted as an adult, to impose a sentence less than the minimum term required by law; prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole or release for a minor; allows a person convicted as a minor to file a motion to	JUD – Hearing 1/21; Del. J. Lewis	1 st Reader	
SB 0494	Authorizes a court, when sentencing a minor convicted as an adult, to impose a sentence less than the minimum term required by law; prohibiting a court from imposing a sentence of life without the possibility of parole or release for a minor; allows a person convicted as a minor to file a motion to	JPC; Hearing 2/17 at 1 p.m. Strs. West, Sydnor & Carter	1 st Reader	

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	reduce duration of their sentence and to have a hearing on a motion to reduce the sentence.			
HB 0438 SB 0443	Malicious Destruction of Historically Significant Monument.	JUD; Hearing 3/09 – 1:30 p.m.; Del. Mangione JPC – Hearing 2/11 at 11 a.m. Str. West	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0498	1 st Amendment Activities & Associations – Use of vehicle to Interfere or Damage Property.	JUD; Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Rosenberg	1 st Reader	
HB 0670	Police Reform & Accountability Act of 2021. Repeals Police Officer Bill of Rights. Establishes a Comsn. to set standards and evaluate all MD police officers.	JUD -Hearing on 2/09 at 1:30 pm Speaker	1 st Reader	Major changes in hiring and yearly evaluation of police.
HB 0687 SB 0381	A law enforcement agency or the agency’s superior governmental authority and a collective bargaining unit may not enter into an agreement that is inconsistent with the provisions of the Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights.	JUD – Hearing on 2/12 at 1:30 pm; Del. McComas JPC – Hearing 1/28 at 11 a.m. Str. Cassilly	1 st Reader	
HB 1115	Felony Murder – Limit application & provide for review and re-sentencing for earlier convictions	JUD; Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 pm Del. Wilson	1 st Reader	
SB 0531	A court may not impose a sentence of life imprisonment without the possibility of parole on an individual who was under the age of 18 years at the time that the offense was committed.	JPC – Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m. Strs. Kelley et al	1 st Reader	
	EDUCATION			
HB 140	Comsn. on History, Culture & Civics in Education. Recommend to State Bd & Do Ed further discovery, interpretation & learning of history, culture & civics of U.S. & MD. Gov. apts: 2 mbrs. Each from MD indigenous American tribes; MD Lantinx, African-American, Asian American & Pacific Islander comm., & 2 mbrs representing MD LGBTQI+ communities 1 of whom identifies as transgender; 1 mbr. from the MD differently-abled Community & 1 teacher. 2 from higher education & the State Spt. Schools.	W&M – Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Acevero	1 st Reader	

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HB 0155 SB 0098	County Boards must adopt & maintain a written antidiscrimination policy for public and non-public schools & prekindergarten programs that prohibits discriminating against an individual’s race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability by refusing enrollment of, expelling, or withholding privileges from any student or prospective student for any of the above. St. Bd. can withhold funds from non-compliant schools.	W&M – Hearing -removed from schedule. Del. Wilkins JPC – Hearing 1/28 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. McCray.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0377	Establish a Commission on Student Behavioral Health & Mental Health Treatment to study & recommend actions needed on behavioral health treatment & practices for students dealing with behavioral health & mental health issues, including scope of practice, age of consent for services, types of service, & duration of treatment; revise guidelines for student behavioral health treatment & practices in school–based health centers; and research ways to coordinate school–based practices with health care provider practices to improve treatment for students who need behavioral/mental health treatment.	W&M; Hearing 2/03 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Bagnall	1 st Reader	Mental & behavioral health issues are real and serious, but school systems sometimes act w/o informing parents. Parents need to be included. Part of this may be directed at treating sexual “health” and “Gender dysphoria” w/out parent knowledge/consent. See also under Health heading HB 132 by same sponsor. Read: <u>Irreversible Damage</u> by Abigail Shrier for detailed disc.
HB 0418	County Bds to adopt policy on “Symbol of hate” means a symbol, image, or object that expresses animus toward another individual on the basis of race, color, religion, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, or national origin.	W&M – Hearing 2/05 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Guyton	1 st Reader	Animus is defined in the dictionary as “a strong dislike or enmity. “
HB 0496	Primary & Secondary Education – Expansion of Mental Health Services and Prohibition of School Resource Officers (Police–Free Schools Act). \$10 Million budget mandate for Safe Schools Fund.	W&M – Hearing 2/03; Del. Wilkins	1 st Reader	Changes appointment of Chair of School Safety Sub-Cabinet Bd. from Gov. to jointly by Speaker & President of Senate
HB 0665	Education – Public Charter Schools – Virtual Learning Programs.	W&M; Hearing 2/10; Del. Boteler	1 st Reader	

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HB 0998	To require school buildings to be open each school day to provide in-person instruction and related services, including speech-language pathology services, counseling, physical and occupational therapy, to certain students. DOES NOT REQUIRE THAT ALL STUDENTS HAVE ACCESS TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION.	W&M – Hearing 2/24 at 1:30 pm Del. Griffith	1 st Reader	Should be amended to apply to ALL STUDENTS. Gives preference to legal and illegal immigrants over citizens.
HB 1089	Primary and Secondary Education – Police Free Schools Act. A local school system may not contract with a city, county, or state law enforcement agency to station police officers or other personnel with arrest authority in schools or on school property, or establish its own police force. Adds counselors, psychologists and unarmed security officers.	W&M – Hearing 3/03 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Acevero	1 st Reader	
HB 1104	Primary & Secondary Education – Virtual School – Feasibility Study.	W&M; Hearing 2/24 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Wivell	1 st Reader	See also HB 1170 to establish a Virtual School Option-Del. Szeliga-Hearing 3/03.
HB 1148	Expand School Based Health Clinics. Develop a plan to transfer administration of school-based health center grants and any related functions from the State Department of Education to the Bureau of Maternal and Child Health within the Maryland Dept. of Health.	HGO & W&M; Hearing in HGO 3/02 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Cullison.	1 st Reader	
SB 0830		FIN: Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m. Str. Lam	1 st Reader	
HB 1157	Starting in 2023 to graduate from a MD public high school, a student must take and achieve a passing score of at least correctly answering 60% of the questions on a civics test that consists of the 100 questions used for the civics portion of the naturalization test administered by the U.S. citizenship and immigration services.	W&M – Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Thiam	1 st Reader	Support
HB 1158	Starting in 2023, the Calvert County Superintendent, & members of the Calvert County Board of Ed, public school teachers & administrators shall receive annual training that reflects the findings of the 1776 report. “The 1776 report” means the 2021 report produced	W&M – Hearing 2/24 at 1:30 p.m. – Del. M. Fisher	1 st Reader	This is a Calvert County only bill but kudos to Del. Mark Fisher for proposing it.

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	by the President’s Advisory 1776 Commission summarizing the principles of the founding of the united states and how those principles have shaped the United States.			
HB 1170 SB 0941	Establish an option in the public schools for a “Virtual school” that would be a statewide public school established by the Department, a county board, or AN INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION in which the school uses technology to deliver ALL instruction to its students via the Internet in a virtual or remote setting. A virtual school is exempt from state policies or regulations relating to: the length of time required for learning; opportunities per academic year; attendance; curriculum; class size; instruction; staffing ratios; professional development; & textbooks.	W&M; Hearing 3/03 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Szeliga Senate Rules; Str. Reilly	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Check also HB 1104 – Del. Wivell – Hearing W&M on 2/24 at 1:30 p.m. for a study of Virtual Schools for primary & secondary schools.
HB 1278 SB 0825	DLS to contract w/outside consultant to collect data and account for how State Department of Education and local education agencies spend funding provided under all Federal Coronavirus Aid & Response appropriations; and collect data on student learning loss due to the COVID–19 pandemic and review mitigation plans by county boards of education and corrective actions taken by the State Department of Education and county boards of education.	W&M; Hearing 3/03 at 1:30 pm. Del. Ebersole EHE: Hearing 3/09 at 1 p.m.; Str. Hester	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 1355	Primary & Secondary Education. Allow a student to repeat a previous grade regardless of whether student has satisfied requirements.	Rules; Del. Griffith	1 st Reader	Text not yet available.
SB 0127	Prohibits Institutions of Higher Education from disqualifying an applicant for admission based on their criminal history contained in a 3 rd Party application.	EHE; Hearing 1/27 at 11 a.m. Strs. Patterson & Augustine	Favorable w/amendments Rpt by EHE.	
SB 0245	Prohibits a school resource officer (SRO) from entering a school building unless summoned by a school administrator for an emergency involving	JPC; Hearing 1/27; Str. Ellis	1 st Reader	

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	violence or the threat of violence, to participate in certain training, or to use restroom; a SRO to conceal any firearms except under certain circumstances & to wear civilian clothing; and prohibiting a SRO from participating in routine school discipline of a student.			
SB 0644	State Officials – Apt. – Changes Appointment of State Superintendent of Schools to State Board of Education with consent of State Senate. After 2023 if a Governor is elected to a 2 nd term and carries over any Dept. Secretary apt must be re-submitted to Senate for approval.	EHE; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m. Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	Bill is further limiting appointment power of a Governor.
SB 0662	Establish a Multicultural Education Commission to develop multicultural standards & curriculum for k-5 and ethnic studies courses for 6 – 12.	EHE; Str. Ellis	1 st Reader	
SB 0785	State Bd. of Ed. Members & terms; Capability & capacity, and study of Education agencies. Sets qualifications for Members including expertise in racial equity; managing a large business or non-profit; multilingual education, etc.	EHE; Hearing 2/25 at 11 a.m. Strs. Ferguson & Pinsky	1 st Reader	
SB 0915	Blueprint for MD's Future – Performance Standards – Clarifications and funding. Blueprint's stds become stds for COMAR 13 A (Student Performance Stds).	EHE; Hearing 3/09 at 1 p.m.; Str. McCray	1 st Reader	
	ELECTIONS, VOTING AND REDISTRICTING			
HB 53	Restores Voting Rights to Convicted Felons still incarcerated.	W&M; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Ivey.	1st Reader	Oppose.
HB 54	Repeal Agreement Among the States to Elect the President by National Popular Vote.	W&M; Hearing 2/02 - 1:30 p.m.; Del. Hornberger	1 st Reader	Support. MD voters' votes s/be counted as MD votes not as 11 other states vote.
HB 57	Voters' Rights Protection Act of 2021. Requires public hearings, county govt resolution and Circuit Court declaratory judgement for reducing or moving election precincts in census tracts w/minority or language minority voting age populations of 20% or more. Would not require these actions in other	W&M; Hearing 1/26 – 1:30 pm; Del. Rosenberg	1st Reader	Strongly Oppose. Very discriminatory to non-minority communities could be reduced/closed with no notice. All communities should be treated the same.

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	precincts. ALLOWS MAIL-IN BALLOTS TO BE POST-MARKED THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION. Requires a foreign Principal or agent to disclose identity in on line posts/Ads on policy issue or state official.			A candidate/ Party w/knows on election night how many votes are needed to be mailed next day to win.
HB 136	Campaign Contributions – Prohibits video Lottery operators/owners & Executive Officers from contributing to campaign entities of non-federal candidates for state/local offices or to campaign finance entities organized/support such candidates.	W&M; Hearing 1/19 – 1:30 pm. Del. Cardin	1 st Reader	
HB 153 HB 274	Elections by Mail. Every registered voter w/receive a ballot by mail. Replacement ballot provided if lost or damaged. Replacements sent are noted in the voter registry. The only difference in the bills is HB 274 states voter can discard the mail ballot and vote by any other method allowed.	W&M – Hearing 1/26 – 1:30 pm; HB 153 – Del. Ivey; HB 274 – Del. Cardin	1 st Reader	Strongly Oppose. Many names on voters’ lists no longer are voters – moved, died, etc. Ballots can be “harvested” by removing from mail boxes; or unfairly pressuring voters.
HB 0156 SB 0283	Student & Military Voter Empowerment. Establishes a Voter Coordinator & voting plan at every institution of hiring learning & military recruit station to encourage & support recognized student organizations engaged in voter registration & encourage students to vote.	W&M – Hearing -1/26 – 1:30 p.m.; Del. Luedtke. SB 283 – EHE; Hearing -2/04 at 11 a.m.; Str. Elfreth	Passed 2 nd Reader w/amendments 1 st Reader	Oppose. Expensive. Not necessary. Note: “recognized” student organizations. Colleges c/ban or not recognize Republican or religious or issue organizations.
HB163	State Board of Elections – Removes Governor from the appointment process & replace with apts. By President of the Senate and Speaker of the House. Senate President & Speaker can remove for cause with written charges and public hearing.	W&M -Hearing 1/19 – 1:30 pm. Del. Ivey	1 st Reader	Oppose. Takes power from Governor. Eliminates a public hearing requirement for apt.
HB 202	Presidential Electors w/be required to sign pledge to vote for candidate of the Party appointing them except if Compact for National Popular vote activated. Then must pledge to vote for winner of those combined states not as Maryland voters vote. Authorizes the St. Bd. Elections Director to discard vote and apt substitutes if elector violates pledge.	W&M – Hearing 1/19 – 1:30 p.m.; – Del. Stein	1 st Reader	Object to section on National Popular Vote. Electors should vote as the Voters of Maryland voted not the 15 or more states of the compact.

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HB 0206 SB 0596	Early Voting (EV) Centers – Makes hours for EV the same for all elections -- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.	W&M – Hearing 1/19 – 1:30 p.m.; Del. Washington	3 rd Reader passed House (119-11); In Senate EHE	
HB 211	Early Voting Centers – Add 2 additional days to EV. Extends to Saturday before election.	W&M – Hearing 1/19 – 1:30 p.m.; Del. Bhandari	1 st Reader	Additional expense not warranted.
HB 0222 SB224	Value My Vote Act. Correctional Institutions must provide VR form & info. on restored voting rights at time of release, and VR forms and mail-in ballots to those incarcerated awaiting trial or convicted of misdemeanors & return ballots timely.	W&M – Hearing 1/19 – 1:30 p.m.; Del. Wilkins EHE – Hearing 2/04 at 11 a.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 0265 SB 0006	General Assembly – Hold Special Election to Fill a Vacancy if it occurs prior to 55th day before deadline for filing candidacy in 2 nd year of term. Gov. w/ apt to vacancy lasts only until the mid-term election. Gov. w/issue proclamation for Special Primary Election to be held at same time as mid-term Primary election. If it occurs after the 55 th day in the 2 nd year of a term, the Governor’s apt is for the remainder of the term.	W&M; Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 p.m. – Del. Moon. SB0006 – EHE; Hearing – 2/04 at 11 a.m. Str. Lam & Str. Hough.	1 st Reader Passed 2 nd Reader	
HB 0335	Prohibits an individual from simultaneously holding a party office and an elected public office. Except it does not apply to an individual who simultaneously holds an elected public office and is on the ballot for the national presidential nominating convention	W&M – Hearing 1/19 – 1:30 p.m.; Del. Boyce.	Passed 2 nd Reader w/amendments	
HB 0339	Amends Constitution to require Legislative Districts to be adjoining territory, compact, substantially equal population & not account for how individuals are registered to vote, voted in the past, or political party to whom they belong. Due regard s/be given to natural boundaries & political subdivisions.	Rules & Ex. Nom. Hearing 2/22 at 9:30 a.m.; Del. Malone	1 st Reader	Support. Would help to have more fair redistricting where voters w/choose their elected officials not officials choosing their voters.
HB 0341	Absentee Ballot (AB) Canvass to start 14 days prior to election. Partial or complete tabulation of AB may not be released until 1 hour after polls close on election day or after all precincts have reported.	W&M – Hearing 1/26 -1:30 p.m. Del. Lehman et al	1 st Reader	

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HB 0355 SB0037	Allows Electronic signatures for petitions, but requires a circulator to witness-in-person a voter signing a petition electronically.	W&M – Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Ruth. SB 37 – EHE; Hearing 2/04 at 11 a.m. Str. Carter	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0369	State Bd of Elections cannot approve a contract with an election service provider unless it requires the provider to report to State Admin. of Elections if any stage in the manufacturing of a component, or a material change in the provider's election system occurred outside the U.S. St. BOE must report w/in 5 days to Gov. Speaker and Senate President the foreign country and specific components involved.	W&M – Hearing 1/19 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Rosenberg	Passed 3 rd Reader (129-0); In Senate EHE	
HB 0410	Constitutional Amendment – Adds new article XX to set anti-gerrymandering standards (same as HB 339) for Congressional Districts.	Rules & Ex. Nom.; Hearing 2/22 at 9:30 a.m.; Del. Malone	1 st Reader	Support
HB 0412	Task Force to Study Increased Voter Participation. 15 members of which 2 w/be from the Minority Party. Study expanding EV, same-day registration, mail-in voting; etc.	W&M –w/d. Del. K. Young	UNFAVORABLE Rpt. Withdrawn	
HB 0424 SB 0415	Public Financing of Elections for gubernatorial campaigns. Adds a budget mandate of at least \$4 Million in 2023 and in any year in which the fund falls below the amount necessary to fund 2 major party campaigns for Governor for Primary & 1 campaign in General Election. “eligible private contribution” means one or more contributions from a registered voter not exceeding \$250 total in the election cycle (4 years) from personal funds. Allows private persons (not voters? Out-of-state?) to contribute \$250 total in the election cycle but amt. not countable toward needed match. Removes in-kind contributions from the definition of contribution for this fund.	W&M – Hearing 2/02 - 1:30 p.m. Del. Feldmark SB 415 – EHE-Hearing 2/18 at 11 a.m.; Str. Pinsky	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Oppose. \$4 million budget mandate. Need to clarify how many candidates per political party can be funded.

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HB 0481	Constitutional amendment to repeal requirement that a candidate for Governor in a primary election must designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor at time of filing candidacy; and allow candidate for Governor in a primary election to designate a Lt. Governor within 21 days after primary election;	W&M – Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Barve	1 st Reader	Note: In 2020 identical bill passed the House 96-41 died in the Senate due to early closing.
HB 0493	In counties with fixed-route public transportation services, a local board shall give priority to placing ballot drop boxes at locations that are not more than 500 feet from a public transportation station or stop. Each ballot drop box shall be placed in a manner that is accessible to voters with disabilities, including voters using wheelchairs. Same requirements for EV sites and polling places.	W&M-Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Guyton	1 st Reader	
HB 0515	Candidates, within 6 months prior to election must be allowed access to apartment buildings to register voters and distribute campaign materials & talk with voters at their door. Candidate must make an apt. with apt. manager or Tenant Assoc. and show ID.	ENT & W&M – Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m. in ENT Del. Palakovich Carr.	1 st Reader	Doesn't mention whether equal access required for all candidates.
HB 0536 SB 0416	Expanding public funding to State Senate and House of Delegates Candidates with a mandate for Gov. to include in the State budget amount sufficient to fund 141 Delegates and 47 Senate races. (See HB 424)	W&M – Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Acevero B&T and EHE; Hearing EHE – 2/18 at 11 a.m.; Strs. Pinsky & Guzzone	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Oppose – Budget Mandate to fund State Senate and Delegate Races.
HB 0544	Repeal the Compact of State for the National Popular Vote for President. This Compact requires MD's electors to the Electoral College to vote as the total vote of the Compact States not as MD voters voted.	W&M – Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Hornberger	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
HB 0576	To make political clubs become political entities under the campaign financing act including financial reporting requirements.	W&M – Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 pm	1 st Reader	Oppose. Would include the MFRW and all unit clubs and any independent clubs.
HB 0655	The election of a county commissioner to represent a specific county commissioner district shall be decided by a plurality of the votes cast within that district.	W&M – Hearing 2/09 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Crosby	1 st Reader	

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HB 0656	In a county that has fixed–route public transportation service, Early Voting Center must be located not more than 500 feet from a public transportation station or stop;	W&M – 2/09 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Crosby	1 st Reader	
HB 690 SB 0036	Election Integrity Act. Defines agent to pick up/deliver an AB must be a family or household member. Cannot be a candidate or campaign volunteer of a candidate in that election. Limits number of ballots delivered to 3 in an election.	W&M; Hearing 2/09; Del. Hornberger EHE – Hearing 2/18 at 11 a.m. Str. Gallion	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0694 SB 0340	Add Election law penalties for voting more than once for a candidate for the same office or for the same ballot question; or voting or attempt to vote more than once in the same election, or voting in more than one election district or precinct. Ind. ineligible to vote for 4 years following conviction.	W&M; EHE; Hearing 2/18 at 11 a.m.; Str. Gallion	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0725	Amendment to the Maryland Constitution to add two thirty-day sessions of the General Assembly to the legislative calendar in June & October each year.	Rules & Exec. Nom. – Del. Ivey	1 st Reader	Opppose.
HB 0745	Set number of Early Voting Centers at 1 for counties with 50,000 or fewer voters to 2 for 50,000 to 100,000 voters up to 13 for counties with 600,000 or more voters.	W&M – Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Luedtke	1 st Reader	See similar bill HB 1005 to require 2 EV centers for counties of 70,000 to 125,000 voters. Prefer HB 745.
HB 0746	Prohibiting the form and content required for an envelope enclosing an absentee ballot from including language or information that visibly identifies the party affiliation of the voter; & prohibiting Absentee ballot/return & return envelopes from including language or information that visibly identifies the party affiliation of the voter;	W&M – Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Wivell	1 st Reader	
HB 0760	From 14 days before election day to 8 p.m. election day, a local board may prepare absentee ballot (AB) for tabulation, including: (i) removing ABs from their envelopes; (ii) reviewing ABs for compliance with law; and (iii) duplicating ABs not acceptable for machine	W&M; Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Kaiser	1 st Reader	

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	tabulation. (2) They may not tabulate ABs before the later of: (i) 8 p.m. on election day; or (ii) a time prescribed by the state board by regulation.			
HB 0761	A candidate may not petition for a recount if the margin of difference between the number of votes received by an apparent winner and the losing candidate with the highest number of votes for the office is greater than 5% of the total votes cast for those candidates. Bill also prohibits a registered voter from petitioning for a recount of a ballot question if the difference in the certified results between the votes for or against the issue is greater than 5%.	W&M; Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Kaiser	1 st Reader	
SB 0632		EHE; Hearing 2/18 at 11 a.m.; Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	
HB 0767	RANKED CHOICE VOTING FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR ALL LOCAL OFFICES. Approval voting” means a method of casting and tabulating votes in which voters may choose any number of candidates and the candidate chosen most often is elected. (iii) “ranked choice voting” (RCV) means a method of casting and tabulating votes in which voters rank candidates in order of preference and votes are tabulated in a manner that reflects voter preference.	W&M –Hearing - 2/16 -1:30 pm; Montgomery County Delegation	1 st Reader	STRONGLY OPPOSE. STATEWIDE IMPLICATIONS. This bill will authorize County Council to choose RCV or approval voting for all local offices even State’s Attorney, and Circuit Court Judges. Co. Council will set the procedures for tabulating votes. Could Co. Council allow non-citizens to vote?
HB 0955	Limit Absentee Ballot delivery to be by mail or in person except for overseas military, person unable to mark ballot independently by hand or any other voter who would be unable to vote except by electronic means (Internet).	W&M – Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Washington	1 st Reader	
HB 0965	Const. Amend. Set standards for Congressional Districts be composed of adjoining territory and compact in form, be of substantially equal population and due regard be given to natural boundaries & political subdivision boundaries.	Rules & Ex. Nom.; Del. Parrott	1 st Reader	Support
HB 1260		Rules & Ex. Nominations; Del. Malone		
HB 0985	Const. Amend. For Recall Election of Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, or Comptroller. Petition	W&M; Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Impallaria	1 st Reader	

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	signed by at least 25% of voters from most recent gubernatorial election.			
HB 1005	Require 2 Early Voting Centers for counties that have 70,000 but less than 125,000 registered voters	W&M; Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 pm. Del. Crosby	1 st Reader	Prefer HB 745 that provides 2 EV centers for 50,000 voters.
HB 1020	Provide curbside voting to disabled voters with paper of hand-held device.	W&M; Hearing 3/09 – 1 p.m.; Del. Williams	1 st Reader	
HB 1031	Const. Amend. Term Limit 3 consecutive terms as a Delegate or Senator. Cannot run for same office more than 3 times consecutively.	Rules & Ex. Nom.; Del. Saab	1 st Reader	
HB 1037	Election Law – Requiring certain websites that practice political censorship to file a report with State Board of Elections within 7 days after first practicing political censorship on or after October 1, 2021;	W&M; Hearing 3/09 - 1:30 p.m. Del. M. Fisher	1 st Reader	
HB 1038	Altering membership of State Board of Elections; and requiring some members to have expertise in certain areas; providing for a nonvoting, ex officio member;	W&M; Hearing –3/09 – 1:30 pm. Del. Palakovich-Carr	1 st Reader	
SB 0747	requiring State Administrator of Elections to report contracts, contract renewals, and change orders to the State Board & the State Board to vote on them.	EHE; Hearing – 3/03 at 1 p.m. Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	
HB 1047	Mail In Voting Enhancement Act. State must obtain at least 300 Ballot Drop Boxes for local boards to locate to ensure accessibility to diverse geographic, racial, income, age, rural and urban communities. Local Bds to set electioneering boundaries around drop boxes as close to 100 feet as possible. Drop boxes may be located on private property if owner will allow electioneering beyond the 100 ft boundary. Voter to be able to request status of A/B by text, e-mail or postcard.	W&M; Hearing 2/23 - 1:30 p.m.; Del. Wilkins	1 st Reader	
HB 1048	Permanent Absentee Ballot List & info. requirements. A voter may submit request to be on permanent AB list and receive automatically an AB for each election.	W&M; Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 pm. Del. Wilkins	1 st Reader	
SB 683		EHE; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader	

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	Subject to removal from list if voter fails to vote in 2 statewide general elections or by voter request.			
HB 1068	Absentee Ballot Canvassing; If multiple ballots received; accept the acceptable AB and reject provisional ballot	W&M; Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 pm Del. Feldmark	1 st Reader	– Oppose. A provisional ballot is cast in person. Absentee Ballot is mailed- Signature verification not required.
HB 1085	Prohibits willfully and knowingly soliciting a voter to commit election crime. \$10,000 fine & 5 years in prison for felony & \$5,000 & 3 years for misdemeanor	W&M; Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 pm Del. Kaiser	1 st Reader	
HB 1140	Est. right to Non-disclosure of Voter Registration information including name, address, party affiliation, voting history.	W&M; Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 pm Del. Arentz	1 st Reader	
HB 1145	Require verification of signature on envelope for absentee ballot	W&M; Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 pm Del. Cox	1 st Reader	
HB 1192	For Absentee Ballot applications and Ballots, local Election boards shall verify signature of voter on the return identification envelope by comparing the signature with the signature on the voter’s registration record. State board shall provide local boards machines to electronically verify signatures.	W&M; Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 pm Del. Parrott	1 st Reader	
HB 1205	Require Rpt. on 2020 General Election Mail In ballots – number mailed in each county; number voted; authenticity of ballots & signatures, etc. by 7/04/21.	W&M; Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Mautz	1 st Reader	
HB 1249 SB 0766	State Board and Local Boards of Elections Membership & Racial Equity Officer. Members to have at least 5 years of experience administering elections, and have an extensive knowledge of state’s election laws; One Mbr. to be nominated by the MD Assoc. of Election Officials. Establishes a State Racial Equity Officer to check on ballot access and turn out & report to GA. Removes Governor from appointing County Bds of Elections members; grants that authority to County Executive or Governing body.	W&M; Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Washington EHE; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m. Str. Washington	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Major Changes for State and Local Boards. Removes the Governor from appointing local Boards of Elections

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HB 1345	Mail-In Voting – Certification of Assistance; Design of ballots and Ballot Curing.	Rules; Del. Kaiser	1 st Reader	Prohibits a candidate from helping a voter fill out ballot, but does not prohibit a vol. or staff member of a campaign from “assisting” a voter.
HB 1352	Campaign reports of business contributions. Require State Dept. of Assessments to report annually on the registration of all businesses and those forfeiting their registrations and those reinstated. St. Bd. of Elections to use to investigate business contributions. These reports not subject to inspection through Public Information Act.	Rules; Del. Smith	1 st Reader	
SB 0029	Elections by Mail – Automatically mail ballots to all registered voters; set the number of polling places at the number for 2020 election dispersed t/o counties. State BOE to adopt regulations authorizing a local Board to begin tabulating mail-in ballots before election day; and MAY adopt regulations to compare signature on ID envelope to signature on file of the voter’s registration record.	EHE – Hearing -2/04 at 11 a.m. Str. Kramer	1 st Reader	Oppose.
SB 0055	Eligibility to serve as Senator of Delegate – Place of Abode	EHE – Hearing 2/04 at 11 a.m. Str. Sydnor	1 st Reader	
SB 0058	Local Bd. of Elections – 3 members to be appointed from the political party w/largest number of voters in the county and 2 from the political party with 2 nd highest number of voters except P.G. where it is 4 from the largest party and 1 from the 2 nd highest party.	EHE – Hearing 2/18 at 11 a.m.; Str. Ellis	1 st Reader	Local Boards of Election w/be controlled by the largest political party in a county. Currently the political party of the Governor holds the majority of the seats on the local Board of Elections.
SB 0224	Requires Correctional facilities to provide VR form and info to every released individual. Post signs that voting rights are restored; report on efforts yearly. Requires providing VR & AB to eligible incarcerated individuals.	EHE – Str. West	1 st Reader	This bill is identical to HB 222 except that it requires providing VR info and AB to those awaiting trial or serving a sentence for a misdemeanor.

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SB 0233	Requires St. BOE to provide Absentee Ballot voter access to status of the voter's AB or AB application; prohibiting an envelope enclosing an AB from including information that visibly identifies political party affiliation of voter; prohibiting ballot/return & return envelopes from including information visibly identifying party affiliation of the voter;	EHE – Hearing 2/18 at 11 a.m.; Str. Simonaire	1 st Reader	Support – requires signature verification on Absentee ballots
SB 0773	Constitutional amendment to require each chamber of GA to designate its highest elected member of each political party to appoint their party's members to standing committees reflecting diversity of each chamber.	Rules; Str. Simonaire	1 st Reader	
SB 0831	Election Reform Act. Defines Majority Party as the Party with highest number of registered voters at close of last statewide elections. Principal Minority Party as the Party with 2 nd highest number of voters. Any Unaffiliated Voter may change to register with a Party at any time VR is open including EV and immediately vote in that Party's Primary Election. Any voter, regardless of party, may vote for Circuit Court judge nominees in a Primary Election. Local Bds to designate Early Voting Centers with a ballot drop box location that are within a 5-mile radius of 80% of voters. Prohibits a person from placing a box for collecting completed ballots unless officially approved by local Bd & person placing box is designated by Board to do so. Local Bds may open AB envelopes starting 15 days prior to election day. Prohibits release of partial or complete tabulation of AB ballots prior to close of polls on election day. Felony offense with 2 years in prison. Requires Local Bd within 3 days of finding an error to notify AB voter of errors on ballot and allow voter to correct & resubmit ballot until 10 days after election. If 2 AB	EHE; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m. Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	<p>VERY COMPREHENSIVE BILL.</p> <p>In the past the process for counting Absentee ballots is to separate the ballot from the envelope before reviewing the ballot for correctness so the voter's choices are private. If you keep the envelope and ballot together to be able to notify the voter of an error the ballot is no longer a secret ballot.</p> <p>If a person can submit a corrected Absentee Ballot up to 10 days AFTER election day when will vote canvass be completed?</p> <p>Can a State law compel a Federal candidate for U.S.</p>

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	are received, notify voter & count earliest signed oath. Requires petitions be written in plain language at 6 th grade reading level. Candidates for Governor, U.S. Senate and Congress SHALL participate in at least one public debate before the Primary & General Election unless unopposed. Est. a Debate Comsn, defines mbrs & selection process & charges them with developing guidelines, criteria for debates. Requires State & Local Bds to post meeting materials for open meetings on website 48 hours prior to meeting & post unedited videos of live-streamed meetings for 2 years.			Senate or Congress to take part in a live debate?
SB 838	Requires Voter to show a Government issued Photo ID or other acceptable ID to vote. Prohibits using a false ID.	EHE; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m. Str. Ready & 11 Rep. Senaors	1 st Reader	Support
	ENVIRONMENT			
HB 0082	Constitutional Amendment - Environmental Rights-- every person has fundamental & inalienable right to a healthful environment, including clean air, water, land, a stable climate, preservation, protection, & enhancement of ecological, scenic, & historic values of the environment. The state, a political subdivision, or any person may enforce the rights enumerated under this article against any public party through appropriate legal proceedings.	ENT; Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. W. Fisher, Barron & Stewart.	1 st Reader	Very broad.
SB 0151		JPR; Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m. Str. Patterson	1 st Reader	
HB 0220	Clean Energy Attribute Credits & Procurement would replace current “Renewable Energy Portfolio Std. (RPS) with “Clean energy attribute credit”. This credit is equal to the environmental attributes of one megawatt-hour of energy reduction or generation produced from a clean energy resource. It expands the definition of “Clean energy resource” to mean a battery storage project, a carbon capture resource, a	ECM; Hearing 2/25 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Adams	1 st Reader	Fiscal Note states costs cannot be accurately forecast at this time.
SB 0053		SB 53 – FIN – Hearing 1/26 -1 p.m.; Str. Hershey	1 st Reader	

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	nuclear resource, a qualified offshore wind project, a Tier 1 renewable source, or a Tier 2 renewable source, as those terms are defined.			
HB 0517 SB 0319	Allows local governments to establish a Clean Energy Loan Program to allow water efficiency, environmental remediation and resiliency loans to private property owners or commercial firms to be repaid by property tax lien. Includes vehicle charging infrastructure.	ENT; Hearing 2/02; Del. C. Watson; SB 319 – EHE; Str. Hester	1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader (46-0); In House ENT.	
HB 0583 SB414	Climate Solutions Now Act 2021. Requires State to: reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2006 levels by 2030; achieve net-zero statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; Maryland Dept. of Labor to adopt regulations for energy conservation requirements for buildings by July 1, 2022; establishes a goal of planting and helping maintain 5,000,000 sustainable trees of species native to the State by the end of 2030.	ENT; Hearing – 2/11 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Stein EHE; Hearing 1/28; Str. Pinsky EHE – Hearing 1/28 at 11 a.m. Str. Pinsky	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
	HEALTH CARE			
HB 0028 SB 0005	The Office of Minority Health & Health Disparities is to publish race & ethnicity data on MDH web site every 6 months. Mandates Governor’s budget for FY 2023 & forward to include for the office an amount of at least \$1,788,314 or 1.2% of the total funds for the department in that fiscal year, whichever is greater. The Office is intended to supplement funding with federal & special funding sources. Bill requires an applicant for renewal of a license or certificate issued by a health occupations board to complete an approved program on “implicit bias” training for bias (1) of prejudicial negative feelings or beliefs about a group that an individual holds without being aware of the feelings or beliefs; and (2) unconscious	HGO – Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Pena-Melnyk and Del. R. Lewis. SB 0005 – FIN & B&T; Hearing – 2/02 at 1 p.m. in FIN. Str. Griffith.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	No indication of what “special funding” sources might be or of the justification for the budget mandate.

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	attributions of particular qualities to a member of a specific social group that are influenced by experience and 3 based on learned associations between various qualities and social categories, including race and gender.			
HB 0132 SB 0041	Would lower the minimum age from 16 to 12 that a minor is considered mature enough to give informed consent to consultation, diagnosis, medication and treatment for mental or emotional disorders. Health care provider may withhold info from parent if provider believes disclosure will lead to harm or deter the minor from seeking care. Correction: This bill does not allow consent of 12 yr olds to obtain prescription medication without parents consent.	HGO – Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Bagnall. FIN – Hearing 2/02 – 1 p.m. Str. Augustine	1 st Reader Passed 2 nd Reader.	Oppose. I think this is directed at “Gender dysphoria”. Read: <u>Irreversible Damage</u> by Abigail Shrier for detailed discussion. See: HB 132 under Education
HB 0135 SB 0084	Allows a Pharmacist to administer “maintenance injectable medication” that is administered by injection other than intravenously that treats a chronic need, condition, or disorder. Includes a medication for treatment of a psychiatric disorder or substance use disorder, contraception, and vitamins. Requires 1 st dose to be provided by prescriber.	HGO – Hearing 1/20 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. K. Young. EHE – Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m.; Str. Young.	1 st Reader Favorable w/Amendments, EHE.	Note: Nothing in the bill addresses whether a minor can receive these injections without parental knowledge/approval.
HB 0377	Establish a Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health to study health treatment & practices for students dealing with these health issues, including scope of practice, age of consent for services, types and duration of treatment; & make recommendations to improve current student behavioral health treatment, including guidelines for practices for school-based health centers; and research ways to coordinate school-based practices with health care provider practices to improve	W&M; Hearing 2/03 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Bagnall	1 st Reader	See comments on HB 0132 above. The Affordable Care Act pays for gender altering drugs and operations.

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	treatment available for students who need behavioral or mental health treatment.			
HB 0470	Establish Commission on Universal Health Care to develop a plan to establish, on or before January 1, 2024, a universal single-payer health care program to provide health benefits to ALL residents of the State. The Commission, the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, and the Maryland Dept. of Health to apply for waivers to fully integrate or align Medicaid, Medicare, private insurance, and state, county, and municipal employees into the health care program.	HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Ruth	1 st Reader	
SB 0522		FIN; Hearing – 2/17 at 1 p.m. Strs. Pinsky, Guzzone & McCray	1 st Reader	
HB 0534	Healthy Maryland Program – To establish a comprehensive universal single-payer health coverage system & cost control system for every Maryland resident. The state w/seek waivers & other approvals relating to Medicaid, the Maryland Children’s Health Insurance program, Medicare , the Affordable Care Act, & any other federal programs related to provision of health care so that any federal funds & other subsidies that would be paid to the state, state residents, & health care providers are paid to the state & deposited to Healthy Maryland Trust Fund. All MD residents REGARDLESS of IMMIGRATION STATUS w/be covered. Employee/Employer payroll fee possible. Establishes a Board to implement.	HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Acevero	1 st Reader	OPPOSE. The Fiscal Note is not yet available, but it will be huge. It appears that Medicare recipients will be forced to join, not sure about Federal retirees.
	IMMIGRATION RELATED			
HB 0015	Establish Governor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs to create a network of neighborhood-based centers providing immigrant services to assist immigrants with immigration status, DACA & naturalization matters, assist law enforcement in combatting crimes against immigrants, and promote civic and economic participation among immigrant communities.	APP; Hearing 1/27 at 1:30 pm; Del. Pena-Melnyk	1 st Reader	Note: similar set-up and process for Legal Services for Evictions under HB 18 & SB154.
SB 0085		EHE; Hearing 2/09 at 1 p.m.; Str. Rosapepe	1 st Reader	

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HB0016 SB 478	Prohibit State or local jurisdiction agreements facilitating immigration-related detention by private entities; prohibiting governmental entities from approving zoning variances or permits for construction/reuse of buildings to house immigration-related detainees without public notification; requiring governmental entities to terminate existing contracts for the detention of immigration-related detainees by October 1, 2022;	JUD; Hearing on 3/03 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Stewart JPC – Hearing 2/10 at 1 p.m. Str. Smith	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0023 SB 0234	An officer, employee, agent, or contractor of the State or political subdivision shall deny inspection of a public record that contains personal information or photograph of an individual by any federal agency for civil or criminal immigration enforcement without a warrant issued by a federal or State court. “Facial recognition” means a biometric software application that identifies or verifies a person by comparing and analyzing patterns based on person’s facial contours.	JUD & ENT; Del. Stein JPC – Hearing 1/28 11 a.m. Str. Lam	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0304 SB 0088	Prohibits State and local gov’t. law enforcement and corrections officials 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. Penalizes state/local gov’t. officials who cooperate with Federal Immigration officials including termination. 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.	HB 304 – JUD – Hearing 3/03 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. W. Fisher; SB 88 – JPC – Hearing 1/27 at 11 a.m.; Str. Smith	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	STRONGLY OPPOSE. Forces Fed. Officials to arrest an immigration violator outside correctional facility increasing danger to community and officials. Endangers fed. Official by notifying even a violent offender of officers inquiring about them. Subjects and state or local official that provides any info to Fed. w/o a criminal warrant to firing.
HB 0354	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	JUD – Hearing 2/23 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. W. Fisher, Moon, Shetty & Wilkins.	1 st Reader	Oppose.

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SB 0527	the sentence. Last year’s 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 of an illegal immigrant and thus not be reportable as a conviction to Federal authorities.	JPC – Hearing – 2/25 at 11 a.m. Str. Lee;		
HB 0750	Establishes a Right to Counsel for any individual in immigration detention in MD or MD resident in detention in another State. Authorizes non-profits to conduct outreach services and provide legal services at MD taxpayers’ expense. Establishes Office of Right to Counsel Immigration Coordinator in the AG’s office. Local Jurisdictions can set up similar offices and State budget shall fund them.	JUD – Hearing 3/03 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Atterbeary	1 st Reader	Oppose. Hugely expensive. Fiscal Note states: Staffing for FY 2022 at \$181,719 and estimate \$6 million/yr for servies. Expands operations of the AG’s office.
SB 0317		JPC – Hearing on 1/27 - 11 a.m.; Str. Hettleman	1 st Reader	
	LANDLORD-TENANT			
HB 0018	Sets up a Coordinator of Right to Counsel for evictions in AG’s office. A Task Force to designate community groups to provide outreach to provide legal services & representation to person/household facing eviction with incomes at/under 50% of MD median income; Est. a fund to receive funds from ANY SOURCE plus State budget for these services.	JUD – Hearing – 2/17 -1:30 pm. Del. W. Fisher;	1 st Reader	Note: Very similar to Right to Counsel for Immigrants in SB 0317. But it establishes a non-lapsing fund for com. groups to carry out services & outreach. Could George Soros or Big Tech contribute to these funds?
SB 0154		JPC – Hearing 1/28 – 11 a.m. Str. Hettleman		
	LIFE ISSUES			
HB 0834	Prohibit State from paying for abortions except to save woman’s life or in cases of life-threatening physical illness or in cases of rape or incest.	APP – Hearing 2/17 at 1:30 p.m.;	1 st Reader	Support
SB 0423		Del. Metzgar FIN – Hearing 3/10- 1 p.m.;	1 st Reader	
		Str. Salling		
HB 0846	Prohibits abortion of a viable fetus with a prenatal diagnosis of Down’s Syndrome unless it is a medical emergency or the pregnancy due to rape or incest.	HGO; Del. Cox	1 st Reader	Support
HB 0997	Equal Protection for all unborn human beings within the State of MD.	HGO; Del. Metzgar	1 st Reader	Support
HB 1109	Requires Ultra-sound & 24 hr. waiting period before an abortion. If woman lives 100 miles or more from	HGO; Del. Cilibreti	1 st Reader	Support

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	the clinic – 2 hour waiting period. Offer the woman a copy of ultra-sound; opp. To listen to heartbeat but woman not required to accept anything Doesn't apply in cases of rape or incest.			
HB 1198	Require that an abortion-inducing drug only be administered by a qualified physician; that a woman be tested for RH-Negative blood factor and receive Rh immunoglobulin is so per FDA updated regulations	HGO; Del. Cox	1 st Reader	Support
	MARIJUANA AND DRUG-RELATED			
HB 0032	Legalizes personal use" of cannabis by persons at least 21 years old not to exceed 2 3 ounces; or concentrated cannabis not exceeding 15 grams; or cannabis products containing 7 delta-9 THC not exceeding 1,500 milligrams; or six or fewer cannabis plants. Provides penalties for underage use up to \$500 fine for 3 rd violation.	JUD & HGO; JUD Hearing 2/16 – 1:30 p.m.; Del. J. Lewis	1 st Reader	
HB 0324 SB 0143	Increase less than 10 grams to less than 1 oz amt. of marijuana an adult or child may possess & receive a civil fine & not be charged with intent to distribute.	JUD – Hearing 1/18; Del. Moon. SB. JPC - Hearing 1/20 - 11 am. Strs. Waldstreicher & Carter	Passed 3 rd Reader (93-36); in Senate JPC	This is almost 3 times the amount currently allowed. 1 oz is 28 grams.
HB 0372 SB 0420	Repealing prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance; repealing the prohibition against a person delivering or selling, or manufacturing or intent to sell drug paraphernalia.	JUD – Hearing 1/19 Del. Moon JPC; Hearing 2/11 at 11 a.m. Str. Carter	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0453	Repealing the limit on the number of licenses the Medical Cannabis Commission may issue for medical cannabis growers and medical cannabis processors; and requiring the Commission to conduct a study in 2030 of the number of licenses needed to serve the approved patients with ID cards & report to the GA.	HGO – Hearing 2/16 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Barnes	1 st Reader	
HB 0488	Increase the amount of controlled dangerous substances that are considered de minimis quantities and be subject to a civil fine only. Increase Marijuana	JUD – Hearing 2/02 at 1:30 p.m, Del. Moon	1 st Reader	

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	to 10 grams; Cocaine 2 grams; Heroin 1 gram; MDMA 1 gram; LSD to 40 user units; Methamphetamine to 40 user units; and oxycodone to 40 tablets.			
SB 708	Change name from marijuana to Cannabis. Legalize possession of 4 oz or less of Cannabis by persons 21 yrs. or older or 15 grams of concentrated cannabis, etc. or 6 plants. For person under 21 civil fine of \$100 first offense; \$250/2 nd offense & \$500 for 3 rd . Under age person can request & receive community service instead. Six hours 1 st offense up to 32 hours for 3 rd .	FIN and B&T; Strs. Feldman, etal	1 st Reader	4 oz. is 4 times the current limit of less than 1 oz.
	SECOND AMENDMENT AND FIREARMS RELATED			
HB 0200	Public Safety – Access to Firearms – storage requirements (Jaelynn’s Law); requires firearms be locked and if a minor gains access owner responsible.	JUD; Hearing 3/01 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Stein	First Reader	
SB 0479		JPC; Hearing 2/11; Str. Smith	First Reader	
HB 0415	Firearms Right to Purchase, Own & Possess and Carry -while authorized to use of Medical Cannabis.	JUD; Hearing 3/10 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Grammer.	First Reader	
HB 543		HB 543 -JUD; Hearing 3/10 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Hornberger.	First Reader	
SB 190		SB 190; JPC – 1/20; Str. Hough	First Reader	
HB 0638	Untraceable and Undetectable Firearms – limits penalties.	JUD; Hearing 3/01-1:30 p.m. Del. Lopez.	First Reader	
SB 0624		JPC; Hear. 2/17; Str. Lee	First Reader	
HB 0669	Crimes Firearms – Straw Purchase Participant Penalty.	JUD; Hearing – 3/01 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Attar	First Reader	
HB 1186	Attorney general - Firearm crime, injuries, fatalities, and crime firearms - study extension	JUD; Hearing – 3/03 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Clippinger	First Reader	
HB 1291	Public Safety – Untraceable Firearms	JUD; Hearing – 3/01 at 1:30 p.m Del. Amprey	First Reader	