

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN – WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – JANUARY 14, 2022

BILL #	BILL DESCRIPTION	COMMITTEE/HEARING SPONSORS	BILL STATUS	COMMENTS
	BUDGET REVENUES/TAXES			
HB 0103 SB 0085	Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans	W&M; Hearing 1/13 at 1 p.m. Del. Brooks. B&T; Str. Jackson	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0124	Income Tax – Subtraction Modification for Veterans of \$3,000.	W&M; Hearing 1/13 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	
HB 0144	Motor Fuel Tax – Repeal annual Consumer Price Index Adjustment	W&M; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. Del. Morgan, et al	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
HB 0182	State procurement certification of LGBTQ businesses. The certification agency shall compile & manage a list of certified LGBTQ businesses in the state to identify & encourage outreach to LGBTQ businesses and track use of certified LGBTQ businesses on state procurement contracts. A LGBTQ business is any legal entity, except a joint venture formed in the USA to engage in commercial transactions with its principal place of business in the USA and is at least 51% owned, operated, managed, and controlled by one or more individuals who are: lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or queer; and are U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents; and exercises independence from a business that does not meet these criteria.	HGO; Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m. Del. Boyce	1 st Reader	Question: Why should businesses be certified as LGBTQ businesses? Should a business owned by an individual or group identifying as LGBTQ receive special treatment in state procurement over those who are heterosexual?
HB 0189 SB 0123	Income Tax Subtraction for Retirement income.	W&M; Del. Brooks B&T; Str. Klausmeier	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
	CIVIL RIGHTS, CRIMES AND LAW ENFORCEMENT			
HB 0045	Crimes – Mitigation & Defense – Religious Beliefs, Disability, or Homelessness	JUD; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Cardin	1 st Reader	
HB 0074 SB0030	Court- Jury Service – Disqualification	JUD; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m. JPC; Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m. Str. Carter	1 ST Reader 1 st Reader	

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HB 0122 SB0138	Criminal Procedure- Expand Expungement of Records after 3 years, to add probation before judgment and stet dispositions, if all court-ordered conditions of the probation before judgment or stet disposition have been satisfied for offenses under Criminal Law article (5-601 – possession or administering controlled dangerous substances) Committed after Oct. 1, 2018.	JUD; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m. EHE; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0123 SB 0141 SB 0047	Forfeiture of Benefits of Pensions and Retirement for Law Enforcement Officers found guilty of, or enters a plea of nolo contendere to a felony, perjury, or a misdemeanor relating to truthfulness and veracity committed in the course of the performance of officer's duties; and implement a forfeiture of benefits.	JUD; Del. Wilkins B&T; Str. Carter B&T; Str. Carter	1 st Reader 1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Note: SB 0047 provides for reserving some of the pension benefit for spouse, children or former spouse.
HB 0148	Alters definition of stalking to include conduct which occurs in person, through electronic communication, or through the use of a device that can pinpoint or track the location of another without the person's knowledge or consent.	JUD; Hearing 1/27 at 1 p.m. Del. Bartlett	1 st Reader	
HB 0159	Establishing the Commission for Economic Justice and Reconciliation to study racial disparities in wealth and resources as a result of tax laws and systems in place in the State from the Reconstruction Era through the enactment of the federal Civil Rights Act of 1964; requiring the Commission to make recommendations relating to compensation of the State's African American communities for the racial disparities identified, to study possible sources of State funding, and to make recommendations for future legislation;	HGO; Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m. Del. Amprey	1 st Reader	
SB 0049	Criminal Law – Person in a position of authority – Sexual offenses with a minor extended to	JPC; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. Str. West	1 st Reader	

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	offenses at day care centers, after school programs, sports programs and others.			
SB 0068	Sexual Offenses – Crime of Violence and Lifetime Supervision	JPC; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. Str. Bailey	1 st Reader	
SB 0071	Hate Crimes – Allow victim of hate crime to seek Civil remedy for action constituting a hate crime under the statute.	EHE; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader	
	EDUCATION			
HB 0023	School Discipline - Data Collection and School Resource Officers	W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m. Del. Washington	1 st Reader	
HB 0047	Public Schools – Expanded American History – Development of Content Standards and Implementation	W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m. Del. Wilson	1 st Reader	
HB 0084	Specifies that provisions of law prohibiting and penalizing disruptive and threatening behavior on the grounds of, in the classes of, or in the home of an employee of an institution of elementary, secondary, or higher education do not apply to students who commit offenses at the institution they attend , students on exclusionary discipline who commit offenses at the institution they attend, or students who commit offenses at another institution while participating in or attending a sporting event or other extracurricular program at that institution. State’s Attorney will report to Principal after conviction.	W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m. Del. Ruth.	1 st Reader	OPPOSE
SB 0119		EHE; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. Str. Washington	1 st Reader	
HB 0146	Alters the definition of “reportable offense” to include only offenses that occur off school premises, that did not occur at events sponsored by the school, and that involve crimes of violence; repeals requirement that a law	W&M; Del. Moon & Atterbury	1 st Reader	

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	enforcement agency notify school if a student was arrested for a reportable offense; removes belonging to a criminal organization as being reportable to the school if a student is charged with a reportable offense; and report only adjudications or convictions to the school.			
HB 0196	Public Schools & Boards of Education. All public schools must publish a catalog of School Library materials posted to school's website each Fall.	W&M; Del. Thiam	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
SB 0116	Public Schools – Inclusive & Diverse English Language Arts – Development and Content Standards & Implementation	EHE; Str. Ellis	1 st Reader	
	ELECTIONS AND VOTING			
HB 0017	Campaign Finance – Requirements for recurring contributions and donations	W&M; Del. Palakovich Carr	1 st Reader	
HB 0035	State Board of Elections – Contracts & Invoices - requirements for approval	W&M; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Palakovich Carr	1 st Reader	
SB 0158		EHE; Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	
HB 0065	Early Voting Centers – Bus Stops w/in ½ mile	W&M; Del. Crosby	1 st Reader	
HB 0099	Absentee Ballots – Require signature and verification for AB application and ballot	W&M; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Long	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
HB 0113	Constitutional Amendment: Elections – In Person Voting – Must present a valid gov't. issued Photo ID or valid non-gov't ID with utility bill or other document w/voter's name and current address	W&M; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Long	1 st Reader	SUPPORT
HB 0160	Prohibit a person from serving on a political party central committee and in elective office at the same time, except for National Presidential Convention Delegates.	W&M; Hearing 1/13 at 1 p.m. Del. Boyce	1 st Reader	
HB 0169	Voter Registry – Require funeral directors & others to notify State Bd. of Elections of names &	W&M; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Hartman, et al	1 st Reader	SUPPORT

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	addresses of deceased Maryland residents w/in 30 days & for local Boards to send notice & remove deceased individuals from voter registry.			
SB 0063	Defines factors to be considered when determining Residency of members of the General Assembly and enforcement factors.	EHE; Str Kelley		
SB 0073	General Assembly – Special Election to fill vacancy in office	EHE; Str. Lam	1 st Reader	
SB 0088	Change deadline for candidate for Governor in a Primary Election to select a Lt. Governor to 21 days after the Primary Election instead of at the time of filing for Governor.	EHE; Str. Pinsky	1 st Reader	
SB 0101	Election Law – Contested Elections. A candidate or registered voter may not petition for a recount if the difference between the number of votes received by an apparent winner and the losing candidate with the highest number of votes is greater than 5% of the total votes cast for those candidates	EHE; Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	
SB 0112	Election Law – False Ballot Drop Boxes – Criminal Penalty. An individual, an organization, an association, a political party, or other person may not collect absentee ballots during an election in a container that: (1) is not a ballot drop box that is officially designated by the state board or a local board; but (2) is labeled, marked, or otherwise designated to appear to be an official or unofficial ballot drop box.	EHE; Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	While it appears one cannot collect ballots in an unofficial ballot drop box, SB 112 does not appear to prohibit one from collecting ballots and depositing them in an approved ballot drop box.
SB 0163	Election Law- Absentee Ballots – Local Bd. of Elections may accept, reject, open or process AB starting at 8 a.m. 8 days before Early Voting. Local Bd may not count the votes until Election Day. If a Voter fails to sign the oath on the AB	EHE; Str. Kagan	1 st Reader	SB 0163 adds a new requirement that the local Bd. of Elections begin verifying Absentee Ballots for signature of the oath and provide

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	ballot return envelope, the Bd must within 3 days notify the voter and provide an opportunity for the voter to add signature electronically, by text message, e-mail or come to Election Board and sign in person. If voter fails to add signature within 10 days after election day the ballot is rejected. If the local board receives more than one legally sufficient ballot from a voter, in separate envelopes, the local board shall: count only the ballot with the [latest] FIRST properly signed oath; and reject any other ballot.			opportunity to add signature electronically or in-person. The bill also changes current law where more than one ballot is received from a person, the ballot with first properly signed oath is accepted. Current law states that the latest postmarked ballot be accepted.
	ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY			
HB 0011	Renewable Energy Portfolio Std. – Tier 1. To exclude energy derived from qualifying biomass, methane from anaerobic decomposition of organic materials, certain fuel cells, poultry litter-to-energy, waste-to-energy, refuse-derived fuel, and thermal energy from a thermal biomass system from being eligible for inclusion in the renewable energy portfolio standard.	ECM; Del. Stewart	1 st Reader	
SB 0056	Program Open Space – Local Plans & Programs will be required to be approved by the General Assembly as legislation before implemented.	EHE; Hearing 1/25 at 1:30 p.m. Str. Ellis	1 st Reader	
HB 0135	Expand restrictions on single-use plastics at food service businesses including condiment packages	ECM; Del. Love	1 st Reader	
HB 0171	Climate Crisis & Environmental Justice Act. Reduce statewide greenhouse gas emissions by 60% from 2006 levels by 2030; and 100% from 2006 levels by 2040. After 2040, statewide greenhouse gas emissions shall be net negative. Imposes a Greenhouse Gas Pollution Fee on all fossil fuels brought into the state for combustion. Fee will increase each year.	ECM & ENT; Del. Fraser-Hidalgo	1 st Reader	
SB 0135		EHE & B&T; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader	

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	HEALTH RELATED			
HB 0014 SB 0048	Health – Advance Care Planning & Advance Directives	HGO; Hearing 1/26 at 2:30 p.m. Del. Cullison FIN; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
HB 0056	Establish a Commission on Student Behavioral Health and Mental Health Treatment to study & recommend actions needed on behavioral health treatment & practices for students dealing with behavioral health & mental health issues, including the scope of practices, age of consent for services, types of service & duration of treatment. Investigate the unique behavioral health needs of students from different racial and ethnic backgrounds dealing with behavioral health and mental health issues, including differences by student racial and ethnic background in the provision of behavioral health services, scope of practice, types of service, and 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 treatments.	W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m. Del. Bagnail	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. This may be partially directed at treating sexual “health” and “Gender dysphoria” w/out parent knowledge/consent. Read: <u>Irreversible Damage</u> by Abigail Shrier for detailed discussion. Note: This is a redo of HB 0377 of 2021 that passed the House but not voted on in Sen. EHE. Also, in 2021 Session SB 41 lowered age from 16 to 12 for a minor to consent to consultation, diagnosis, and treatment of mental or emotional health disorders.
	IMMIGRATION RELATED			
HB 0114 SB 0129	Access to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Program	JUD; Del. N. Williams. JPC; Str. Hettleman	1 st Reader	

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	LIFE ISSUES			
HB 0050	Abortion, Artificial Insemination, & Sterilization - Requires every licensed hospital, hospital directors and hospital boards to authorize performance of ANY medical procedure that results in artificial insemination, sterilization or termination of pregnancy or to refer to any source for these medical procedures.	HGO; Del. Amprey	1 st Reader	Oppose. Forces Catholic hospitals to perform abortion, etc. and/or refer patients for these services against their religious beliefs.
	MARIJUANA AND DRUG RELATED			
HB 0001	Constitutional Amendment for Adult Use and Possession of Marijuana Cannabis)	JUD; Del. Clippinger	1 st Reader	Oppose
HB 0033	Criminal Law – Controlled Dangerous Substances – Schedules - Adjustment	JUD; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Shetty	1 st Reader	
	REDISTRICTING			
HJ 0001 SJ 0003	Maryland Citizens Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.	Rules & Executive Nominations; Joint Hearing with Senate Reapportioning & Redistricting January 18 at 3 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	SUPPORT – Call/email Committee members on Monday. Note: There will be a voting session immediately following the hearing.
HJ 0002 SJ 0002	Maryland Legislative Districting Plan	Rules & Executive Nominations; Joint Hearing with Senate Reapportioning & Redistricting January 18 at 3 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	OPPOSE – Call/email Committee members on Monday. Vote will take place immediately after hearing.
	TRANSPORTATION			
HB 0060 SB 0126	Environment – New Motor Vehicles Pollution Fee	ENT; Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m. Del. Fraser-Hidalgo. EHE; Str. Kramer	1 st Reader	