

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN – WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – APRIL 3, 2022

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| | BUDGET REVENUES/TAXES | | | |
| HB 0008 | Establishes the Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program and Insurance Fund in the Maryland Department of Labor to provide benefits to individuals who take leave from employment for illness or to care for a family member. Beginning January 1, 2023, employees, employers, and some self-employed individuals to contribute to the Fund .75% of employee’s wages shared equally by employer & employee. | ECM; Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m.; Del. Valderrama | 1 st Reader | See also under Health Heading |
| SB 0275 | | FIN; Hearing 2/10 at 1 p.m.; ECM; Hearing 3/24. Str. Hayes & Benson | Passed 3 rd Reader (31-15); ECM; FAV as amended. Passed 3 rd Reader (90-43); Senate concurs (31-15) Passed Enrolled. | |
| HB 0496 | | ECM; Hearing 2/15; Finance Hearing 3/29 at 1 p.m. Del. Wilson et al | Passed 3 rd Reader (93-36); In Sen. FIN. | |
| HB 0103 | Property Tax Credit for Disabled Veterans | W&M; Hearing 1/13 at 1 p.m. Del. Brooks. | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0085 | | B&T; Hearing 2/09 at 1 p.m.; Str. Jackson | 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. Gas Tax Holiday. | W&M; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. Del. Morgan, et al. | 1 st Reader | SUPPORT |
| SB 0337 | | B&T; Hearing 2/08; Strs Hough. | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0577 | | W&M; 2/16 at 1 p.m.; Del. Cox | 1 st Reader | |
| 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 | HGO; Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m. B&T; Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m. Del. Boyce | Passed 3 rd Reader (93-33) In Senate B&T | 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? |

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| | 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. | | | |
| HB 0189 SB 0123 | Income Tax Subtraction for Retirement income. | W&M; Hearing 2/16 at 1 p.m.; Del. Brooks B&T; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; Str. Klausmeier | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0300 SB 0290 | Budget Bill (Operations) FY 2023 is \$58.2 Billion. | APP – Speaker (by request Gov) B&T – President | 1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader (47-0); Amendments by APP; Passed 3 rd Reader (113-15); Senate refused; Conf. Com. Rpt. accepted (119-12) Passed Enrolled. | Includes \$4.6 B in tax relief. |
| HB 0410 SB 0400 | Adjust Highway User Fund Distribution and requiring counties and municipalities to submit yearly reports on costs, expenditures and projects delayed. | APP; Hearing – 3/10 at 1 p.m. Req. of Admin. + 29 “R” Del. B&T; Hearing 2/09; Req. of Admin + 13 “R” Strs. | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | See also SB 726 |
| HB 0415 SB 0401 | Operation Budget required funding for BOOST grant program for non-public school students. Mandates funding of \$10 Million for FY 2024 and increases up to \$16 Million for FY 2027 | APP; Hearing 3/01 at 1 p.m.; Req. of Admin + 28 “R” Del. B&T; Hearing 2/09 at 1 p.m.; Req. of Admin +13 “R” Strs | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0420 | Retirement Tax Exemption Act of 2022. Providing a tax reduction based on Social Security for 65+ individuals not currently employed. | W&M; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; by req. of Admin + 27 “R” Del. B&T Hearing 2/23; | 1 st Reader | |

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| SB 0405 SB 0344 | Retirement Tax Reduction Act of 2022. Provides a credit against State Income Tax of \$1,000 for an individual 65 or over, or who is totally disabled, with income of \$100,000 or less; or a credit of \$1,750 for spouses filing jointly with income of up to \$150,000. | B&T; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; Pres. Req. of Admin + 14 “R” Strs. B&T’ Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m. Str. Hershey & Elfreth | Passed 3 rd Reader (42-0); FAV as amended W&M; Passed 3 rd Reader (132-0); Senate concurs (46-0); Passed Enrolled. 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0422 SB 0404 | Working Marylanders Tax Relief Act of 2022. Provides refund of 45% of the amt. of the Federal earned income tax credit for years after 2019. | W&M; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m. Speaker By req. +22 “R” Del.s B&T; Hearing 2/09 at 1 p.m. By Req. + 13 “R” Sens. | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0445 SB 0543 | Property Taxes - Constant Yield Tax Rate – Notice Requirements | Del. Smith B&T – Hearing 2/16; | Referred to interim study by W&M | |
| HB 0613 | Increasing from \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 annual appropriations for school resource officers & school safety expenditures beginning in fiscal year 2024. | APP; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Griffith et al | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0698 SB 0721 | Acceleration of the State Minimum Wage Rate. Increase the minimum wage rate to \$15/hour starting July 1, 2022 except for small businesses that would increase to \$13.60/hour until 7/1/23 then be raised to \$15/hour. | ECM; Hearing 2/22; Del. Turner et al FIN; Hearing is 3/10 at 1 p.m. Strs. Waldstreicher & McCray. | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | Fiscal Note: Financial impact will be “meaningful” |
| HB 0839 | Reduce MD Income tax rates by .25% for incomes between \$3,001 and \$225,001. Allow a taxpayer to itemize deductions on MD return regardless of whether they itemized their deductions on Fed. Return. | W&M; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; Del. Buckel + 23 “R” Dels. | 1 st Reader | Support |
| HB 1095 SB 0845 | Establishes the Rural Business Innovation Initiative (RBII) Fund in the Maryland Technology Development Corporation (TEDCO) as the successor to the RBII Fund established in TEDCO regulations. The purpose of the fund is to make pre-seed investments in technology- | W&M; Hearing 3/02; Del. Buckel B&T; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m. Strs. Edwards & Corderman | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |

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| | based businesses that maintain principal business operations in rural areas or rural communities. | | | |
| HB 1450 | Extending dates for the development, adoption, and submission of plans to implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future; altering the date by which criteria to evaluate certain implementation plans must be developed; altering the distribution of sales and use tax revenues to the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund; and authorizing certain entities or programs to retain the unspent portion of a certain appropriation for fiscal year 2022. | APP; Hearing 3/08; Del. McIntosh | Passed 3 rd reader with amendments (114-14) Sen. Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (44-3); House concurred (117-16); Passed Enrolled. | |
| HB 1486 SB 1010 | Motor Fuel Taxes – 30-day Tax-Free Period beginning effective date of the-Emergency Bill. | W&M; Hearing 3/15 at 1 p.m. Del. Johnson + 76 Dels. B&T; Hearing 3/15 at 1 p.m. Sen. Pres. + 31 Senators | Passed 3 rd Reader In both houses | Signed by Governor Chapter 1 Signed by Governor Chapter 2 |
| SB 0215 | Income Tax- Energy Storage Tax Credit – Alterations Increase from 750,000 to 1 Million the number of tax credit certificates MEA may issue in a tax yr. Extending the credit to 2024. | B&T Hearing 1/18 W&M; Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m. Ch. B&T; | Passed 3 rd Reader | |
| SB 0726 | Change highway user fund distribution beginning in 2025 to provide capital grants of funds credited to the Gasoline & Motor Vehicle Revenue Act as follows: Baltimore City 12.1%; Counties 15.3%; and municipalities 2.6%. | B&T; Hearing 3/09 at 1 p.m. Str. McCray +26 bi-partisan str. | 1 st Reader | Current amounts of capital grants Are Baltimore City 8.3% Counties 3.2% Municipalities 2% See also: HB 0410 and SB 400 |
| SB 0736 | Reduce the mandated minimum income tax rate for county income tax to 1% from current 2.25% for incomes under \$500,000. Allow counties to impose rates up to 3.1% on incomes of \$500,000 or more. Would alter the grant to counties & Baltimore City for per capita income tax yield that is less than 75% of the statewide per capita yield in graduated rates based on the income tax rate for incomes of \$500,000 or more. | B&T; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m.; Str. Simonaire et al | 1 st Reader | |

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| | 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 | Court- Jury Service – A person is disqualified if person is convicted of a crime in a federal or State court of record, and is currently serving a sentence exceeding 1 year for the conviction, including a term of probation. | JUD; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. | 1 ST Reader | |
| SB0030 | | JPC; Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m.; JUD; Hearing 3/23; Str. Carter | Passed 3 rd Reader with amendments (31-15) | |
| HB 0122 | 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. | 1 ST Reader | |
| SB 0138 | | EHE; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; Str. Kramer | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0123 | 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; & implement a forfeiture of benefits. | JUD; Hearing 3/01 at 1 p.m.; Del. Wilkins | 1 st Reader | Note: SB 0047 provides for reserving some of the pension benefit for spouse, children or former spouse. |
| SB 0141 | | B&T; Hearing 1/27 at 9 a.m.; Str. Carter | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0047 | | B&T; Hearing 1/27 at 9 a.m.; Str. Carter | 1 st Reader | |
| 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 | Passed 3 rd Reader (132-0); JPC – FAV. With amendments; | |
| SB 0328 | | JPC; Str. Waldstreicher, et al | Passed 3 rd Reader (45-0); JUD. | |
| 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; | HGO; Hearing 2/01 at 2:30 p.m. Del. Amprey | 1 st Reader | |

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| | 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; | | | |
| HB 0181 | Declaration of Rights in Maryland Constitution- Removes references to God in regard to religious freedom, religious tests & Oaths & Affirmations. | HGO; Hearing cancelled. Del. Hill | Unfavorable Rpt. Withdrawn | Oppose |
| HB 0223 | Criminal Law – Person in a position of authority – Sexual offenses with a minor extended to offenses at day care centers, after school programs, sports programs and others. | JUD, Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Love | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0049 | | JPC; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m. Str. West | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0272 | Intercepted Communications – reclassify as a misdemeanor- intercepting, disclosing or use of wire, oral or electronic communications. | JUD; Del. Moon | Passed 3 rd Reader (95-36); In JPC. | |
| SB 0324 | | JPC; Hearing 2/08; Str. Lee | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0290 | Hate Crimes – Allow victim of hate crime to seek Civil remedy for action constituting a hate crime under the statute. | JUD.; Hearing 2/02 at 1 p.m.; Del. Crutchfield | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0071 | | JPC; Hearing 1/19; Str. Kramer JUD; Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m. | Passed 3 rd Reader (47-0); In JUD | |
| HB 0294 | Grants Juvenile Court authority over proceedings where a child 14 years old is alleged to have done an act that, if committed by an adult, would be punishable by life imprisonment . Also, in cases of a | JUD; Hearing 2/10 at 1 p.m.; Del. Crutchfield | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0165 | 16-year-old alleged to have committed crime of abduction, kidnapping, carjacking, and other offenses. | JPC; Hearing 1/27 at 2 p.m. Str. Carter. | Passed 3 rd Reader | |
| HB 0304 | Alters penalties for not following a reasonable & lawful order by law enforcement in a public place, schools, restaurants, churches, (broadly defined including premises & parking areas) in an emergency. "Emergency" means an urgent, sudden, and serious event or an unforeseen change in circumstances that necessitates immediate action to remedy harm or avert imminent danger to life or health. | JUD; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; Del. Ruth | 1 st Reader | Oppose – testimony at hearing revealed that the bill would allow a person to erect tents on sidewalks or parks as long as space for passage was maintained. Would prevent law enforcement officer from ordering a person to move. |

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| HB 0427 | Prohibiting a person from obstructing or impeding or attempting to obstruct or impede an official proceeding of the Executive or Legislative Branch. | JUD; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Rosenberg | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0453 SB 0550 | Correctional Facilities – Transgender, Nonbinary, and Intersex Inmates (Transgender Respect, Agency and Dignity Act). Provides for an inmate to declare their identity preference, pronouns, search preference and request housing and cell preference with the inmate of their choice. Requires respectful treatment of inmate in searches, use of pronouns and housing. | JUD; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m. Del. Lopez JPC; Hearing 2/17 at 1 p.m. Str. Carter | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | OPPOSE. Unsafe for female inmates. Requires Correctional facilities to allow males inmates identifying as female, to be placed in women’s facilities & choose the inmate that they wish to share a cell. Doesn’t say the female in that cell can object or refuse. In states of CA. and Washington large numbers of biological males are requesting & being transferred to women’s facilities. Women inmates have been attacked. |
| HB 0459 | Juvenile Justice Reform. Keeps a child at least 10 yrs. Old in juvenile system even if they committed a crime that if committed by an adult would result in life imprisonment. | JUD; Del. Clippinger | Passed 3 rd Reader (93-38); JPC FAV with Amendments; Passed 3 rd Reader (29-17). House concurred (90-43). Passed Enrolled. | |
| HB 0524 | MD Police Training & Stds Comsn. shall prohibit police officers from: affiliating with, supporting or advocating for white supremacist groups/ideologies; or participating in or promoting an international or domestic extremist group that the FBI has determined supports/encourages illegal violent conduct. | JUD; Hearing 3/01 at 1 p.m. Del. Acevero | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0559 SB 0265 | Probation Before Judgement – Probation not Deportation | JUD; Hearing 2/15; JPC; Dels. W. Fisher, et al JPC; Hearing 2/02 at 2 p.m. | Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (87-41); JPC 1 st Reader | Protects an illegal immigrant from receiving a formal sentence or Probation Before Judgement (PBJ). A PBJ is grounds for deportation. |

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| | | Str. Lee | | The agreement avoids a formal finding of guilt. |
| HB 0565 | Replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples’ Day | HGO; Hearing 3/15 at 1:30 p.m. Del. W. Fisher | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0594 | Establish Maryland Reparations Commission. Harriet Tubman Community Investment Act. | JGO; Hearing 3/01 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. W. Fisher | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0606 | Prohibit a person registered with the State sex offender registry, who was at least 21 years old and victim was less than 18, from residing within 1,000 feet of a school, park, daycare center or other place where children congregate, except that such a person would not need to relocate if a school, etc. is constructed after the person established residence. | JUD; Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m.; Del. Cox and Parrott | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0754 SB 0769 | Minors Convicted as Adults – Sentencing – Transfer to Juvenile Court. | JUD; Hearing 2/17; Del. Lopez; JPC; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m. Str. Lee; | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0877 | Juveniles Charged as Adults – Confinement. Pre-trial confinement in a juvenile facility. | JUD; Hearing 2/24; Ch. JUD. JPC; Hearing 3/24 at 1 p.m. | Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (115-22); | |
| HB 0898 | Establish an Office of Domestic Terrorism Response within the Dept. of Emergency Management | APP; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m. Del. Rosenberg | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1012 | Police Immunity & Accountability Act. An officer who violates another individual’s constitutional rights under the Maryland or United States Constitution is not immune from civil or criminal liability for the violation. Can be fined up to \$25,000 and subject to criminal prosecution. | JUD; Hearing 3/01 at 1 p.m. Del. Wilkins | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1063 | An inmate sentenced to Division of Correction after being convicted of a violent crime committed on or after October 1, 2022, is not eligible for parole until the inmate has served the greater of: 90% of the inmate’s aggregate sentence for violent crimes; or one-fourth of the inmate’s total aggregate sentence. | JUD; Hearing 3/08; Del. Buckel + 24 “R” Del. | 1 st Reader | |

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| HB 1065 | Prohibiting a judicial officer from authorizing pretrial release of a defendant charged with a crime of violence if the defendant has a pending charge for a crime of violence or was convicted within the previous 10 years of a crime of violence. | JUD; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Buckel + 25 “R” Del. | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1203 | Labor & Employment – Private Sector Employers – Right to Work | ECM; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Chisholm | Unfavorable Rpt. by ECM | |
| HB 1442 | Criminal Procedure – Expands Expungement of Police Record- includes both arrest warrant & fugitive Warrants. Must wait 3 years after disposition of charges for nolle prosequi or PBJ; 1 year for Stet or compromise or an offense no longer against the law | JUD; Hearing 3/15 at 1 p.m.; Del. Anderson +22 “D” Del. | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0710 | | JPC; Hearing 3/08; Str. Patterson | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0068 | Sexual Offenses – Crime of Violence and Lifetime Supervision | JPC; Hearing 1/19 at 1 p.m.; JUD; Hearing 3/22 at 1 p.m.; Str. Bailey | Passed 3 rd Reader (45-0); In JUD. | |
| SB 0216 | Evidence-Approval of Breath & Blood Tests for Alcohol, Drugs of Controlled Dangerous Substances | JPC; JUD; Hearing 3/22 at 1 p.m. | Passed 3 rd Reader (46-0); JUD | |
| SB 0435 | For the purpose of establishing that an individual who intentionally prevents or interferes with the making of a report for suspected sexual abuse of a child by a mandatory reporter may be prosecuted at any time for the violation. Penalty 5 yrs in prison and \$10,000. | JPC; Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m. JUD: Hearing 3/31 at 1 p.m. Strs. Hough, Bailey, Cassilly & West | Passed 3 rd Reader (44-0); JUD; | See also HB 1214 under Life Issues heading. |
| EDUCATION | | | | |
| HB 0023 | School Discipline - Data Collection and School Resource Officers | W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m.; EHE; Hearing 4/05 at 1 p.m. Del. Washington; | Passed 3 rd Reader with amendments (97-33); | |
| HB 0047 | Public Schools – Expanded American History – Development of Content Standards and Implementation. | W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m. Del. Wilson. EHE; Hearing 2/16; Str. Lee | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 462 | | | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0084 | Alters Education Article Section 26-101 to Specify that provisions of law prohibiting and penalizing disruptive and threatening behavior on the grounds of, in the | W&M; Hearing 1/20 at 1 p.m. Del. Ruth. EHE; | Passed 3 rd Reader (94-42); 1 st Reader Senate EHE | OPPOSE |

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| SB 0119 | 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. | EHE; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m. W&M Hearing 3/24 at 1 p.m.; Str. Washington | Passed 3 rd Reader (30-16); In W&M. | OPPOSE See also: HB 146 and HB 214 that deal with same issues. |
| 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 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. | W&M; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m.; EHE; Hearing 3/29 at 1 p.m.; Del. Moon & Atterbury | Passed 3 rd Reader with amendments (110-17) In EHE; | OPPOSE. This bill removes from the Education Article, Section 7-303 the reporting of student belonging to criminal org and then adds that reportable offenses are only offenses committed off school grounds. See HB 0214 related issues. |
| HB 0194 | Requiring a county board of education to provide age-appropriate instruction on the risks of sexting as part of the Family Life and Human Sexuality curriculum in every grade in which the curriculum is taught in public schools in the county, beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. | W&M; Hearing 1/27 at 1 p.m.; EHE; Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m.; Del. Shetty | Passed 3 rd Reader (126-4). Sen. EHE. | |
| 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; Hearing 1/27 at 1 p.m. Del. Thiam | 1 st Reader | SUPPORT |
| HB 0214 | Adds: For a student committed to the custody of the Department of Juvenile Services (DJS), the DJS shall notify the local superintendent and the school principal where the student is enrolled or to which the | JUD; Hearing 2/02 at 1 p.m. Del. Parrott | 1 st Reader | SUPPORT. Current law in Education Article, Section 7-303 requires local law enforcement agency to notify School |

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| | student has been transferred of the student’s arrest for a reportable offense; or that is related to the student’s membership in a criminal organization; and the disposition of the reportable offense. | | | superintendent and principal of a student’s arrest for a reportable offense. This bill adds reporting for students under custody of DJS. |
| HB 0314 | Beginning January 1, 2025, a county board of education must have an odd number of members who are eligible to vote on each matter before the county board; and requiring a county board to set regulations for selecting an individual to vote on that issue | W&M; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Novotny | Unfavorable Rpt. by W&M. | |
| HB 0330 | Higher Education. Require a U.S. History Course for undergraduate degree. | APP; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; Del. Boteler | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0352 | Establish an American Studies and Social Equity Standards Advisory Board to examine American history & culture from the perspectives of cultural, social, and ethnic groups. The advisory board shall develop a model policy on ethnic and social equity in schools. Recommend content and instructional methods to challenge racist, sexist, gender, or ability assumptions, attitudes, and behaviors when they occur using principles and practices of restorative justice methods including disciplinary actions. | W&M; Hearing cancelled. Del. Qi | 1 st Reader | OPPOSE. Note: This bill is filled with Critical Race Theory goals and language. |
| SB 0888 | “Ethnic group” is a nondominant racial or ethnic group in the U.S. including groups who identify as indigenous or African, Asian, Pacific Island, hispanic, latino, or middle eastern descent. “Social group” includes women, individuals with disabilities, immigrants, refugees, and individuals who identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual, queer, transgender, questioning, intersex, or asexual. | EHE; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m. Str. Lee | 1 st Reader | Wikipedia’s definition: “A restorative justice program aims to get offenders to take responsibility for their actions, to understand the harm they have caused, to give them an opportunity to redeem themselves and to discourage them from causing further harm. For victims, its goal is to give them an active role in the process. |
| HB 0495 | Education- to authorize Student-Organized Peaceful Demonstrations – at school during school hours – Student Discipline and Policy – no more severe than unexcused absence. | W&M; Hearing 2/10 at 1 p.m. Del. Ebersole; | Passed 3 rd Reader (96-40); 1 st Reader EHE. | OPPOSE. Student are behind on every metric. They need class time devoted to reading and math and science at grade level. |
| SB 0519 | | EHE; Hearing 2/16 at 1 p.m. | 1 st Reader | |

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| | | Str. Washington | | |
| HB 0504 | Public School Employees Collective Bargaining – authorization to strike. | W&M; Hearing 2/17 at 3 p.m.; Del. Acevero | Unfavorable Report Withdrawn. | |
| HB 0613 | Public Schools Appropriations for School Safety Exp. | APP; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Griffith | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0618 | MD Parental Rights Act requiring: the State & county Boards of Education to allow at least 10 minutes for parent testimony at public board meetings; prohibit school employees from withholding information on a child’s health or well-being from the child’s parent or guardian; county boards to adopt a policy to promote parent involvement in the public school system including curriculum and provide a copy to parents at start of school year; the State to give a parent the opportunity to be tried before a jury before terminating the parent’s rights; a health care practitioner or owner of a health care facility to obtain the consent of a minor’s parent or guardian before providing or soliciting or arranging to provide health care services or prescribing certain drugs to a minor; providing for a penalty for violation; | JUD; Hearing cancelled; W&M; Hearing 2/24 at 1 p.m.; Del. Cox, Arkan, Parrott, Reilly, and Szeliga | Unfavorable Rpt. by W&M; | STRONGLY SUPPORT. Parents need to be involved and included in the education of their children. |
| HB 0633 | Education – State Accountability and Implementation Board. Expands membership to include a representative from each of the following: Western Maryland, Southern Maryland, Eastern Shore and one from 5 largest counties. | W&M; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m.; Del. Ghrist. | 1 st Reader | Support. This Board is established to implement the Blueprint for the Future for education. Current membership represents only a few counties. |
| SB 0933 | | EHE; Sen. Rules Com.; Str. Hershey | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0652 | More Opportunities for Career-focused Students. Requires a School System to provide info. on apprenticeship programs equally as with college prog. | W&M; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m.; Del. Guyton EHE; Str. Rosapepe; W&M | 1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (46-0); W&M | |
| HB 0737 | Right to Learn Act. Alternative Education Options when student is in a public school that has failed rating | W&M; Hearing 2/24 at 1 p.m. Del. Ghrist + 25 “R” Del. | 1 st Reader | |

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| | for at least 2 consecutive years; includes tuition fees for a non-public school; public charter school, | | | |
| HB 0757 | Interscholastic & Intramural Teams & Sports – in public and non-public schools. Designation based on biological sex. (Save Women’s Sports Act.) | W&M; Hearing 2/24 at 1 p.m. Del. Szeliga + 16 “R” Del. | Unfavorable Report by W&M. | Strongly support. Read the bill - offers strong documentation. Read MFRW “Teen Girls & Women.” brochure |
| HB 0758 | Public Schools (with 400 or more students) Requiring posting on Schools web Site lesson plans and info on textbooks & other reading materials, videos, digital material, websites and other on-line applications. | W&M; Hearing 2/24 at 1 p.m. Del. Szeliga + 16 “R” Del. | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0827 | Public Schools – Instruction in Print and Cursive Handwriting | W&M; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m.; Del. Boteler | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0832 | Establish the MD Homeschool Advisory Council in the Dept. of Education to gather information on the needs of homeschool parents and homeschool umbrella schools and advise the State Superintendent of Schools, the State Board of Education, the General Assembly, and the Governor on matters relating to homeschooling. | W&M; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m. Del. Ruth | 1 st Reader | The composition of the Council is concerning. Council lumps regional members of rural counties with large counties; Eastern Shore Counties would have only 1 representative. |
| HB 0850 | Boards of Education, Primary & Secondary Schools & Prekindergarten programs– Require all Boards of Education, public and non-public schools and prekindergarten programs to adopt & maintain a written antidiscrimination policy prohibits a school from: discriminating against any person because of an individual’s race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability; refusing enrollment of a prospective student, expelling a current student, or withholding privileges from any individual because of an individual’s race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, marital status,, gender identity, or disability. | W&M; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m. Del. Wilkins | Passed 3 rd Reader (94-36); In Sen. JPC. | |
| SB 0666 | | JPC; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m. Str. McCray | 1 st Reader | |

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| HB 0989 | It is the goal of the state that each student in a public elementary school be provided a daily program of at least 150 minutes each week of developmentally appropriate, moderate-to-vigorous physical activity that includes recess; and at least 90 minutes each week of physical 19 education. | W&M; Hearing 2/25; Del. Walker, et al | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1004 SB 0856 | Require that every public school have a full -time nurse. | W&M; Hearing 3/04 at 1 p.m. Del. Valentino-Smith EHE: Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m. Str. Eckardt | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1101 SB 0795 | Community Colleges & private nonprofit colleges funding to be an amt equal to 30% of 4 yr. college FTE funding and after FY 24 69% of 4yr. college FTE funding. | APP; Hearing 3/15 at 1 p.m. Del. Feldmark B&T; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m. Sen. Guzzone | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1102 SB 0799 | Community College Tuition and Residency Waivers – Mandates \$10 Million a year. Eligible students are out-of-state residents, active-duty military & families; homeless unaccompanied youth and foster care recipients, teachers, and a student enrolled in an instructional program that the commission designates as a health manpower shortage program and others. | APP; Hearing 3/15 at 1 p.m. Del. Feldmark B&T; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m.; APP Hearing 4/04 at 1 p.m.; Str. Guzzone | 1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader (46-0); In House APP; | Establishes an annual \$10 million budget mandate. Note: Amendment limits funding to FY 24-26 at \$10 Million/year. |
| HB 1152 | Public Schools – Bill of Rights- Prohibit suspensions & expulsions except for “unsafe behavior” . “Unsafe behavior” means any behavior that is dangerous to the health or safety of students or others. “Unsafe behavior” does not include an act that the student intends only to be disruptive of a school activity, function, process, or the learning environment; or that is disrespectful to an adult or other students but is non-threatening & does not physically harm another. | W&M; Hearing 3/09 a 1 p.m. Del. Washington & Ivey | 1 st Reader | Oppose. It appears that a student could disrupt the whole class daily and could not be suspended for more than 10 days a year or expelled except by the Superintendent of the county’s schools. |
| HB 1256 | Prohibit discriminatory concepts in instruction in public and non-public primary and secondary schools. | W&M; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m.; Del. Chisholm + 18 “R” Del. | 1 st Reader | |

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| HB 1268 | A law enforcement agency who arrests a student for a reportable offense or an offense related to student's membership in a criminal organization to report the arrest to the MD Center for School Safety, the State Board of Education, and the State's Attorney. requiring the State's Attorney to notify the MD Center for School Safety and the State Board of the disposition of the offense. | JUD; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m. Del. Long | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1356 | Public Schools – Reporting of Sexual Misconduct, Stalking, and Harassment. Requires School Administrator to file an incident report and provide victim and parents a copy. Requires School Bd to adopt policy for penalties for violations. | W&M; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m.; Del. Grammer | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1450 | Extending dates for the development, adoption, and submission of plans to implement the Blueprint for Maryland's Future; altering the date by which criteria to evaluate certain implementation plans must be developed. | APP; Hearing 3/08; B&T; Hearing 3/29 at 1 p.m.; Del. McIntosh et al | Passed 3 rd reader with amendments (114-14) Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (44-3); House concurred (117-16); Passed Enrolled. | See also entry under Budget Heading |
| SB 0116 | Public Schools – Inclusive & Diverse English Language Arts – Development and Content Standards & Implementation. promote diversity, including economic diversity, equity, inclusion, tolerance, and belonging; (ii) examine the impact that unconscious bias and economic disparities have at both an individual and societal level; and (iii) encourage safe, welcoming, and inclusive environments for all students regardless of race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental & physical disability, and religious beliefs. | EHE; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m.; Str. Ellis | 1 st Reader | Again, CRT inserted into the curriculum. |
| SB 0237 | On or before January 1, 2023, the state board shall develop guidelines for instructional content on the | EHE; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m.; Str. Sailing. | 1 st Reader | Support |

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| | September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that is age-appropriate, interdisciplinary, and consistent with other required grade-level instruction. Requires public & non-public schools receiving state funding to include a unit of instruction on the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack as developed by the State Board. | | | |
| SB 0304 | Requiring State Board of Education to develop and implement a curriculum for a unit of instruction on Asian American history starting in the 2023-2024 school year. Each local board must ensure that a unit of instruction on Asian American history is taught at least once in elementary & middle school, & once in a history course required to graduate from high school. | EHE; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m. Strs. Lam and Lee | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0786 | Requiring each public school to post the curriculum used for each course taught in the school on the school's publicly accessible website not less than 60 days after the curriculum is approved or revised; and requiring each county board of education to ensure that schools post the curriculum used for each course taught on the school's publicly accessible website. | EHE; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m. Str. Carozza + 12 "R" Strs. | 1 st Reader | |
| SJ 0007 | Supporting parents' rights to peacefully assemble, speak freely, and petition the government, including county boards of education, on any topic; and condemning intimidation of a parent who is expressing these rights. | EHE; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m.; Str. Ready et al | 1 st Reader | Support |
| | ELECTIONS AND VOTING | | | |
| HB 0017 | Campaign Finance – Requirements for recurring contributions and donations | W&M; EHE; Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m. Del. Palakovich Carr | Passed 3 rd Reader (132-0); Passed 3 rd Reader (46-0) Returned Passed | |
| HB 0035 | State Board of Elections – Contracts & Invoices - requirements for approval | W&M; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m. EHE; Del. Palakovich Carr | Passed 3 rd Reader (125-11); 1 st Reader Sen. EHE. | |

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| SB 0158 | | EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Kagan | Sen. Passed 3 rd Reader (44-0) Passed Enrolled | |
| HB 0065 | Early Voting Centers – Bus Stops w/in ½ mile | W&M; Hearing cancelled. Del. Crosby | Unfavorable Rpt. withdrawn | |
| 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 & addresses of deceased Maryland residents w/in 30 days & for local Boards to send notice & remove deceased individuals from voter registry. | W&M; Hearing cancelled. Del. Hartman, et al | Unfavorable Rpt. W&M; Withdrawn | SUPPORT |
| HB 0201 | Election Law – Expands Voter Registration Drives in high schools from a space in a common area where students can, if they wish, obtain a voter registration form and hand in completed forms to also include having local Bd. of Election officials, employees, or | W&M; Hearing cancelled; Del. Kelly | Unfavorable Rpt. W&M. Withdrawn | OPPOSE. It is intimidating and coercive to have election officials or volunteers to go into the classroom and hand out VR forms and collect completed forms during school hours. The bill does not require a volunteer from both major political parties be present to register student voters. A better approach is a table in main hall at lunch time where it is voluntary to obtain a VR form. |
| SB 0284 | authorized volunteers visit classrooms within a school, during school hours, distributing voter registration applications to each employee of and student enrolled in the school who is or will be 16 years old or older during the immediately following year and accepting completed VR forms for transmittal to the appropriate election official. Requires a VR Drive in every high school every year. | EHE; Str. Washington | Unfavorable Rpt. Withdrawn | |

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| HB 0212 | Requires Signature Verification of Absentee Ballots (AB) & AB applications and ballot canvassing. | W&M; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; Del. Parrott | Unfavorable Rpt. by W&M. | |
| HB 0291 | Election Law – Allow use of campaign funds to pay for expenses in contesting an election result. | W&M; Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; EHE; Del. Kaiser | Passed 3 rd Reader (131-0); In EHE. | |
| SB 0101 | 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 | EHE: Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; W&M Hearing cancelled. Str. Kagan | Passed 3 rd Reader (42-3). 1 st Reader - W&M; | |
| HB 0306 | Election Law - Circuit Court Judges. Requires circuit court judges to be elected on a nonpartisan basis only in a general election. Candidates will not appear on the ballot in a primary election or be nominated by a political party or by petition. Candidates for circuit court judge shall file a certificate of candidacy no later than 5 p.m. on the first Monday in August in the year of the general election for the office. | JUD; Hearing 2/16 at 1 p.m.; Del. Qi and Ruth | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0313 | Recall Elections. Constitutional Amendment. Would subject all State and County offices to recall. Provides for petition signed by at least 25% of the total votes cast in the most recent election for that office. | W&M; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Novotny | Unfavorable Rpt. W&M | |
| HB 0320 | Defines factors to be considered when determining Residency of members of the General Assembly and enforcement factors. | W&M; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Wilkins EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m. Str. Kelley | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0328 | Repealing restrictions on holding an election in a building or part of a building used, or occupied by an establishment that holds an alcoholic beverages license; and repeals the 100 ft. distance requirement. | W&M; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m. Del. D. Jones EHE: Str. Simonaire | Passed 3 rd Reader (138-0); In EHE; Passed 3 rd Reader (46-0) as amended; W&M FAV. Passed 2 nd Reader; | |

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| HB 0329 SB 0352 | Local Bd. of Elections may accept, reject, open or process AB starting at 8 a.m. 8 days before Early Voting. Provides for a Voter who fails to sign the oath on the AB ballot return envelope. | W&M; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Moon EHE; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m. Str. Lam | 1 st Reader Unfavorable Rpt. by EHE. Withdrawn. | See also SB 0163. Very similar, but HB 329 doesn't prohibit tallying the votes as they are collated. |
| HB 0344 | Campaign Contributions "Pay to Play" prohibits contributions from lobbyists and contractors to candidates for state offices, but allows a registered lobbyist to contribute personal funds to a candidate in the district where lobbyist lives. | W&M; Hearing 2/08; Del. Palakovich Carr | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0362 | Montgomery County Voting Methods RANKED CHOICE VOTING AND APPROVAL VOTING (MC 13-22). A local law enacted under this subsection may provide for: (i) the ballot format; (ii) procedures for tabulating votes; and (iii) any other provision necessary to implement ranked choice voting or approval voting | W&M; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m. Montgomery County Del. | 1 st Reader | STRONGLY OPPOSE – Could set a statewide precedent. Confusing to voters. Bill applies to all local offices even State's Attorney and Circuit Court Judges. Could Co. Council allow non-citizens to vote? |
| HB 0428 | Elections. Prohibits Bd. of Elections from contracting with foreign manufacture of election systems – notification and termination of contracts. | W&M; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m.; EHE; Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m.; Del. Rosenberg | Passed 3 rd Reader (136-0); In Sen. EHE; | |
| HB 0707 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. | W&M; Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m.; EHE; Del. Barve. EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Pinsky | Passed 3 rd Reader (93-36); 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0721 | Requiring a political club to be established as a political committee and to file a statement of organization and file campaign finance reports. | W&M; Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m.; Del. Hornberger | 1 st Reader | Oppose. Puts a heavy burden on political clubs to file multiple reports in election years. Most political club are volunteers. |
| HB 0745 SB 0742 | Replacing post-election manual tabulation audits with Risk-limiting audits. "Risk-limiting audit" means a postelection audit procedure that employs statistical methods to ensure a large, predetermined minimum chance of requiring a full manual count of voter-verifiable paper records in an audited contest if a full | W&M; Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. Del. Kaiser and Wilkins EHE; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; Str. Washington | Passed 3 rd Reader (132-0); In Sen. EHE. 1 st Reader | Current law requires a manual audit of at least 2% of precincts. |

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| HB 1348 | manual count of the voter-verifiable paper records would find a different outcome than the outcome determined by the electronic count. | W&M; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m. Del. Cox et al | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0862 | Ballot Canvassing Multiple Ballots Cast by Individual. Count the first ballot received. | W&M; EHE; Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m. Del. Feldmark | Passed 3 rd Reader (96-40); In Sen. EHE | |
| HB 0939 | Prohibiting State Board of Elections, local boards of elections, and municipalities from mailing an absentee ballot to any voter who has not requested an AB. | W&M; Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. Del. Shoemaker | 1 st Reader | Support |
| HB 0963 | Establishing signature verification procedures for absentee ballots and methods by which a voter may cure an unverified signature on an absentee ballot; | W&M; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m. Del. Shoemaker + 19 "R" Del. | 1 st Reader | Support |
| HB 1093 | Allow a candidate expenditure from campaign funds for caregiving services for a child or disabled family member. | W&M; Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. Del. Palakovich Carr | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1172 | Prohibiting absentee ballot envelopes, ballot/return envelopes, return envelopes, and envelope templates from including language or information that visibly identifies the party affiliation of the voter. | W&M; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Wivell +28 "R" Del. | 1 st Reader | Support. Testimony is sponsor only. |
| SB 0989 | | Rules; Str. Ellis | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1337 | Elections-Delegate Contest – Repeal Residency Prohibition for multi-mbr. L.D. w/more than 2 counties | W&M; Hearing 3/01 Del. Hornberger | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1404 | Establish Curbside Voting at all EV centers and at election boards on Election Day. "Curbside voting" means the process by which an eligible voter completes and casts a paper ballot at an outside location under observation of election judges for Voters meeting the American Disabilities Act requirements; pregnant voters & health impairments. | W&M; Hearing 3/15 at 1 p.m.; Del. Williams | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0073 | General Assembly – Special Election to fill vacancy in office | EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; W&M Hearing cancelled. Str. Lam | Passed 3 rd Reader (45-0). W&M | |
| SB 0112 | Election Law – False Ballot Drop Boxes – Criminal Penalty. An individual, an organization, an association, | EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Kagan | 1 st Reader | DOES NOT PREVENT BALLOT HARVESTING. One cannot collect |

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| | 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. | | | ballots in an unofficial ballot drop box, but SB 112 does not appear to prohibit one from collecting ballots from voters 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 ballot return envelope, the Bd must within 3 days notify the voter and provide an opportunity for voter to add signature electronically, by text message, e-mail or at Election Board & 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; & reject any other ballot. Note: Committee amendments adopted allows tabulation of votes beginning 8 days prior to EV & during EV. The full Senate rejected (15-30) floor amendment to require an audit of AB cast in statewide election to verify voter’s signature. If the number of ballots w/signature that cannot be verified exceeded the threshold; all remaining uncounted AB votes w/require signature verification. | EHE; Hearing 1/26 at 1:30 p.m.; W&M Hearing 3/22 at 1 p.m.; Str. Kagan | Passed 3 rd Reader (33-14). In House W&M Hearing 3/22 at 1 p.m. | SB 0163 adds a new requirement that the local Bd. of Elections verify Absentee Ballots for signature of the oath and provide opportunity to add signature electronically or in-person. Changes 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. See also HB 329 and SB 352. |
| SB 0285 | A person may not willfully and maliciously destroy, injure, or deface a campaign sign that is on another person’s property. Violator is guilty of a misdemeanor if convicted is subject to a fine of not | EHE; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; Str. Hough | 1 st Reader | Support |

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| | more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than 60 days or both | | | |
| SB 0358 | Public Financing Act. Extend public financing of campaigns to State Senators & Delegates. Budget Mandate of \$4 million/year for campaign fund. | EHE & B&T; EHE Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; | 1 st Reader | Prior year bill fiscal note estimated General Fund expenses increase by \$23 million in FY 23 + State Bd. expenses increase by \$100,000/yr. |
| SB 0413 | Emergency Act. Voting Rights Act of 2022 applies only to county and municipal elections. Prohibits a method for electing the governing body of a county or municipality that impairs the ability of members of a protected class to elect candidates of their choice, or influence the outcome of an election, as a result of the dilution or abridgement of their rights. Factors are: history of discrimination; (2) use of electoral devices or other voting practices that may enhance dilutive effects of a method of election, including at large elections ; (3) the denial of access to the processes to receive financial or other support in a given election; (4) the extent to which members of a protected class bear the effects of past discrimination in areas such as education, employment, and health that hinders their ability to participate effectively in the political process; and (5) the use of overt or subtle racial appeals in political campaigns. “Protected class” means a class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language minority group, as is defined in the Federal Voting Rights Act of 1965, and related federal case law. | EHE; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; Str. Sydnor | 1 st Reader | Interesting that it does not apply to State House of Delegates districts or elections. At Large elections are deemed non-discriminatory for House of Delegates, but discriminatory at the county or municipal level. |
| SB 0532 | Polling Places – Require voter to show proof of identity or vote provisional ballot; prohibit voting under a false name | EHE; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; Str. Ready + 12 “R” Strs. | 1 st Reader | Support |
| SB 0544 | Prohibiting a person from willfully or knowingly casting a ballot in a general election in more than one state in the same year. | EHE; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; Str. Ready | 1 st Reader | Support |

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| | ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY AND HOUSING | | | |
| 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; Hearing 3/04 at 1 p.m. Del. Stewart | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0060 SB 0126 | New Motor Vehicle Pollution Fee. The minimum pollution level shall: be 400 grams per mile in 2023 model year; and decrease each model year by 10 grams per mile. Fee shall be \$1.25 times U.S. EPA’s pollution rating of the motor vehicle in its model year. | ENT – Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m. Del. Fraser-Hidalgo. EHE – Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m. Str. Kramer | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0135 | Expand restrictions on single-use plastics at food service businesses including condiment packages | ECM; Hearing 2/02 at 1 p.m.; Del. Love | Unfavorable Report | |
| HB 0171 SB 0135 | 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; Hearing- ECM 3/10 at 1p.m.; Del. Fraser-Hidalgo EHE & B&T; EHE Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m.; Str. Kramer | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0596 SB 0783 | Constitutional Amend. Environmental Rights. Every person has the fundamental and inalienable right to a healthful and sustainable environment; State as trustee has responsibility to sustain natural resources. | ENT; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; Del. W. Fisher. JPC; Hearing 3/09 at 1 p.m. Str Smith et al | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0621 | Require the Dept. of Environment to monitor and evaluate effluent discharged from sewage treatment plants. Hire an inspector for plants that have released effluents beyond the limits of the plant’s discharge permit; or failed to maintain basic operation and maintenance of the sewage treatment plant; or, failed | ENT; Hearing 2/16 at 1 p.m. Del. Grammer | 1 st Reading | |

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| | to submit an updated wastewater capacity plan to the department and remain on site until issues corrected. | | | |
| HB 0622 | Electricity – Offshore Wind Renewable Energy Credits | ECM; Hearing 2/24 at 1 p.m. FIN; Del. Brooks | Passed 3 rd Reader (100-31); In FIN. Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (47-0). In Review in House. | |
| SB 0526 | | FIN; Hearing 2/15; Str. Feldman. ECM; | Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (46-1); ECM | |
| HB 0624 | Electricity – Standard Offer Service – Renewable Energy. | ECM; Hearing 2/24 at 1 p.m.; | Unfavorable Rpt.; Withdrawn. | |
| SB 0334 | | FIN; Hearing 2/01; Str Feldman | Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (44-0); ECM. | |
| HB 0695 | Requiring each county to prepare a climate crisis plan to address the effects of climate change in the county; and to submit its plan to the Department of the Environment for review and feedback and requiring each county to finalize its plan before January 1, 2024; and to review and update its plan once every 3 years. | ENT; Hearing 2/18 at 11 a.m.; Del. Fraser-Hidalgo | 1 st Reader | See also SB 0528 – Climate Solutions Act – Str. Pinsky |
| SB 0552 | | EHE; Hearing 2/24 at 1 p.m.; Str. Kramer | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0708 | Comprehensive Climate Solutions Act. | ECM; Hearing 3/04 at 1 p.m. | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0831 | Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions in commercial and residential buildings. By 1/1/23 MD to adopt standards that new residential & commercial buildings meet all water & space hearing demands without the use of fossil fuels & that new buildings meet solar-ready standards. However, Page 9 of the bill states that these building standards w/apply to all building permit applications received after 8/1/1995. Bringing into question all renovations needing building permit. And much more. | ENT; Hearing 2/25; Del. Stein & Barve. | 1 st Reader | The Fiscal Note is 20 pages. This is a very expensive bill. Requires all new buildings to be totally electric. Questionable if you could replace your propane or gas-fireplace & stoves or generators that you depend on when electricity fails in a snow storm. No discussion of reliability when allowing only one energy source. |
| HB 0921 | The Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 trust fund may be used only for implementation of | ENT; Hearing 3/02 at 1 p.m.; Del. Saab et al | 1 st Reader | |

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| SB 0366 | nonpoint source pollution control projects in state & local watershed implementation plans & to improve the health of the Atlantic coastal bays and their tributaries, & cannot be moved to general fund, except in fiscal emergencies declared by Governor & approved by 3/5 of Legislature. | EHE & B&T; EHE Hearing 2/24 at 1 p.m.; Str. Simonaire | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1311 | | APP; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m. Del. Mautz et al | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1259 | Establishing the policy of the State to promote and encourage the creation of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for single-family residential use to meet the housing needs of citizens of the State; requiring, by October 1, 2023, each legislative body to adopt a local law authorizing the development of accessory dwelling units on land zoned for single-family residential use subject to some requirements. | ENT; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Belcastro | 1 st Reader | Appears to require local governments to allow both attached and detached accessory dwelling units in ALL single-family zoned communities. |
| SB 0871 | | EHE; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m. Str. Washington | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1366 | Zero-Emission Energy Resources & Carbon Capture, etc. Renewable Energy Portfolio Standard. & Study | ECM; Hearing 3/10; Chairman, ECM | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1391 | Clean Cars Act – Extend Excise tax credit through 2025 for plug-in electric cars costing up to \$55,000 \$50,000 and add credit for electric motorcycles. Also allows grant for up to 20% of cost of medium and heavy duty zero-emissions trucks and vehicle supply equipment. | ENT Hearing 3/11 at 2 p.m.; FIN; Hearing 3/31 at 1 p.m.; Del. Fraser-Hidalgo | Passed 3 rd Reader (101-32) as amended; In FIN. | Amended to limit vehicle cost to \$50,000 or less. |
| 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 | |
| SB 0528 | Climate Solutions Act of 2022. Requires state to achieve Net Zero Statewide Greenhouse Gas emissions by 2045. Sets up processes and requirements including for schools, housing & pollution impacted communities. | B&T & EHE: EHE Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m.; ENT; Hearing 3/24 at 1 p.m.; Str. Pinsky + 26 “D” Senators | Passed 3 rd Reader with amendments (32-15); ENT FAV w/ENT & floor amendments; Passed 3 rd Reader (95-42); Sen. Concurr (32-15); Passed Enrolled. | See also HB 0695 (SB 0552) above. None of these Climate change bills deal with ensuring reliability of electric energy before they dump all other energy sources. |

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| | HEALTH RELATED | | | |
| HB 0008 | Establish Family & Medical Leave and Insurance Program | ECM Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m. Del. Valderrama | 1 st Reader | See entry under Budget, Revenue & Taxes Heading for details. |
| HB 0496 | | ECM – Hearing -2/15; FIN: 3/29 at 1 p.m. Del. Wilson. | Passed 3 rd Reader (93-36); FIN | |
| SB 0275 | | FIN; Hearing 2/10 at 1 p.m.; Str. Hayes | Passed 3 rd Reader (31-15); ECM FAV as amended; Passed 3 rd Reader (90-43); Sen. Concurred (31-15). Passed Enrolled. | |
| HB 0014 SB 0048 HB 1073 SB 0824 | Health – Advance Care Planning & Advance Directives. | HGO; Hearing Cancelled: Del. Cullison FIN; Hear. cancelled. Str. Kramer HGO: Hearing 2/24 at 1 p.m. FIN: Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m. | Unfavorable Report Withdrawn 1 st Reader 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 | 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: Irreversible Damage by Abigail Shrier for detailed discussion. |

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| | 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. | | | 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, & treatment of mental or emotional health disorders. |
| HB 0229 SB 0019 | Altering the definition of "maintenance injectable medication" for the purposes of provisions of law governing the administration of maintenance injectable medications by pharmacists to include a medication that treats a sexually transmitted infection and is not a vaccine. | HGO; Hearing 2/03 at 2:30 p.m. Del. K. Young; EHE; Str. Lam. HGO; Hearing 3/24 at 1 p.m. | Passed 3 rd Reader (138-0); 1 st Reader EHE. Passed 3 rd Reader (47-0). HGO AV. Passed 3 rd Reader with amendments (129-3); | |
| HB 0267 SB 0298 | Criminal Law- Threat against Public Health Official or hospital staff member. | JUD; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. K. Young JPC; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m.; Str. Young | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0421 SB 0398 | Allow Out-of-State Practitioners to provide Behavioral Health Services via Telehealth Authorization | HGO; Hearing 2/01; Req. of Admin. + 29 "R" Del. EHE; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m.; Req. of Admin. + 15 Sen. | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0496 | Establish Commission on Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program. | ECM; FIN; Hearing 3/29 at 1 p.m.; Del. Valderrama; | Passed 3 rd Reader with amendments (93-36); Sen. FIN. | |
| HB 0529 SB 0559 | Authorizing the use of supported decision-making agreements to assist an adult in making, communicating, or effectuating decisions and preventing the need for the appointment of a guardian or other substitute decision makers for the adult. | JUD; Hearing 3/09 at 1 p.m. Del. Pena-Melnyk et al JPC; JUD; Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m.; Str. Waldstreicher, et al | 1 st Reader Passed 3 rd R (44-0); JUD. | |

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| HB 0609 SB 0548 | Local Health Officers – Removal Grounds & Process. Repealing provision providing that a health officer serves at the pleasure of the Secretary of Health and the governing body of the county; allows a health officer to be removed for reasons of immorality, misconduct in office, insubordination, incompetency, or willful neglect of duty. | HGO; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; FIN; Del. Pena-Melnyk FIN: Hearing 2/24 at 1 p.m.; HGO; Hearing 3/31 at 1:30 p.m.; Str. Lam HGO; Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m. | Passed 3 rd Reader (95-36); FIN FAV with amendments; Passed 3 rd Reader 38-8; House concurred (96-37). Passed Enrolled. Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (39-8); HGO FAV.; Passed 2 nd Reader; | SB 0548 amended requires concurrence of St. Sec. Health & county governing body with written basis for removal and right to appeal to Circuit Court. HB 668 does not alter a county government’s ability to remove the Health Offices, but requires notification of County’s State reps. |
| HB 0668 | | HGO; Hearing 3/02; Del. Lisanti | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0610 SB 0493 | Public Health – Establish Commission on Universal Health Care | HGO; Hearing 3/10 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Ruth FIN; Hearing 2/09; Str. Pinsky | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0709 SB 0632 | MD Health Benefit Exchange – Small Business & Non-profit Health Insurance Subsidies Program | HGO; Hearing 2/17; Del. R. Lewis. FIN: Hearing 3/02 at 1 p.m. Sen. Hester. | 1 st Reader Passed 2 nd Reader with amendments | |
| HB 0746 SB 0682 | MD Medical Asst. Program – Gender Affirming Treatment (Trans Health Equity Act) provides for puberty blockers, hormone treatment, surgery to remove breasts, genital organs, face and alter vocal cords, etc. No age restrictions. | HGO; Hearing 3/02 at 1:30 p.m. Del. Kaiser. FIN; Hearing 2/22; HGO; Hearing 3/24 at 1 p.m.; Str. Washington, et al | 1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader with amendments (31-15); HGO | Fiscal Note states that they cannot estimate the cost but that it will be meaningful cost to the Medicaid program. |
| HB 0779 HB 0799 HB 0819 HB 1291 HB 1292 HB 1376 | Bills dealing with requiring COVID 19 Vaccinations Provision of services statement of prior viral infection. Prohibit gov’t. from requiring vaccination for job. Antibody Tests COVID 19 & Other Influenza-like illness Public Schools – Student Immunization Requirements. Public Schools – Student Immunization Requirements. COVID 19 Vaccinations – Exemption Process. | HGO Hearing on 3/14 at 2 p.m. Del. Arikan, et al Del. Morgan, et al Del. Parrott, et al Del. Arikan, et al Del. Arikan, et al Del. Cox, et al | 1 st Reader | |

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| HB 1378 | Antibody Tests (COVID 19 Natural Immunity Parity Act) | Del. Cox, et al | | |
| HB 0799 | Prohibiting the State and political subdivisions in the State from requiring an applicant for employment or an employee to provide proof of vaccination against COVID-19 as a condition for employment; | HGO; Hearing 3/14 at 2 p.m. Del. Morgan + 20 “R” Del. | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1035 | Altering the purpose of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange Fund to include funding to establish and operate the Qualified Resident State Subsidy Program. | HGO; Hearing 3/03 at 1:30 p.m.; Del. Pena-Melnyk | 1 st Reader | Fiscal Note not yet available. |
| SB 0728 | “Qualified resident” means an individual, including a minor, regardless of immigration status , who is seeking to enroll in a qualified health plan offered to individuals through the MD health exchange. | FIN; Hearing 3/02 at 1:00 p.m.; Str. Lam | 1 st Reader | Bill requires seeking a federal waiver for pass through funds. |
| HB 1080 | MD Medical Asst. Program -Children & Pregnant Women (Healthy Babies Equity Act). Shall provide, subject to the limitations of the state budget, | HGO; Hearing 3/02 at 1 p.m.; Del. Pena-Melnyk. | Passed 3 rd Reader (96-40); In Sen. FIN. | Would assume this includes funding for abortions for noncitizens. |
| SB 0778 | comprehensive medical care and other health care services to noncitizen pregnant women who would be eligible for the program but for their immigration status and to their children up to the age of 1 year. | FIN; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m.; Str. Lam | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1084 | COVID 19 Response Act of 2022. For calendar years 2022 and 2023. Establishing and altering certain requirements related to COVID-19, including planning by institutions of higher education, home health agencies, nursing homes, and assisted living programs, for testing, reporting and vaccinations and the provision of coverage by the Maryland Medical Assistance Program, the Maryland MyIR Mobile immunization record service, and reporting by the Maryland Department of Health. | HGO; Hearing 3/14 at 2 p.m.; Del. Pena-Melnyk | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0840 | | FIN: Hearing 3/02 at 1 p.m.; Str. Rosapepe | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1128 | Require the Sec. of Health to issue an Indoor Masking Order within 48 hours of the CDC recommending indoor masks due to a contagious disease outbreak or | HGO; Hearing cancelled. Del. Pendergrass | 1 st Reader | Oppose. Gov. & Legislature not part of decisions. Does not require a “State of Emergency” or |

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| | a substantial stress on hospital capacity in the state due to a contagious disease outbreak. | | | limit length of time. Common cold is a contagious disease. No appeal |
| HB 1189 | Requiring a health care provider to report to the national Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System an adverse event occurring after the administration of a vaccine, including a COVID-19 vaccine or booster, administered under an emergency use authorization. | HGO; Hearing 3/14 at 2 p.m.; Del. M. Fisher, et al | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1335 | Perinatal Care – Drug & Alcohol Testing & Screening Program. Requires that a pregnant woman or a newborn child may not be tested for drug or alcohol abuse unless the pregnant woman or mother of newborn signs a consent form that describes the potential medical, legal, and collateral consequences of a positive drug or alcohol test or screen result in relation to the patient or newborn infant. | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m. Del. Williams and Charles. | 1 st Reader | Oppose. The bill prohibits testing a newborn baby for drug or alcohol abuse and therefore treatment without Mother signing a form to protect the woman from possible legal consequences. Instead of denying baby treatment, why not require the woman/mother to obtain treatment to avoid prosecution? |
| SB 0843 | | FIN; Hearing 3/15 at 1 p.m.; Str. Sydnor; | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1364 | Authorizing health care providers and health care practitioners to decline to participate in a health care service that violates their conscience; authorizing health care payors to decline to pay for health care services or health care products that violate their conscience; establishing certain civil, criminal, and administrative immunity; etc. | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m.; Del. Cox et al | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1379 | Requiring visitation rights for patients in hospitals and related institutions during catastrophic health emergencies. | HGO; Hearing 3/14 at 2 p.m. Del. Cox, et al | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1402 | Health Care Practitioners – Sexual Abuse Reporting & statute of limitations | JUD; Hearing 3/29 at 1 p.m. Del. R. Jones; | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0282 | Establish Workgroup on developing, and updating screening tools & make recommendations on actions that primary care providers can use to identify and treat minors who have a mental health disorder that | FIN; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m. Str. Augustine | 1 st Reader | See comments above on HB 0056 |

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| | may be caused by an adverse childhood experience. Workgroup to develop a Youth Risk Behavior Survey template for a State-County-level trends report on adverse and positive childhood experiences that includes the prevalence of individual adverse childhood experiences among middle & high school students, including disaggregated by gender, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation and county. | | | |
| SB 0547 | Repealing the prohibition on an individual from knowingly transferring or attempting to transfer the human immunodeficiency virus to another individual. | JPC; Str. Lam | Unfavorable Report Withdrawn by sponsor | Oppose. |
| SB 0839 | Requiring Maryland Department of Health to ensure that the Maryland MyIR Mobile immunization record service meets the design requirements for voluntary use as a vaccine passport for displaying COVID–19 6 vaccination information on a mobile device. | FIN; Hearing 3/02 at 1 p.m.; Strs. Rosapepe & King | 1 st Reader | MD issues SMART Health Cards QR Codes that use MyIR Mobile through a pilot Federal Contract. Fiscal Note states: MDH general fund expenditures would increase by an estimated \$2.6 million in fiscal 2023. |
| | IMMIGRATION RELATED | | | |
| HB 0114 | Access to Counsel in Immigration Proceedings Program. Establishes a program in the Attorney General’s office to have non-profit legal groups represent illegal immigrants in immigration matters. | JUD; Hearing 2/02 at 1 p.m.; Del. N. Williams. | 1 st Reader | OPPOSE. Citizens only have right to counsel for criminal cases. Most deportation cases are civil cases. Fiscal Note from prior year’s bill estimated the cost of representation as to exceed \$6 Million/year plus administrative costs of close to \$200,000 for the AG’s office. |
| SB 0129 | | JPC; Hearing 2/03 at 1 p.m.; Str. Hettleman | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0533 | A state occupational or professional licensing board may not deny an occupational or professional license, certification, or registration to an immigrant if the individual otherwise meets all educational, training, or professional requirements for licensure. | ECM; Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m. Del. Pena-Melnyk | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0523 | | EHE; Hearing 2/17 at 1 p.m.; Str. Kagan. | | |

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| | | | Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (30-15); Rules & Ex. Nom. | |
| HB 0559 SB 0265 | Probation NOT Deportation. Court may make findings of fact sufficient to support a guilty verdict. Court may stay a finding of guilt by signing agreement that if defendant violates probation agreement the guilty finding & maximum sentence will be imposed. | JUD; Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m.; JPC; Del. W. Fisher et al JPC; Hearing 2/02 at 2 p.m.; Strs. Lee, Ferguson & Smith. | Passed 3 rd Reader (87-41); JPC. | Protects an illegal immigrant from receiving a formal sentence or Probation Before Judgement (PBJ). A PBJ is grounds for deportation. The agreement avoids a formal finding of guilt. |
| HB 0756 | Correctional Services – Transfers to Federal Authorities – Undocumented Immigrants convicted of a crime, or is a participant in a criminal gang or is suspected of terrorism or espionage, or other threat to National Security. | W&M; Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m.; Del. Szeliga | 1 st Reader | Support |
| HB 0928 SB 0875 | To prohibit discrimination in Housing for citizenship, immigration status and national origin. A person may not ask a potential renter or home buyer about their citizenship, immigration status or refuse to rent or sell a home to them. Unless specifically required by Federal law of Court Order a person may not disclose or threaten to disclose information regarding a person’s actual or perceived citizenship, immigration status, or national origin to any other person, including an immigration authority or a law enforcement agency. | ENT; Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. Del. Palakovich Carr JPC; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m.; Str. Waldstreicher | 1 st Reader; Passed 3 rd Reader (31-15); In ENT. | Oppose requirement that a person MAY NOT DISCLOSE INFORMATION TO FEDERAL IMMIGRATION PERSONNEL OR LAW ENFORCEMENT WITHOUT A COURT ORDER. |
| HB 1080 SB 0778 | Provide comprehensive health care for pregnant women & child to 1 year who w/be eligible except for immigration status. | HGO; Hearing 3/02 at 1 p.m. FIN; Hearing 3/8 at 1 p.m. | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | See more info in the Health category. |
| | 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 | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m.; Del. Amprey | 1 st Reader | Oppose. Forces Catholic hospitals to perform abortion, etc. and/or refer patients for these services against their religious beliefs. |

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| | insemination, sterilization or termination of pregnancy or to refer to any source for these medical procedures. | | | |
| HB 0583 | Providing that the prohibition on State interference with the decision of a woman to terminate a pregnancy at a certain time does not apply to a decision to terminate a pregnancy because the fetus has a prenatal diagnosis of Down syndrome except in cases where the fetus was conceived as a result of rape or incest or in cases of medical emergency. | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m.; Del. Cox | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0626 | Pregnant Person’s Freedom Act of 2022. Removes “woman” from the law and replaces it with “person”. Removes any restrictions on abortion. Prohibits investigation or penalty for a person terminating or attempting to terminate the person’s own pregnancy under any circumstances, or experiencing a miscarriage, perinatal death related to a failure to act , or stillbirth. A physician is not liable for civil damages or subject to criminal penalty for providing abortive care. | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m.; Del. Williams and 48 Dem. Delegates. | 1 st Reader | OPPOSE. “ Perinatal ” is defined in Webster’s dictionary as: “occurring during or pertaining to the phase surrounding the time of birth from the 20th week of gestation to the 28th day of newborn life. ” |
| SB 0669 | | JPC; Hearing cancelled; Str. Smith | 1 st Reader | Changing the word “woman” to “person” is the Left’s action to deny a woman’s unique characteristic of child bearing. |
| HB 0735 | Abortion limits if Fetal Heartbeat is present with exceptions for health emergency. | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m.; Del. Metzgar + 16 “R” Del. | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0937 | Abortion Care Access Act. Establishes the Abortion Clinical Care Training Program & Training Fund in the MD Dept of Health. Contract with a non-profit org. to be the coordinator to administer grants to develop & sustain abortion care training programs at a minimum of two community–based provider sites; administer grants if funding is available to: 1. Other community–based sites; 2. Hospital–based provider sites. | HGO; Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m. Del. Kelly; FIN and B&T; Hearing 3/24; | Passed 3 rd Reader (89-47); FAV. FIN; Passed 3rd Reader (28-15); Returned Passed. | Imposes a \$3,500,000 annual budget Mandate. At the Voting Session, it was stated that other states are restricting abortion and more trained providers may/be needed in MD. |
| SB 0890 | | FIN; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m. Strs. Kelley, Feldman & Hettleman | Passed 3 rd Reader (30-14); 1 st Reading Rules & Ex. Nom. | Sounds like it could be tailor made for Planned Parenthood. |

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| HB 0952 | Require all state health insurance programs to cover abortion. Provide 100% subsidy for young adults. | HGO; Hearing 2/22 Del. Kelly | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1139 | To prohibit use of Trust Funds by a hospital, university, laboratory research organization to pursue experimentation, cloning or any medical procedures, scientific or laboratory research, or other kinds of investigation that kill or injure the human subject at any stage of development. | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m. Del. Adams | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1161 HB 1317 | A physician may not perform or induce an abortion on a pregnant woman within 24 hours of time she receives a transabdominal ultrasound (limit of 2 hours wait if woman lives 100 miles away). Not required in case of rape or incest or emergency. HB 1317 also requires records be kept for 7 years. | HGO; Hearing cancelled. Del. Ciliberti HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m. Del. Rose | Unfavorable Rpt. by HGO. Withdrawn. | |
| HB 1167 | Abortions – Coercion (Coercive Abuse Against Mothers Prevention Act) | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m. Del. McComas. | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1171 | Const. Amendment to the Declaration of Rights to add a Right to Reproductive Liberty to every person to include, but not be limited to the ability to prevent, continue, or end their pregnancy. | HGO; Hearing 2/22 at 1 p.m.; FIN; Hearing 3/30 at 1 p.m.; Speaker Jones | Passed 3 rd Reader (93-42); In Sen. FIN. | STRONGLY OPPOSE. Eliminates any right of a pre-born baby to life from conception through birth and beyond. |
| HB 1213 | Commission of Fatherhood (Fatherhood Protection Act) | HGO; Hearing 3/07 at 2 p.m. Del. Metzgar | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1214 | MD Child Protection Act. A physician, health care or Abortion facility when treating a minor, is a mandatory reporter, and shall report in writing, within 48 hours, to the appropriate law enforcement or state agency every suspected instance of alleged or suspected abuse, sexual abuse, or sexual crimes against a minor in the mandatory reporter’s care. | HGO; Hearing 3/07 at 2 p.m.; Del. McComas et al | 1 st Reader | See also SB 435 under Crimes heading |
| HB 1230 SB 0535 | Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortions Act. Makes exception for serious threat to the physical health or life of the mother. | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m. Del. Wivell +15 “R” Del. FIN; Hearing 3/16 at 1 p.m.; Str. Ready, et al | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | SUPPORT |

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| HB 1321 | A regulated facility in which abortions are performed shall annually report to the vital statistics administration in the department the rate of gastroschisis in the fetuses aborted. | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m. Del. Arikan + 11 "R" Del. | 1 st Reader | Gastroschisis is a birth defect in which the baby's intestines extend outside of the abdomen through a hole next to the belly button. |
| HB 1364 | Health Care Freedom of Conscience Act. Authorizing health care providers & practitioners to decline to participate in a health care service that violates their conscience; authorizing health care payors to decline to pay for health care services or products that violate their conscience; establishing certain civil, criminal, and administrative immunity. | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m. Dels. Cox, Arikan, et al | 1 st Reader | SUPPORT. |
| HB 1369 | Requires confirming if there is a fetal heartbeat and gestational age of fetus before an abortion and adds reporting requirements. | HGO; Hearing 3/11 at 1 p.m. Dels. Cox, Arikan, et al | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0504 | Equal Protection of Unborn Human Beings Act of 2022. Prohibits all abortions, chemical or surgical, except in cases of a clear and proximate danger to a woman's life. Violators are guilty of murder or manslaughter. | JPC; Hearing 2/16 at 1 p.m.; Str. Sailing | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0891 | Public Health - Medical Procedures - Parent or Guardian Notice (Maryland Parental Involvement Enhancement Act). Altering the circumstances under which a physician may perform certain medical procedures without first providing notice to a parent or guardian. | FIN; Hearing 3/16 at 1 p.m.; Strs. Carozza, Ready & Eckardt; | 1 st Reader | |
| MARIJUANA AND DRUG RELATED | | | | |
| HB 0001 | Constitutional Amendment for Adult Use and Possession of (Marijuana) Cannabis. | FIN; Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m.; Del. Clippinger; | Passed 3 rd Reader (96-34); Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (29-17); House concurred (94-39); Passed Enrolled. | Oppose |
| SB 0833 | | FIN; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m.; | | |

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| | | House Rules & Ex. Nom. Str. Feldman | Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (29-17); House Rules; | |
| HB 0033 SB 0614 | Criminal Law – Controlled Dangerous Substances – Schedules - Adjustment | JUD; Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m. Del. Shetty; JPC; Str. Waldstreicher; | Passed 3 rd Reader (139-0); In JPC; Passed 3 rd Reader; (46-0); In JUD. | |
| HB 0481 SB 0509 | Decriminalize Drug Paraphernalia for Administration – Repealing the prohibition against a person using or possessing with intent to use drug paraphernalia to inject, ingest, inhale, or otherwise introduce into the human body a controlled dangerous substance. | JUD; Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m. Del. Moon. JPC; Hearing 2/16 at 1 p.m. Str. Carter | Passed 3 rd Reader (97-40); 1 st Reader JPC 1 st Reader | Oppose Oppose |
| HB 0837 | Cannabis Reform. Requiring the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission to conduct a baseline study of cannabis use in the State; altering penalties, charging procedures, expungement, shielding, and sentencing for offenses involving marijuana; legalizing the use and possession of up to 2.5 ounces of marijuana by a person at least 21 years old; establish the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council; | JUD; Hearing 2/14 at 10 a.m. FIN: Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m. Del. Clippinger | Passed 3 rd Reader (92-37) FIN & B&T; FAV w/amendments by FIN & floor amend. Passed 3 rd Reader (30-15); House concurs (89-41). Passed Enrolled. | Oppose |
| HB 1054 SB 0784 | Controlled Dangerous Substances – Increases De Minimis Quantity and requires a court to order a person with repeated violations, regardless of age, to attend a drug education program, or be referred to an assessment for mental health or substance use disorder, and/or refer the person to substance use or mental health treatment. | JUD; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m.; Del. Moon and Cardin JPC; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m. Str. Carter | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | De Minimis Quantity includes 10 grams of Marijuana; 1.5 grams Crack; and numerous other drugs including 40 tablets of oxycodone. |
| HB 1078 SB 0788 | Cannabis – Regulation – Revisions. Regulating number and strength of marijuana plants allowed; altering definition of hemp for research purposes. | HGO; Hearing 3/09 at 1:30 p.m. FIN; Hearing 3/03 at 1 p.m. | Passed 2 nd Reader with amendments. Passed 3 rd Reader (44-0); HGO & JUD. | |

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| | | HGO & JUD; JUD Hearing cancelled; HGO Hearing 3/29 at 1:30 p.m.; | | |
| HB 1342 | Cannabis – Legalization & Regulation. Defines cannabis personal use amount as 224 grams (7.84 oz) and removes cannabis accessories from drug paraphernalia category. | JUD; Hearing 3/08 at 1 p.m. Del. Acevero | 1 st Reader | Oppose |
| SB 1006 | Hemp Farming Program – Use of Hemp and hemp products in consumable products | EHE – Hearing 3/29 at 1 p.m. Str. Guzzone | 1 st Reader | |
| REDISTRICTING | | | | |
| HJ 0001 | 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 | SUPPORT – Call/email |
| SJ 0003 | | | 1 st Reader | |
| HJ 0002 | Maryland Legislative Districting Plan | Rules & Executive Nominations; Joint Hearing with Senate Reapportioning & Redistricting January 18 at 3 p.m. House Rules Hearing 1/25; Voting w/follow immediately. | 1 st Reader Passed 3 rd Reader 32-14. Passed 3 rd Reader in House (95-42) | OPPOSE – Call/email Governor cannot Veto. Becomes law. |
| SJ 0002 | | | | |
| SB 1012 | Congressional Redistricting Plan | Reapportioning & Redistricting: Rules & Executive Nominations; Joint Hearing 3/29; | Passed 3 rd Reader (29-13); House Passed 3 rd Reader (94-41) Returned Passed. | New Congressional Districting Plan following Court rejection of originally passed plan. |
| SECOND AMENDMENT & FIREARMS RELATED | | | | |
| HB 0423 | Crimes – Firearms Penalties. Violent Offenders Act. | JUD; Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m.; Req. of Admin. + 30 “R” Dels. | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0396 | | JPC; Hearing 2/16 at 1 p.m. Req. of Admin. + 13 “R” Strs. | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0425 | Untraceable Firearms | JUD; Hearing 2/09 at 1 p.m.; Req. Attorney Gen. +Del. Lopez | Passed 3 rd Reader (94-41); JPC FAV with amendments; Passed 3 rd Reader 34-12) | |

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| SB 0387 | | JUD; Hearing 3/23 at 1 p.m.; Req. of Atty. Gen.+ Str. Lee | House concurred (95-38). Passed Enrolled Passed 3 rd Reader (35-11); JUD FAV. Rpt. Passed 3 rd Reader (92-41). Returned Passed. | |
| HB 0659 SB 0676 | Firearms Safety – Storage Requirements & Youth Suicide Prevention (Jaelynn’s Law) | JUD; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m.; Del. Stein. JPC; Hearing 3/15 at 1 p.m. Strs. Smith & Beidle; | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0816 | Providing an exemption under the sales and use tax for the first \$500 of the taxable price of certain firearm safety devices, including a firearm safe, firearm lockbox, trigger and barrel lock, or any other item designed for home firearm safety. | W&M; Hearing 2/23 at 1 p.m. Del. Parrott + 15 “R” Del. | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1174 SB 0327 | Clarifying that personal protection or self-defense can qualify as a good and substantial reason to carry, wear, or transport a handgun for purposes of the issuance by the Secretary of State Police of a permit to carry, wear, or transport a handgun. | JUD; Hearing 3/09 at 1 p.m.; Del. Kipke + 13 “R”s; JPC; Hearing: 2/10; Str. Ready +14 “R” Sen. | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| HB 1396 SB 0873 | Firearm Industry Members – Public Nuisance - penalties | Rules; Del. Atterbeary; JPC; Hearing 3/02 at 1 p.m. Strs. Waldstreicher & Smith; | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | |
| | TRANSPORTATION | | | |
| HB 0060 SB 0126 | Environment – New Motor Vehicles Pollution Fee of \$1.25 times US EPA pollution rating for vehicle in its model year. Minimum pollution level is 400 grams/per mile in 2023 and will decline 10 grams each year. | ENT; Hearing 1/26 at 1 p.m. Del. Fraser-Hidalgo. EHE; Hearing 2/15 at 1 p.m.; Str. Kramer | 1 st Reader 1 st Reader | Note: The motor-fuel (or gas) tax provides substantial portion of funds for building and maintaining roads. Electric car owners do not |

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| | Funds to provide rebates on electric cars and build electric car infrastructure.. | | | pay gas taxes & this bill w/provide rebates on their purchase. |
| HB 0410 | Alters the amounts of capital grants based on highway user revenues to Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities. Requires jurisdictions to provide rpts. funds spent during the previous fiscal year, number of projects and projects delayed due to lack of funds. | ENT; Hearing 3/10 at 1 p.m. Req. of Admin. & 29 "R" Del. | 1 st Reader | |
| SB 0400 | | B&T; Hearing 2/09 at 1 p.m. Req. of Admin. & 13 "R" Strs. | 1 st Reader | |
| HB 0778 | Transportation Investment Plan – MARC Rail | App; Sen. FIN.; Del Solomon et al. | Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (113-18); Passed 3 rd Reader (41-16). Returned Passed. | |
| SB 0514 | | FIN; APP; Hearing 3/29 at 1 p.m. Str. Beidle | Passed 3 rd Reader as amended (43-3); Passed 3 rd Reader (107-27) Returned Passed. | |
| SB 0266 | Establishes the Vehicle Litter Reporting Program in the Department of Transportation; requiring the Program to operate a hotline to receive complaints of littering from motor vehicles and to send a letter to the registered motor vehicle owners that littering from the vehicle has been reported and that littering is a crime. | B&T; Hearing 2/02 at 2 p.m. Str. Benson | 1 st Reader | A government program where anonymous reports of unsubstantiated violations result in formal gov't warning letter to registered vehicle owner is a dangerous precedent. Could insurance companies access these records and deny re-insurance? |