



RED SCARF DAY 2025

447th Session of the Maryland General Assembly

2025 Dates of Interest

2nd Wednesday	Jan	8	General Assembly convenes @ Noon
		15	Final date for the Governor to introduce budget bill and capital budget bill
10th day		17	Senate and House bill drafting request guarantee date
13th day		20	Administration bills introduced in the Senate after this date referred to Senate Rules Committee
27th day	Feb	3	Senate bill introduction date (referred to Senate Rules Committee after this date)
		5	Governor delivers State of the State address
31st day		7	House bill introduction date (referred to House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee)
40th day		16	"Green Bag" appointments submitted by Governor
55th day	Mar	3	Final date for introduction of bills without suspension of rules
63rd day		11	Committee Reporting Courtesy Date Each Chamber's committees to report their own bills by this date
69th day		17	Opposite chamber bill crossover date Each Chamber to send to other Chamber those bills it intends to pass favorably. Opposite Chamber bills received after this date subject to referral to Rules Committees (Senate Rule 32(c), House Courtesy Date)
83rd day		31	Budget bill to be passed by both Chambers
90th day	Apr	7	<i>Sine Die</i> -- adjournment
	May	7	Final date for an extended session
POST SESSION			
20th day after adjournment	Apr	27	Final date for presentation of bills to Governor
30th day after presentment	May	27	Deadline for Governor to sign or veto bills by this date
	Jun	1	Earliest date for bills to take effect (except emergency bills and as otherwise provided)
	Jul	1	Budgetary, tax, and revenue bills take effect
	Oct	1	Usual effective date for bills

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2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CLIMATE / HOUSING / TRANSPORTATION

- 1) Modify *Maryland's Climate Pollution Reduction Plan* to reflect balanced energy policies that provide citizens multiple, reliable, and affordable energy choices.
 - a. The timeline for new and increased energy sources is out of sync with increased demand for electricity required by *Plan* mandates.
 - b. Mandates are excessively costly and unfairly limit citizens' right to choose where and how they live (e.g. all electric homes, electric vehicles only).
 - c. Zoning changes that would allow increased density or auxiliary dwelling units in communities of stand-alone single-family homes must remain with the local government authority, not be usurped by the State.
 - d. The plan will burden businesses (especially agriculture and manufacturing) with costly modifications, leading to higher prices for all.
- 2) Repeal annual Consumer Price Index increases to Maryland's motor fuel tax.
- 3) The new electric vehicle surcharge is less than a fair share of transportation construction and maintenance costs when compared to fuel tax paid by gas and diesel vehicles. A replacement (not additional) funding source is needed for the gas tax.

PUBLIC SAFETY -- Support for law enforcement and safety in our communities.

- 1) We support increased training for police officers in non-lethal methods of restraint and control of individuals or groups, including training for de-escalating tense or potentially violent demonstrations.
- 2) We "Back the Blue" – Overzealous press and prosecutorial decisions have negatively impacted recruitment and retention, resulting in understaffing and reduced enforcement.
- 3) We must develop and implement effective tests for drug intoxication, distinct from alcohol intoxication. Statistics need to separate drug from alcohol intoxication.
- 4) We need to strengthen penalties for persons who:
 - a. Physically attack bystanders, police, or other protesters.
 - b. Set fires, destroy private or public property with graffiti or physical destruction, or participate in looting and theft during protests, demonstrations, or riots.
 - c. Use lasers or projectiles with the intent to obstruct or harm others.

ELECTION INTEGRITY

- 1) SUPPORT
 - a. Government-issued photo ID requirement for voter registration and voting
 - b. Vote count accuracy and security
- 2) OPPOSE -- Ranked choice voting and approval voting

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2025 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

CULTURE OF LIFE

1) SUPPORT

- a. Protection for pain-capable unborn children as a compelling interest of the state.
- b. Education and action to address the deadly rise in fentanyl trafficking and fentanyl overdoses.
- c. More effective treatment (vs. incarceration) for opioid addiction.

2) OPPOSE

- a. Physician-assisted suicide or “death with dignity” legislation.
- b. All attempts to apply the “Right to Reproductive Freedom” constitutional amendment to gender affirming care or to restrict parental rights as they relate to reproductive care for minors.

EDUCATION

A Department of Legislative Services fiscal briefing in January 2024 projected that deficits directly attributable to the *Blueprint* will appear in 2025 and reach nearly \$2.9B in fiscal 2029.

1) SUPPORT

- a. Altering the *Blueprint for the Future*. The plan does not require that students perform at grade level and adds extra layers of bureaucratic control. It limits parental involvement and does not require parental knowledge or consent for education, social and health services.
- b. Fewer administrators / more teachers - fewer consultants / more tutors.
- c. Education reform emphasizing the basics, with the goal of every child performing at grade level.
 - MCAP proficiency rates for the 2023-2024 school year (grades 3-8):
 - Language arts – 48.4%
 - Mathematics – 24.1%
 - Reading -- 33% NAEP proficient – 8th grade students (2022)
 - Science – 23.9% MCAP proficient -- 5th grade students (2024)
- d. School choice (vouchers, charter schools, home schooling).
- e. Limit girls’ competitive sports to biological girls. Disproportional muscle mass and other physiological advantages in trans-identifying males increase the danger of life-altering injuries and give trans-identifying males an unfair competitive advantage.

2) OPPOSE teaching, counseling or promoting gender transition in schools, including agreements between Boards of Education and hospitals or clinics for “gender-affirming” counseling, treatments, or surgeries for children under 18 years of age.

REPUBLICAN LEGISLATORS

2025

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LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS

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<https://mfrw.org/> then **LEGISLATIVE** then **LEGISLATIVE POSITIONS**

Position	House	Senate	LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY – Updated 2-22-25
	1,530 bills filed	1,031 bills filed	<p><i>A position is generally taken only on those bills that most closely relate to one of MFRW's 2025 Legislative Priorities.</i></p> <p>T = written testimony submitted by MFRW FAV = Favorable (support) UNFAV = Unfavorable (oppose)</p>
	HB0012	SB0214	Cannabis
	HB0014		Criminal Law / Public Safety
UNFAV	HB0017		Budget / Revenue / Taxes
	HB0020	SB0198	Transportation
	HB0023		Budget / Revenue / Taxes
UNFAV	HB0028		Local Government / Zoning
	HB0032	SB0043	Healthcare / Life Issues
	HB0035	SB0091	Budget / Revenue / Taxes
	HB0037		Criminal Law / Public Safety
UNFAV	HB0038		Local Government / Zoning
UNFAV	HB0039	SB0356	Healthcare / Life Issues
	HB0044		Elections / Voting
	HB0047		Budget / Revenue / Taxes
UNFAV	HB0049	T SB0256 T	Energy / Environment / Economy

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN – 2025 LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY				
BILL #	BILL DESCRIPTION BY TOPIC	COMMITTEE/HEARING AND SPONSORS	BILL STATUS	COMMENTS
<i>Bills are listed numerically within each subject category – House bills first (with companion Senate bill # below) then Senate bills.</i>				
	BUDGET / REVENUE / TAXES		UPDATED 2-22-25	
HB0017	Would allow Internet gaming – subject to Nov 2026 voter referendum – additional funding source for Blueprint/Kirwan	Delegate <u>Atterbeary</u>	Ways & Means Feb 10	OPPOSE
HB0023	Property taxes – expands the ability for jurisdictions to establish a special sub-class and special rate (greater than the regular tax rate) for 5 real property assessment codes to benefit transportation projects or education	Delegate Fair	Ways & Means Jan 28	

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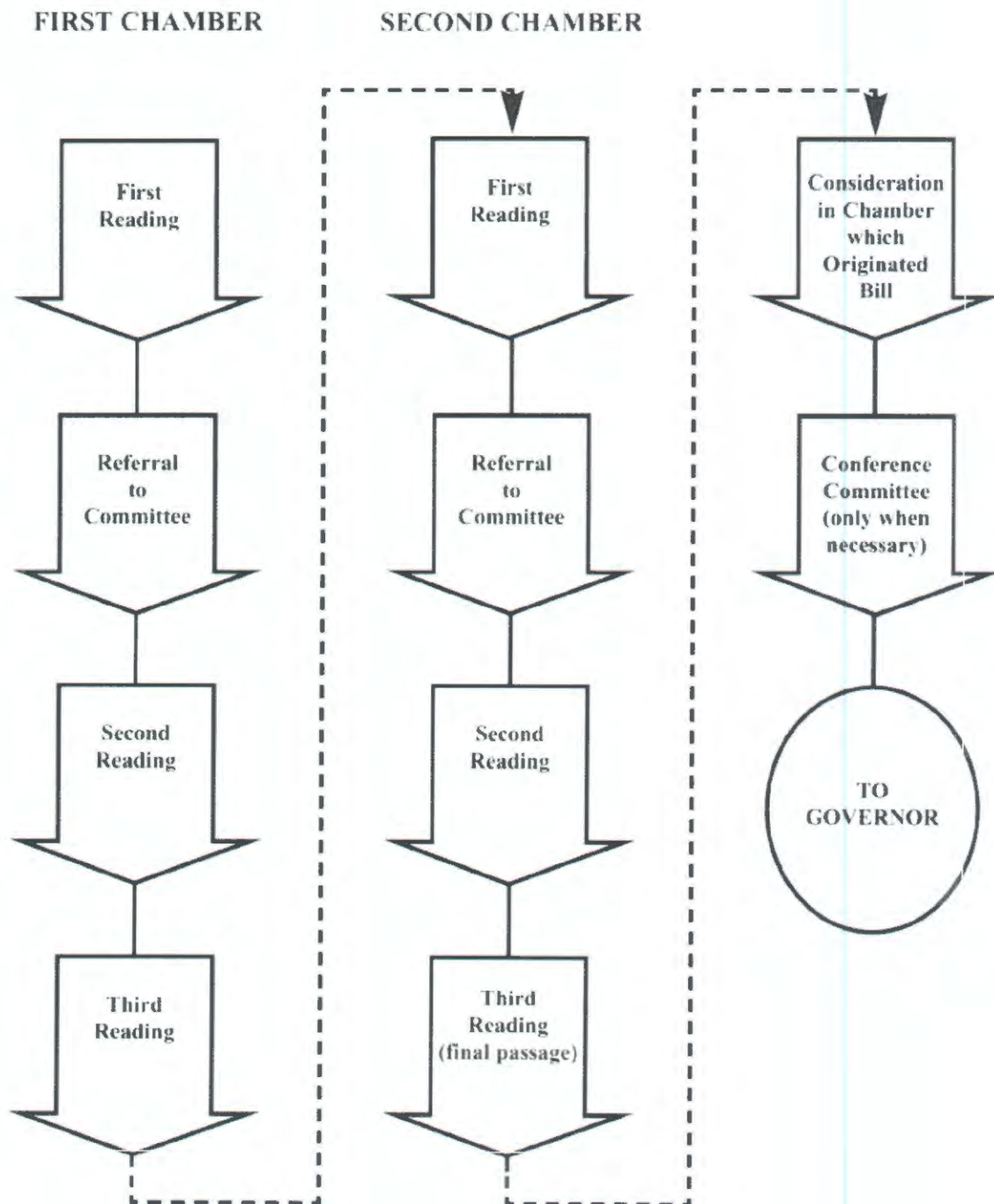
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THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

The Progress of a Bill



TYPES of BILLS

Administration Bill – a bill introduced at the request of the Governor.

Bond Bill – a bill for a local capital project which, after consideration by the General Assembly, can be included in the capital budget bill. In general, bond bills are not individually adopted by the General Assembly.

Budget Bill -- a bill that consists of the Governor's proposed operating budget for the State for the next fiscal year. The Budget Bill becomes law on approval by both chambers. The Governor's signature is not required. The bill must be passed by both chambers seven days before the end of a session or the Governor must extend the session. (Art. III, Sec. 52(10), MD Constitution)

Capital Budget Bill – a general construction loan or bond bill that finances construction of State-owned buildings ("bricks and mortar"). The bill states the amount of State debt to be incurred and the projects to be funded. The Capital Budget Bill may not be acted on until the Budget Bill has been passed by the General Assembly.

Constitutional Amendment -- a bill that amends the Maryland Constitution. A Constitutional Amendment requires a 3/5 vote in each chamber and approval by the voters at the next General Election.

Cross-filed Bill – an identical bill that is introduced in both chambers.

Departmental Bill -- a bill introduced by a committee chairman at the request of the Executive Branch of State government.

Emergency Bill – a bill that takes effect immediately upon the Governor's approval. A bill marked as "emergency bill" must pass third reading with a 3/5 vote in each chamber.

Reintroduction Bill – a bill that was unsuccessful in a previous session and is reintroduced in the present session. In the upper left corner, the bill is identified as a reintroduction.

Snake – a bill or provision that has a hidden purpose.

TOTAL	2025	Legislative Bond Initiatives	Joint Resolutions	Filed Bills
1,356	Senate	315	5	1,036
1,819	House	282	7	1,530
3,175	TOTAL	597	12	2,566

at 24 Feb 2025

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

The legislative process, the mechanism through which the laws of Maryland are enacted, is dynamic and complex. One hundred and eighty-eight men and women are elected every four years to serve in the State's legislative branch to enact laws that protect the interest of Marylanders. Legislation introduced in the General Assembly is a legislator's response to the needs or desires of his or her constituency.

In Maryland, an idea or concept must pass through many processes before it becomes law. Citizens of Maryland must approach their legislators to introduce a bill. If the legislator agrees to sponsor the legislation, the bill is drafted by the Department of Legislative Services, reviewed by the legislator, and prepared for introduction. Bills or resolutions may be introduced in advance of regular sessions.

First Reading: When the session convenes, the Reading Clerk reads the numbers and titles of the bills being introduced and indicates the committee to which they have been referred by the presiding officer.

Referral to Committee: The committees meet daily during the session to receive testimony and act on bills referred to the committee. Since the legislature is instrumental in integrating public demands with public policy, citizens are encouraged to present their views on the proposed bills by mail or by personal appearance. Lobbyists representing organized interest groups, officials from State agencies, local government representatives, and other interested citizens speak at these hearings, to either oppose or support the proposed legislation.

The Department of Legislative Services prepares a fiscal analysis for each bill, and these fiscal notes are considered during the committee deliberations.

Second Reading and Floor Consideration: The bill is reported back to the floor by the committee with its recommendation (favorable, unfavorable, favorable with amendment, or rarely, no recommendation). If the bill is amended by the committee, a vote is taken on the amendment, and if passed, another vote is taken on the bill as amended. Committee action may be reversed, but this is infrequent.

Amendments can then be offered from the floor by any member. After all amendments are considered, the presiding officer orders the bill to be printed for its third and final reading.

Third Reading: The bill must be printed in its final version with all amendments included for third reading. No amendments may be presented on third reading in the bill's chamber of origin, and the bill must be passed by a majority of the elected membership.

Second Chamber: The procedure follows a pattern identical to that of the chamber in which the bill originated, except amendments may be proposed during third reading, as well as during second reading. If not amended in the second chamber, final passage may occur without reprinting.

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS

Consideration of Bills Originating in One Chamber and Amended in the Second Chamber:

If amended in the second chamber, the bill is returned to the chamber of origin where a vote is taken on a motion to concur or reject the amendments. If concurrence is voted, a final vote is taken on the bill as amended, and action is complete. The bill is reprinted, or enrolled, to include the added amendments before it is presented to the Governor.

If the amendments are rejected, two courses of action are possible: 1) the amending chamber may be requested to withdraw its amendments or 2) upon refusal to withdraw the amendments, either chamber may request a conference committee to resolve the differences between the two chambers.

Conference Committee: Three members from each chamber are appointed to a conference committee by the presiding officers to reach a settlement on the proposed legislation. A report of a conference committee goes back to both chambers to be adopted or rejected without amendment. If the conference committee report is adopted, the bill is voted upon for final passage in each house. If the conference committee report is rejected by either house, the conference committee may be directed to reconvene, new members may be appointed, or the bill fails.

Presentation of Bills to Governor: Except for constitutional amendments and the budget bill, presentation of all bills to the Governor is mandatory. The budget bill becomes law upon its final passage and cannot be vetoed. Bills must be presented to the Governor within twenty days after adjournment of a session, and in the case of such bills, the Governor may veto within thirty days after presentation. If the Governor does not veto a bill, it becomes law. The Governor may not veto a constitutional amendment.

Veto Power: The power to override a veto resides with the legislature. If a bill is vetoed during a regular session, the veto message is considered immediately. If a bill presented after the session is vetoed, the veto message must be considered immediately at the next regular or special session of the legislature, except that the legislature during the first year of a new term may not override a veto. A three-fifths vote of the elected membership in each house is necessary to override a veto.

HOW TO UNDERSTAND A BILL

The page 1 footer for each bill describes the significance of markups:

- CAPITALS – matter added to existing law
- [Brackets] – text in existing statute that will be deleted with passage of the bill
- Underlining – amendments to the bill
- ~~Strike out~~ – text stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from existing statute by amendment

SENATE BILL 102

M2

(PRE-FILED)

3lr0412
CF HB 465

By: **Senator Bailey**

Requested: September 16, 2022

Introduced and read first time: January 11, 2023

Assigned to: Education, Energy, and the Environment

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted

Read second time: February 7, 2023

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Natural Resources – Recreational Crabbing License ~~Exemption~~ Gear –**
3 **Individuals Under the Age of 16 Years**

4 FOR the purpose of ~~exempting persons under a certain age from the requirement to obtain~~
5 ~~a recreational crabbing license to catch or attempt to catch crabs for recreational~~
6 ~~purposes in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries; and generally~~
7 ~~relating to exemptions from the requirement to obtain a recreational crabbing license~~
8 authorizing an individual under a certain age to use certain gear when catching or
9 attempting to catch crabs for recreational purposes without a recreational crabbing
10 license; and generally relating to recreational crabbing.

11 BY adding to
12 Article – Natural Resources
13 Section 4–805
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2018 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
17 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – Natural Resources**

19 **4–805.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

~~A PERSON MAY CATCH OR ATTEMPT TO CATCH CRABS FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES IN THE WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TIDAL TRIBUTARIES WITHOUT A RECREATIONAL CRABBING LICENSE IF THE PERSON IS UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS.~~

AN INDIVIDUAL UNDER THE AGE OF 16 YEARS CATCHING OR ATTEMPTING TO CATCH CRABS IN THE WATERS OF THE CHESAPEAKE BAY AND ITS TIDAL TRIBUTARIES WITHOUT A RECREATIONAL CRABBING LICENSE MAY USE A COLLAPSIBLE TRAP OR NET RING, AS DESCRIBED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN REGULATIONS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2023.

This bill is a good example of how State agencies work with legislators to determine the best way to address the problem the bill is trying to solve.

In this situation, the State agency met with the legislator to explain enforcement difficulties presented by the original wording. The parties agreed on wording that would accomplish the legislator's intent while addressing the agency's implementation concerns.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
2023 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
First Reader

Senate Bill 102 (Senator Bailey)
Education, Energy, and the Environment

Natural Resources - Recreational Crabbing License - Exemption

This bill authorizes a person younger than age 16 to catch or attempt to catch crabs for recreational purposes in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries without a recreational crabbing license. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect State finances. Any decrease in license fee revenue is expected to be negligible.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law:

Department of Natural Resources' Regulatory Authority

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is authorized to adopt rules and regulations to, among other things, (1) restrict catching and possessing any blue crab and (2) establish the methods by which blue crabs are taken. DNR also has authority to adopt regulations to establish conservation and management measures associated with its responsibility/authority to adopt fishery management plans for various species, including blue crabs.

Department of Natural Resources Regulations

DNR regulations require an individual who catches or attempts to catch blue crabs for recreational purposes in the waters of the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries to pay a fee and obtain a recreational crabbing license in order to use the following gear to catch blue crabs: a trotline, collapsible traps or net rings, seines, and up to 10 eel pots for catching the individual's own bait. The annual fee for a recreational crabbing license is \$5 for a Maryland resident; however, if the Maryland resident has a Chesapeake Bay and coastal sport fishing license or a resident consolidated senior sport fishing license, the annual fee is \$2. The fee for a nonresident is \$10. A recreational crabbing boat license is also available, for an annual fee of \$15, which authorizes individuals in the licensed boat to catch or attempt to catch blue crabs in the Chesapeake Bay and its tidal tributaries using a trotline or collapsible traps or net rings.

An individual is not required to have a recreational crabbing license if the individual uses any of the following gear: a dipnet, a handline, or up to two registered crab pots if the person using the crab pots is an owner, lessee, or tenant of a private property along the shore, or a guest of an owner, lessee, or tenant of a private property along the shore. An individual assisting an individual who has a recreational crabbing license or an individual crabbing for recreational purposes from a boat licensed as a recreational crabbing boat is also not required to have a recreational crabbing license. An unlicensed individual, however, is subject to more restrictive daily catch and possession limits than a licensed individual.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Department of Natural Resources; Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - January 18, 2023
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MISCELLANY

ADDITIONAL DEFINITIONS

- Interim – the 9 months between legislative sessions
- Fiscal year – July 1 to June 30
- Legislative Day – length of time from convening a session in the chamber until adjournment – may be longer or shorter than a calendar day (i.e., a session that continues into a 2nd calendar day without adjourning is one legislative day). If a chamber adjourns and reconvenes on the same day, that constitutes two legislative days.
- MGA – Maryland General Assembly – 47 senators + 141 delegates
- *Sine Die* – the final adjournment of a session, without adjourning to a specific time or date [from the Latin *sine* (without) + *die* (a day) → “without a day”]

BOARD of PUBLIC WORKS

The Board of Public Works (composed of the Governor, the Treasurer and the Comptroller) is charged with protecting and enhancing the State’s fiscal integrity by ensuring that significant State expenditures are necessary and appropriate, fiscally responsible, fair, and lawful. They review and approve capital projects, procurement contracts, and the acquisition, use, and transfer of State assets.

BUDGET

Budget powers are defined in Article III §52 of the Maryland Constitution. The Governor sets the revenue estimates that establish the basis for State spending. The Governor’s budget proposal includes all planned expenditures for the fiscal year and is presented as both a budget bill and in detailed budget book volumes.

The State operating budget must be balanced when the Governor submits it to the General Assembly (on or about the 3rd Wednesday in January or by the 10th day of the Legislative Session in the first year of a new term) and when the General Assembly approves it. The General Assembly can cut but cannot add to the Operating Budget. The operating budget bill cannot be vetoed by the Governor and becomes law immediately upon final passage, with no further action by the Governor. The Governor may, with the consent of the General Assembly, amend or supplement the budget to correct an oversight, to fund pending legislation, or to address an emergency.

STATUTE vs. REGULATION

Annotated Code of Maryland

Statute is written law passed by the legislative body. The Annotated Code of Maryland, published by The Michie Company, is the official codification of the statutory laws of Maryland. It is organized into 36 named articles.

Code of Maryland Regulations (COMAR)

Regulations usually must be authorized by a statute, and are subordinate to statutes, but have the same legal force as statutes. They are used by state agencies to implement, interpret, or make specific the statute or the Department’s procedures to meet the law. Regulations carry the force of law.

BILL LINGO

Adopt -- approve an action (i.e., an amendment, committee report, motion)

Amend -- make a change to a bill or a law

Bill -- a proposed law presented to the General Assembly for consideration

Bill number -- assigned to a bill at the time of introduction and retained throughout the legislative process

Concur -- one chamber approves an action taken by the other chamber

Drop into "the Hopper" -- a member files a bill with the Chief Clerk of the House or the Secretary of the Senate for introduction

Enacted -- when the bill becomes a law (i.e., is signed by the Governor and takes effect)

Enrolled (Passed Enrolled) -- a bill that was amended in the opposite chamber

Failed -- a bill does not receive a majority vote on the chamber floor

Joint Resolution -- a resolution both chambers pass making a statement on a public issue, a request of the Governor or a government office, or establishing a task force. With certain exceptions, Joint Resolutions do not have the effect of law. Before it becomes a resolution, it will be given the designation SJ (Senate Joint Resolution) or HJ (House Joint Resolution). When agreed upon by both chambers, they become a JR (Joint Resolution).

Laid over -- floor action on an amended bill is postponed for one legislative day

Pre-filed -- a bill the Department of Legislative Services drafts, by request, prior to a legislative session for introduction in that session

Reassigned -- assignment of a bill from one committee to another

Referred -- the action of assigning a legislative measure to a committee or committees

Re-referred -- the reassignment of a bill to a different committee after the original referral

Reject -- the failure of an action (i.e., an amendment)

Returned passed -- a bill passed in its chamber of origin is returned by the opposite chamber without amendments

Special Order -- postpones floor action on a bill until a definite date or time

Sunset provision -- provides that a provision of the law is automatically repealed on a specific date, unless the General Assembly reenacts the law

The Chair -- the presiding officer of a chamber or of a committee

The Floor -- that portion of the chamber reserved for members and officers of the assembly or other persons granted access.

Veto -- the action the Governor takes to prevent enactment of a bill passed by the General Assembly. At the next session the General Assembly may override the Governor's veto with a 3/5 vote in each chamber (except in an election year when overrides are not feasible).

2025 TESTIMONY TIPS

While the rules for submitting testimony are consistent across all committees, committee chairs have some flexibility in the rules for their committee. This may mean that the amount of time allowed for testimony or the number of individuals allowed to testify may be limited in the last weeks of Session. You should check the MGA website for any procedural changes in the committee in which the bill will be heard.

Go to <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov> → “Committees” → select either “Senate” or “House”
→ select the committee to which the bill has been assigned → scroll to the bottom and select “Witness Guidelines & Committee FAQs”

Oral and/or written testimony and testimony sign-up must be submitted via the MGA website:

	Monday hearing	Tuesday hearing	Wednesday hearing	Thursday hearing	Friday hearing	8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sign-up to testify or submit written testimony on:	Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	2 workdays prior
If a virtual witness, Zoom link emailed to you on:	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 workday prior

When speaking for the MFRW or your club, you are the face of the Republican Party. Briefly tell the committee about the MFRW or your club:

I am representing the Maryland Federation of Republican Women, the largest Republican membership organization in Maryland with more than 1,200 members in 25 unit clubs.

PREPARATION

- Thoroughly read the bill and the Fiscal Note.
- Check to see if an identical or similar bill was introduced last year. If so:
 - Did the bill get out of committee?
 - How did the members of the committee vote?
- Contact Republican committee members before the hearing, if possible.

ORAL TESTIMONY

- Prepare an outline of main points or write out your entire testimony.
 - State name, organization (if speaking on their behalf), and bill number
 - State your position and why -- provide extra details, charts, or amendments in written form (refer to them in oral testimony).
 - Support -- *I support HB1234 because* [give reasons -- facts, statistics, etc.]
 - Oppose -- *I oppose HB1234 because* [give reasons -- state problems or damage the bill would cause and who or what would be damaged].
 - Support with Amendments – *I oppose this bill in its present form because* [state objection] *but can support* [or not oppose] *if amended to incorporate* [restate desired change].
 - Close with:
 - If “Support” – *I urge the committee to give HB 1234 a favorable report.*
 - If “Oppose” – *I urge the committee to give HB1234 an unfavorable report.*
 - If “Support with Amendments” – *I urge the committee to amend HB1234 to* [restate your recommended change(s)].
 - Thank the committee for the opportunity to testify.
- Practice and time yourself (generally limited to 2-3 minutes – depends on the committee).
- Be respectful, polite and cordial.
- If you don’t know the answer to a question from the committee, respond: *I don't know the answer to your question, but I will check on it and provide an answer to the Chairman as soon as possible.* Be sure to follow up.

MAKING YOUR POSITION KNOWN

Creating a “MyMGA” account will allow you to:

1. Sign up to give oral testimony
2. Submit written testimony
3. Create a tracking list of subjects of interest – to be notified when there is bill activity.

→ <https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/mgawebsite/> → “MyMGA” in the upper right corner → “Create a MYMGA account” → enter requested information → Save

To provide bill testimony:

- Sign into your “MyMGA” account
- “Witness Sign Up” → find the committee and the hearing date
- Check the small box left of the bill #
- “Organization” – “self” if testifying as an individual – “organization” if you are representing an organization
- “Position” – Favorable (*for*) – Favorable with Amendments (*for but with a recommended change*) – Unfavorable (*against*)
- “Type of Testimony” – oral, written or both
- “Upload Testimony” – for written testimony – must be a PDF file
- “Save”
- To confirm that your testimony has been saved, click on “Signed Up Items” – confirm that there is a checkmark left of the bill number, that your bill position is correct, and that your testimony document has been uploaded.
- “Save”

SENATE COMMITTEES

Budget & Taxation (B&T) considers legislation relating to State operating and capital budgets, including revenues, expenditures, and supplementary appropriations; legislative budgetary procedures; State and county bond authorizations; taxation and property assessments; education; financing; and pension and retirement matters.

Education, Energy and the Environment (EEE) reviews legislation concerned with agriculture and land preservation; alcoholic beverages; and the licensing and regulation of businesses and labor, including business, health and related occupations and professions. The Committee also evaluates bills relating to education policy; elections; energy; environment; ethics; fire prevention; local government; natural resources; procurement; State government organization, procedures and administrative law; and veterans affairs.

Executive Nominations (EXN) reviews and interviews gubernatorial appointees for all appointments made by the Governor which require Senate advice and consent. The Committee then reports its recommendations on those nominations to the Senate.

Finance (FIN) – reviews legislation on banking and financial institutions; credit regulation and consumer financing; economic and community development; and health and welfare matters. It also considers bills concerned with horse racing and lotteries; insurance; labor and employment; State personnel issues; social programs; transportation; unemployment insurance; utility regulation; and workers’ compensation.

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Judicial Proceedings (JPR) is assigned legislation relating to the Administrative Procedures Act; commercial code; constitutional amendments; corrections; criminal and civil laws, penalties, and procedures; equal rights and opportunities; ethics; family law; and judicial administration and court structure. The Committee also reviews bills on juvenile justice; landlord and tenant laws; law enforcement organizations; legal profession; legal rights and immunities; public safety; real property; trusts and estates; and vehicle laws.

Rules (SRU) considers proposals regarding rules, organization, and procedures of the Senate or the General Assembly. The Committee reviews proposed legislation introduced after the bill introduction deadline in a regular session and determines which of those bills it will refer to the Senate's standing committees.

HOUSE COMMITTEES

Appropriations (APP) is the House budget committee. It reviews legislation relating to State operating and capital budgets, including supplementary appropriations; State and county bond authorizations; collective bargaining; fiscal procedures; higher education; State personnel and pension matters; and social services.

Economic Matters (ECM) considers legislation relating to alcoholic beverages; banks and other financial institutions; commercial law; corporations and associations; economic development; electronic commerce; licensing and regulation of businesses, including related occupations and professions; labor and employment; property and casualty insurance; unemployment insurance; utilities, including electric, gas, and telecommunications; and workers' compensation.

Environment and Transportation (ENT) is assigned legislation relating to agriculture; bi-county agencies; environmental matters, including agricultural land preservation, Program Open Space and vehicle emissions; ethics; local government; motor vehicles; natural resources; real property and housing; and transportation (non-revenue related).

Health and Government Operations (HGO) considers legislation relating to child and elder healthcare; civil rights; emergency medical services; health and life insurance; health policy and planning, including facilities, occupations, and public health; long-term care; and State government organization, procedures, and administrative law, including procurement.

Judiciary (JUD) considers legislation relating to courts and judicial proceedings. It also is concerned with administrative law; corrections; criminal and civil laws, penalties, and procedures; drunk and drugged driving; estates and trusts; family law; juvenile cases; the legal profession; legal rights and immunities; and jailable motor vehicle offenses.

Rules and Executive Nominations (HRU) considers proposals concerning the rules, organization, and procedures of the House and the General Assembly. The Committee reviews legislation introduced after the bill introduction deadline and decides on re-referral of those bills to other standing committees for consideration. In addition, the Committee examines gubernatorial nominations requiring House confirmation and reports its recommendations.

Ways and Means (W&M) is responsible for legislation relating to children, youth and families; education funding, including primary and secondary education, community colleges, and scholarships and financial aid; election law; gaming and horseracing; State and local taxes; and transportation funding and revenues.

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Quick Look at Fiscal 2026 Budget

Budget Growth Fiscal 2025-2026 (\$ in Millions)

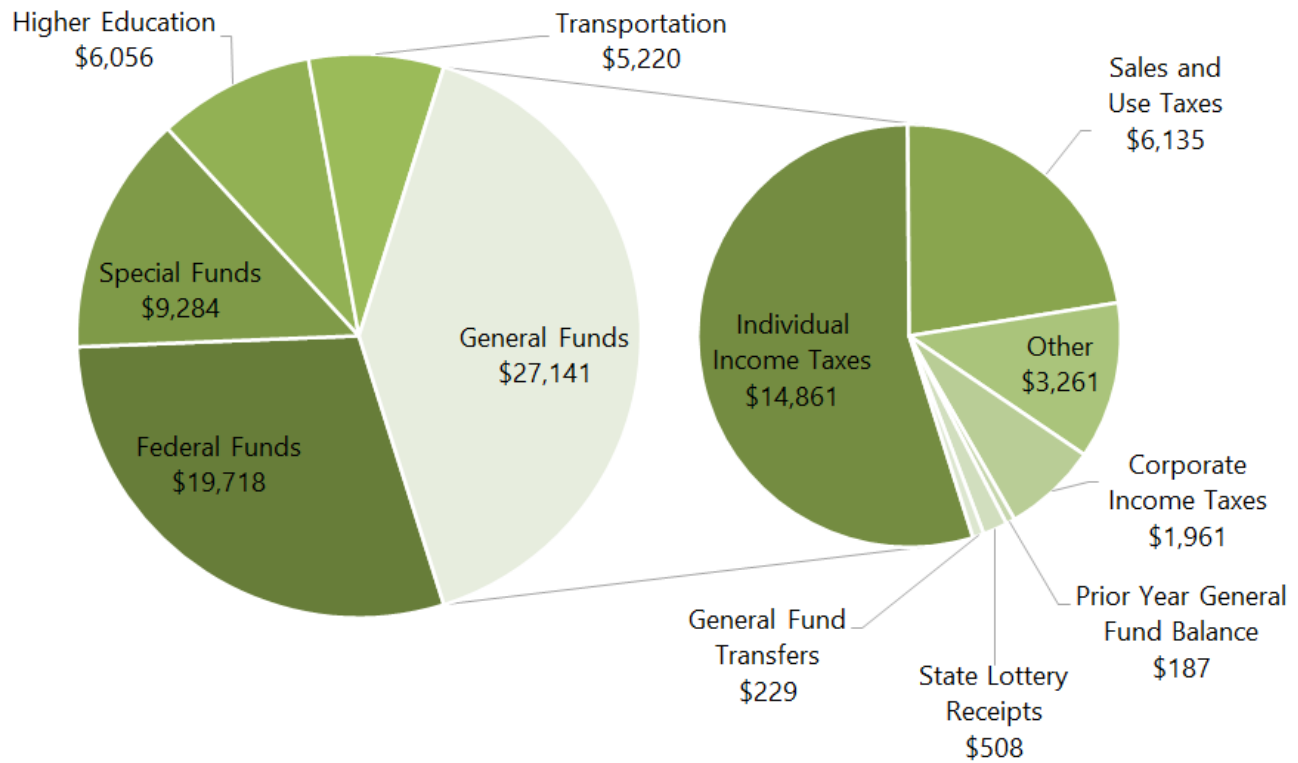
	<u>2025 Plan</u>	<u>2026 Plan</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
All Funds	\$66,552	\$67,343	\$791	1.2%
General Funds	27,309	27,035	-274	-1.0%
Special Funds*	18,990	20,586	1,596	8.4%
Federal Funds	20,253	19,721	-531	-2.6%

*Includes higher education funds.

- The Governor's spending plan leaves a general fund balance of \$106 million at the end of fiscal 2026.
- The Revenue Stabilization Account (Rainy Day Fund) ends fiscal 2026 with a balance of \$2.1 billion (8% of general fund revenues). Combined cash balances at the close of fiscal 2026 of \$2.2 billion equal 8.4% of general fund revenues.
- Ongoing spending in the fiscal 2026 allowance exceeds ongoing revenues by \$186 million, falling short of the Spending Affordability Committee's (SAC) goal of eliminating the projected \$2.5 billion structural deficit.
- General fund spending declines due to cost containment efforts and the fiscal 2025 budget including \$268 million to pay fiscal 2024 costs that could not be absorbed in the fiscal 2024 budget. Proposed Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act (BRFA) reductions that relieve mandates save \$939 million in fiscal 2026.
- Federal spending declines in fiscal 2026 due primarily to lower federal Medicaid claims reflecting fiscal 2025 spending on fiscal 2024 bills. Growth in special fund spending is spurred by a \$543 million increase in the Blueprint for Maryland's Future Fund (Blueprint Fund) spending on education, a \$343 million increase in spending for transportation including a \$90 million increase in support for the State Climate Pollution Reduction Plan, and more than \$160 million of additional higher education spending from own-source revenues (tuition and fees, federal grants and contracts, etc.).
- The Administration's budget plan includes revenue and spending adjustments with a combined general fund impact of \$2.965 billion that are contingent on legislation.



REVENUES

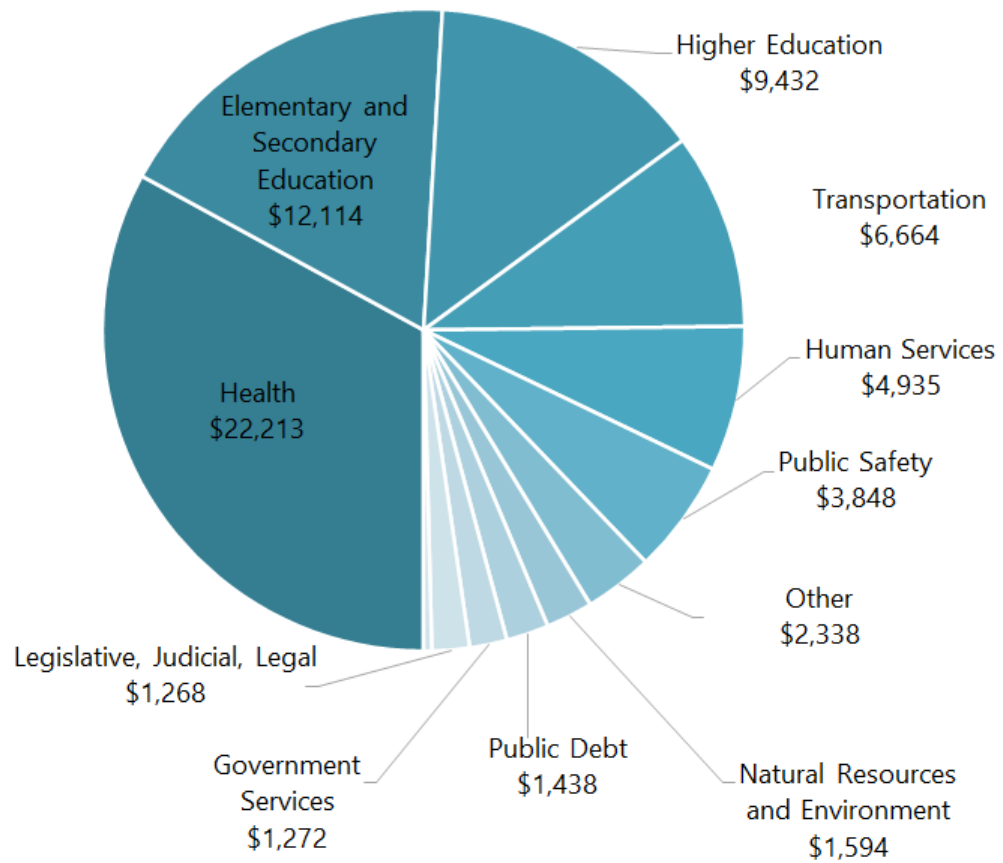


Revenues and Financing Sources (\$ in millions)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Percentage change '26 over '25	Percent of Total
General Fund Revenues					
Individual Income Taxes	13,617	14,432	14,861	3%	22%
Corporate Income Taxes	1,904	1,945	1,961	1%	3%
Sales and Use Taxes	5,897	5,996	6,135	2%	9%
State Lottery Receipts	655	523	508	-3%	1%
Other	2,641	2,356	2,161	-8%	3%
Adjustments to General Fund Revenues (See Appendix A)	175	128	1,100	760%	2%
Total General Fund Revenues	24,888	25,380	26,725		
Other Financing Sources					
Prior Year General Fund Balance Carried Forward	2,584	1,060	187	-82%	0%
General Fund Transfers (See Appendix A)	828	1,056	229	-78%	0%
Transportation	4,445	5,014	5,220	4%	8%
Higher Education	5,492	5,891	6,056	3%	9%
Special Funds	7,805	8,158	9,284	14%	14%
Federal Funds	19,501	20,227	19,718	-3%	29%
Total Revenues & Financing Sources	65,545	66,786	67,419	1%	

Totals and percentages may not add due to rounding.



EXPENDITURES



Expenditures (\$ in millions)	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	Percent change '26 over '25	Percent of Total Expenditures in '26
Health	21,084	22,519	22,213	-1%	33%
Elementary and Secondary Education	11,444	11,469	12,114	6%	18%
Higher Education	8,978	9,208	9,432	2%	14%
Transportation	5,765	6,482	6,664	3%	10%
Human Services	4,545	5,044	4,935	-2%	7%
Public Safety	3,642	3,790	3,848	2%	6%
Other	2,232	2,296	2,338	2%	3%
Natural Resources and Environment	1,774	1,604	1,594	-1%	2%
Public Debt	1,433	1,527	1,438	-6%	2%
Government Services	1,184	1,467	1,272	-13%	2%
Legislative, Judicial, Legal	1,167	1,212	1,268	5%	2%
Reserve Fund	1,394	241	276	15%	0%
Estimated Reversions		(261)	(81)		
Total Expenditures	64,641	66,599	67,313	1%	
Total Rainy Day Fund Contribution/(Withdrawal)	(705)	(346)	(219)		

Figures reflect proposed deficiencies, contingent reductions, and back-of-the-bill reductions; may not add due to rounding.

Maryland's FISCAL 2026 BUDGET

(Republican analysis)

How did the State go from a \$5B+ surplus left by Governor Larry Hogan to a \$3B+ deficit in two short years?

Governor Wes Moore is addressing a \$3B+ deficit in his FY2026 Budget with \$1B in new revenues (tax and fee increases), \$500M from the State's Rainy Day Fund, and \$2B in cuts and government efficiencies.

You can find the Fiscal Briefing prepared by the Department of Legislative Services here:

https://dls.maryland.gov/pubs/prod/operbgt/fiscal_briefing_2025.pdf

NEW REVENUES (taxes and fees)

- Imposes a new delivery tax -- adds a \$0.75 fee to every online purchase that will automatically increase each year because the fee has been tied to the CPI (Consumer Price Index).
- Eliminates all itemized income tax deductions – qualifying medical and dental expenditures, home mortgage interest, real estate taxes, charitable contributions, forcing everyone to claim the standard deduction.
- Modifies the child tax credit to phase out benefits gradually.
- Doubles the vehicle emissions inspection fee -- from \$14 to \$30.
- Eliminates trade-in credit when calculating tax on a vehicle purchase over \$15K. Average trade-in value in Maryland of \$20K = \$1,200 tax increase.
- Accelerates increases in vehicle registration fees the General Assembly passed last year.
- Establishes an administrative fee for Marylanders who need to pay the higher vehicle registration fees in installments.
- Establishes a 4-year surcharge on capital gains income over \$350K.
- Increases the income tax rate for the 3 lowest tax brackets and the 2 highest brackets.

- Increases the income tax rate on Maryland millionaires to 6.5% and imposes a 1% capital gains tax every time a stock or other security is sold.

Governor O'Malley's 2008 Millionaires' Tax increased the income tax on Maryland residents with incomes over \$1M to 6.25%. One year later: 30% drop in the number of millionaires with principal residence in Maryland -- predicted \$106M income tax gain for the State became a realized loss of \$257M. Another "exodus of the wealthiest" will create a hole in the State budget that those remaining will have to fill through higher taxes and fees -- again!

- Lowers the point at which Maryland's 16% estate tax is levied from \$5M to \$2M. It won't take much to reach the \$2M level when you consider the value of your home, vehicles, IRAs and 401Ks, pensions, and other assets.
- Doubles the tax on sports wagering -- from 15% to 30%.
- Increases the tax on table games at Maryland casinos -- from 20% to 25%.
- Increases the tax on cannabis sales -- from 9% to 15%.

Governor Moore is using taxes and fees to close a deficit largely attributable to budget-busting bills that the General Assembly has passed in recent years despite Republican opposition.

Below are just 3:

- **Blueprint for Educational Excellence (Kirwan)** has no dedicated funding source and will cost the State tens of Billions of dollars to implement. By the end of this decade, it is projected that the State deficit will be \$6.5B, thanks in large part to the costs of the Blueprint.
- **Climate Solutions Now Act** had no cost analysis at the time it was passed and will cost the State over \$1B a year to implement.
- **Child Victims Act of 2023** vastly expanded the ability of those alleging child sex abuse to sue the State of Maryland as the employer of their alleged abusers. Recent disclosures projected the Act could cost the State over \$3.1B.

Appendix 6

State Aid to Local Governments – Comparison by Per Capita Aid and Annual Change Fiscal 2025-2026

\$ in Millions								
County	2025	2026	Difference	Percent Difference	Per Capita State Aid		Annual Change in State Aid	
Allegany	\$157.4	\$162.9	\$5.5	3.5%	1. Baltimore City	\$3,160	1. Calvert	18.8%
Anne Arundel	752.1	802.3	50.2	6.7%	2. Caroline	3,081	2. Wicomico	9.6%
Baltimore City	1,663.4	1,786.4	123.0	7.4%	3. Wicomico	2,685	3. Talbot	8.4%
Baltimore	1,192.9	1,269.5	76.6	6.4%	4. Somerset	2,548	4. Baltimore City	7.4%
Calvert	122.4	145.4	23.0	18.8%	5. Dorchester	2,485	5. Washington	6.8%
Caroline	99.4	103.5	4.1	4.1%	6. Allegany	2,421	6. Anne Arundel	6.7%
Carroll	242.3	253.9	11.6	4.8%	7. Prince George's	2,182	7. Baltimore	6.4%
Cecil	182.0	189.6	7.6	4.2%	8. Washington	2,096	8. Worcester	6.0%
Charles	319.9	326.2	6.2	2.0%	9. Charles	1,897	9. Howard	5.3%
Dorchester	80.4	81.7	1.3	1.6%	10. Cecil	1,794	10. Montgomery	5.2%
Frederick	474.4	495.9	21.5	4.5%	11. Garrett	1,699	11. Carroll	4.8%
Garrett	47.0	48.3	1.3	2.7%	12. Frederick	1,690	12. Prince George's	4.6%
Harford	394.6	409.5	14.9	3.8%	13. St. Mary's	1,598	13. Frederick	4.5%
Howard	497.3	523.5	26.3	5.3%	14. Howard	1,558	14. Cecil	4.2%
Kent	20.3	20.8	0.5	2.3%	15. Harford	1,547	15. Caroline	4.1%
Montgomery	1,334.4	1,403.5	69.0	5.2%	16. Calvert	1,535	16. Queen Anne's	4.0%
Prince George's	1,975.5	2,066.8	91.3	4.6%	17. Baltimore	1,503	17. Harford	3.8%
Queen Anne's	60.6	63.0	2.4	4.0%	18. Carroll	1,437	18. Allegany	3.5%
St. Mary's	179.9	184.3	4.3	2.4%	19. Anne Arundel	1,349	19. Garrett	2.7%
Somerset	62.7	63.5	0.8	1.3%	20. Montgomery	1,326	20. St. Mary's	2.4%
Talbot	35.9	38.9	3.0	8.4%	21. Queen Anne's	1,200	21. Kent	2.3%
Washington	305.8	326.6	20.9	6.8%	22. Worcester	1,121	22. Charles	2.0%
Wicomico	256.6	281.3	24.8	9.6%	23. Kent	1,078	23. Dorchester	1.6%
Worcester	57.3	60.7	3.4	6.0%	24. Talbot	1,028	24. Somerset	1.3%
Unallocated	275.1	282.9	7.8	2.8%				
Total	\$10,789.6	\$11,391.0	\$601.4	5.6%	Statewide Average	\$1,843	Statewide Average	5.6%

Appendix 7

State Aid to Local Governments Fiscal 2026 Allowance (\$ in Thousands)

County	County - Municipal	Community Colleges	Direct State Aid				Retirement	Total	Change	
			Public Schools	Libraries	Health	Subtotal			Over FY 2025	Percent Change
Allegany	\$18,901	\$11,440	\$115,724	\$913	\$5,399	\$152,377	\$10,515	\$162,893	\$5,513	3.5%
Anne Arundel	58,462	45,589	590,335	3,234	9,733	707,354	94,936	802,289	50,194	6.7%
Baltimore City	421,424	0	1,260,264	9,812	10,393	1,701,893	84,531	1,786,424	123,047	7.4%
Baltimore	37,898	72,492	1,012,154	7,825	6,824	1,137,194	132,343	1,269,537	76,590	6.4%
Calvert	7,858	4,909	110,548	629	3,463	127,407	17,991	145,398	23,001	18.8%
Caroline	7,835	3,200	83,821	382	2,210	97,446	6,070	103,517	4,114	4.1%
Carroll	11,262	15,019	194,111	1,351	4,798	226,541	27,369	253,909	11,589	4.8%
Cecil	11,699	9,662	146,116	1,013	3,480	171,968	17,655	189,623	7,581	4.2%
Charles	8,072	9,588	272,937	1,442	5,409	297,449	28,714	326,163	6,239	2.0%
Dorchester	9,370	2,111	61,398	364	3,065	76,307	5,392	81,700	1,324	1.6%
Frederick	18,192	23,870	393,716	2,067	5,285	443,130	52,787	495,916	21,495	4.5%
Garrett	7,747	6,161	26,792	144	3,035	43,879	4,426	48,305	1,285	2.7%
Harford	13,304	19,513	323,983	2,249	6,129	365,178	44,321	409,500	14,928	3.8%
Howard	13,564	35,860	386,144	1,311	6,474	443,354	80,190	523,544	26,253	5.3%
Kent	2,197	902	12,501	135	2,625	18,361	2,443	20,803	474	2.3%
Montgomery	73,937	74,842	1,028,507	3,959	5,063	1,186,307	217,143	1,403,450	69,047	5.2%
Prince George's	152,814	52,791	1,693,282	8,838	8,319	1,916,043	150,800	2,066,843	91,324	4.6%
Queen Anne's	3,637	3,569	45,008	224	2,339	54,776	8,212	62,988	2,436	4.0%
St. Mary's	5,465	6,210	149,504	975	4,076	166,230	18,032	184,262	4,347	2.4%
Somerset	10,586	1,430	45,138	344	2,128	59,626	3,845	63,471	818	1.3%
Talbot	4,525	2,605	24,141	141	2,202	33,615	5,253	38,868	3,017	8.4%
Washington	12,989	20,935	262,772	1,667	4,548	302,911	23,726	326,637	20,856	6.8%
Wicomico	23,077	9,658	223,678	1,300	5,525	263,237	18,107	281,345	24,759	9.6%
Worcester	11,184	3,433	31,809	203	4,480	51,109	9,614	60,722	3,413	6.0%
Unallocated	78,396	6,499	175,392	22,583	0	282,871	0	282,871	7,758	2.8%
Total	\$1,024,397	\$442,287	\$8,669,775	\$73,105	\$117,000	\$10,326,564	\$1,064,415	\$11,390,979	\$601,402	5.6%

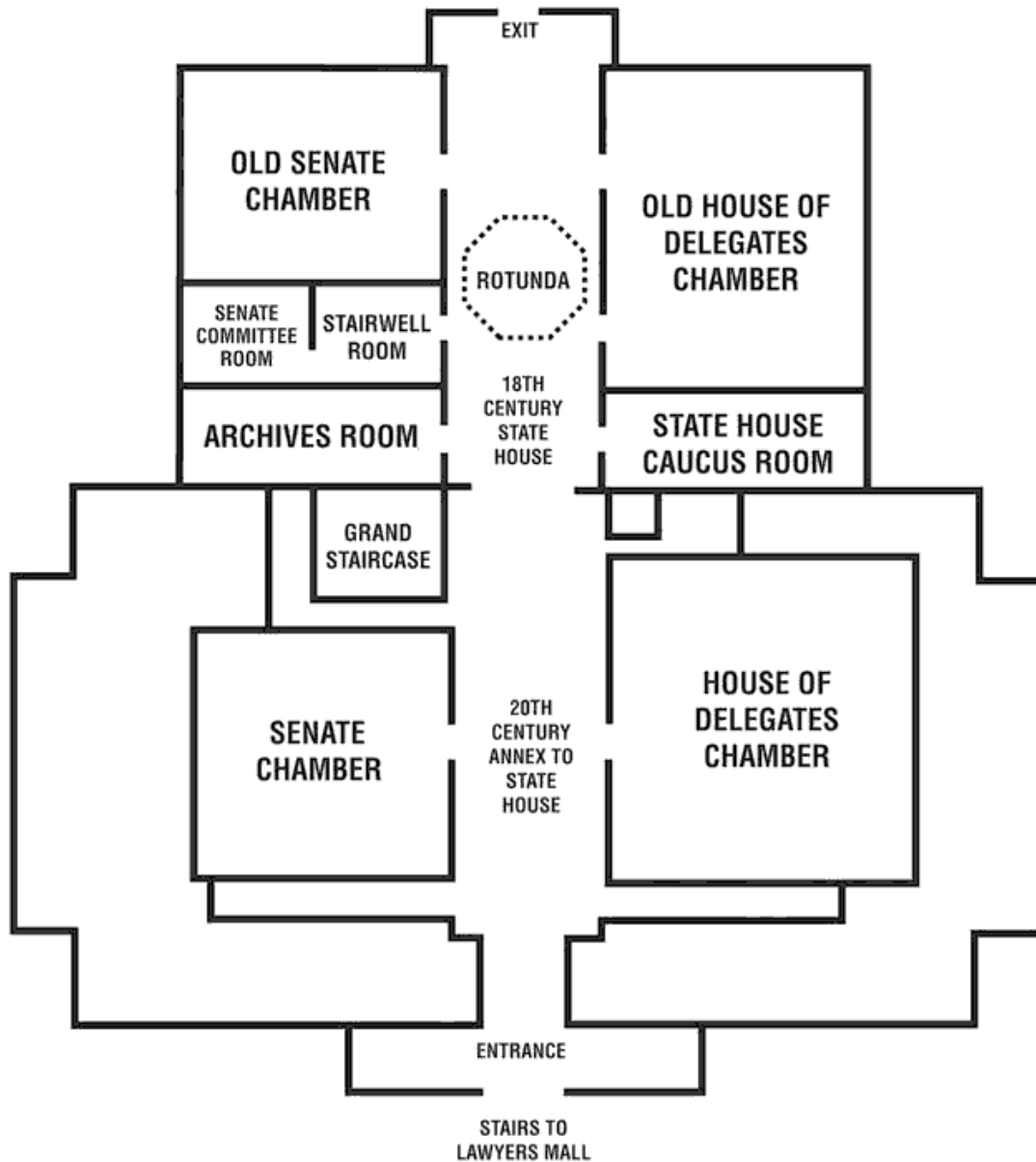
Note: County/Municipal includes the municipal share of police aid, highway user revenue, and fire aid.

1st floor of the MARYLAND STATE HOUSE

The Maryland State House is open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Self-guided tour information is available by the Archives Room on the 1st floor.

Virtual tour: <http://dls.maryland.gov/about-us/state-house-virtual-tour>



ANNAPOLIS – There's lots to see.

Banneker Douglass Museum – 84 Franklin St

Open Tue/Sat 10 am – 4 pm

Deep Roots, Rising Waters: A Celebration of African Americans in Maryland provides an overview of African American history in Maryland since 1633:

- Learn how Maryland's African Americans made lasting changes for all Americans.
- Find out about Maryland's first African American settler, Mathias De Sousa.
- Learn how Benjamin Banneker used his almanac to protest slavery.
- See the advertisement for the slave auction Kunta Kinte was sold in.
- Hear one of Frederick Douglass's speeches against racism and slavery.
- View a reward poster for Harriet Tubman.
- Explore Maryland ties to North Pole expeditions via Matthew Henson and Herbert Frisby.
- Listen to stories and music from Carr's Beach and Sparrow's Beach.
- Discover how Thurgood Marshall fought to change the U.S. education system.

Kunta Kinte-Alex Haley Memorial at the City Dock

The Memorial consists of 3 distinct areas: the Alex Haley sculpture group, Compass Rose, and Story Wall. It portrays in word and symbol the triumph of the human spirit in very difficult times and conveys Haley's vision for national racial reconciliation and healing. It is the only memorial in the country commemorating the actual name and place of arrival of an enslaved African.

Maryland State House – State Circle

The Maryland State House is the oldest state capitol in continuous legislative use and the only state house to have served as the nation's capital. The Continental Congress met in the Old Senate Chamber from November 26, 1783 to August 13, 1784. During that time, George Washington came before Congress to resign his commission as commander-in-chief of the Continental Army and the Treaty of Paris was ratified, officially ending the Revolutionary War.

St. John's College is a private liberal arts college. It is the third oldest college in the United States (reportedly behind Harvard, established in 1636, and College of William and Mary in 1693). In 1937, St. John's adopted a Great Books curriculum based on discussion of works from the Western canon of philosophical, religious, historical, mathematical, scientific, and literary works. The college grants a single Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts. Since 1983, the "Johnnies" have hosted an annual croquet match against the U.S. Naval Academy Midshipmen.

Thurgood Marshall Memorial -- Lawyers' Mall - State House Square

This memorial honors the great civil rights leader who became the first African-American to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. The memorial is erected on the site of the old Court of Appeals building where Marshall argued some of his early civil rights cases.

U.S. Naval Academy – 90-minute walking tour – available at 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm

Available for groups of less than 15 people -- requires no advance reservations. Expect to visit all the historical and monumental highlights, get the inside scoop on admissions and learn about the midshipmen experience. Tickets available only in-person/same day at the Information Desk inside the Visitor Center.

2025 DATES to REMEMBER

MFRW = Maryland Federation of Republican Women

National = NFRW deadlines

MFRW	9-Jan	Legislative Priorities distributed to legislators
National	15-Jan	Political & Campaign Awards - online reporting (Jul-Dec 2024)
	20-Jan	Inauguration Day
	24-Jan	National March for Life
National	7-Feb	Names of club presidents to NFRW
	Feb 19-22	CPAC -- Conservative Political Action Conference
MFRW	25-Feb	Deadline -- Red Scarf Day registration
National	1-Mar	2025 National dues submitted to NFRW
MFRW	1-Mar	Deadline -- <i>Trumpeter</i> submissions
MFRW	4-Mar	Red Scarf Day (<i>register by Feb 25th</i>)
National	Mar 7-8	NFRW Spring Board meeting -- Alexandria VA
MFRW	15-Mar	MFRW awards applications due
National	27-Mar	Convention deadline -- new clubs "in good standing"
MFRW	17-May	Spring Board & Members meeting
MFRW	1-Jun	Deadline -- <i>Trumpeter</i> submissions
National	1-Jun	NFRW Club Achievement Awards to MFRW President
National	1-Jun	Armed Services Awards to MFRW President
National	1-Jun	Caring for America Awards to MFRW President
National	1-Jun	Literacy & Education Awards to MFRW President
National	28-Jun	Certification date for Biennial Convention (membership in NFRW database determines voting delegates)
National	30-Jun	MFRW President forwards awards submissions to NFRW
National	30-Jun	MFRW's Betty Heitman award submitted to NFRW
National	15-Jul	Political & Campaign Awards - online reporting (Jan-Jun 2025)
National	???	Club presidents -- designate Convention delegates/alternates
National	28-Aug	MFRW President to NFRW -- club delegates/alternates
MFRW	1-Sep	Deadline -- <i>Trumpeter</i> submissions
National	7-Sep	MFRW President certifies at-large delegates/alternates
	17-Sep	Constitution Day / Citizenship Day
MFRW	21-Sep	<i>Fall on the Farm</i>
National	Sep 25-28	43rd Biennial Convention -- Orlando FL
National	1-Oct	State's can begin entering 2026 membership renewals
MFRW	Oct 24-26	Fall Convention -- Ocean City
MFRW	1-Dec	Deadline -- <i>Trumpeter</i> submissions

MFRW Executive Committee 2024-2025

MFRW Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 1

The Executive Committee is composed of the MFRW elected officers, the MFRW regional chairmen, and any past MFRW presidents willing and able to serve who are regular members in good standing of an MFRW club.

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Election of 2026-2027 MFRW officers will take place at our
Fall Convention – October 24-26, 2025 in Ocean City
Sunfest Weekend!

MFRW HAPPY HOUR

The Lodge Annapolis

3-5 p.m.

177 Jennifer Road

(across from Annapolis Mall – next to the Crowne Plaza Hotel)

Exit Annapolis via Rowe Boulevard

Exit left after passing under Route 50 onto Route 50 East

Continue past Route 2 – exit right onto Route 450 / Annapolis Mall

Continue through traffic light @ Route 450 – 1st right (at Uncle Julio's)

The Lodge Annapolis will be straight ahead.

Plenty of onsite parking.

