

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN – 2024 WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE – 1-14-2024

BILL #	BILL DESCRIPTION BY TOPIC	COMMITTEE/HEARING AND SPONSORS	BILL STATUS	COMMENTS
Note: Bills are listed in each subject category numerically by House Bills first (companion Senate Bill # underneath); then Senate Bills numerically.				
BUDGET – REVENUE – TAXES				
HB 0183 SB 0213	Increase the annual budget mandated minimum amount for the Summer SNAP for Children Food Supplement Program from \$200,000 to \$5 Million.	APP – Hearing 1/23 at 2 p.m.; Dept. Human Services (Gov. Request) FIN – Hearing 2/08 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
SB 0294	Expanding Major Government Information Technology projects in State Government to include networking and applications; and, increasing cost of projects from equal or exceeding \$1 million to \$5 million unless the secretary determines that the project does not require the oversight given to a major information technology development project. Other criteria include that there is no sufficient alternative within the state’s information technology inventory; and the project will result in a single, comprehensive solution designed to meet a cohesive set of business and technological objectives;	EEE – Hearing 1/18 at 1 p.m.; Request of Dept. Information Technology	1 st Reader	
CANNABIS LEGALIZATION IMPLEMENTATION				
HB 0217	Prohibiting cannabis use in a motor vehicle with a minor occupant.	JUD – Hearing 1/23 at 1 p.m.; Del. R. Long	1 st Reader	
CIVIL RIGHTS – CRIMINAL LAW – LAW ENFORCEMENT				
HB 0008 SB 0048	Providing that an individual who is a permanent legal resident and honorably discharged veteran or current member of the Army National Guard, the Air National Guard, or a reserve component is eligible to be certified as a police officer.	JUD – Hearing 1/23 at 1 p.m.; Del. Fraser-Hidalgo JPR – Str. Kagan	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	

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HB 0175	State Government agencies may not require an applicant for an occupational license to disclose on the application past criminal convictions, even for crimes of violence, where a period of 3 years has passed since the end of the individual's term of imprisonment. Includes a Criminal History Review Process to assess the likelihood of rejection.	ECM; Del. Harrison	1 st Reader	
SB 0039	Classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; and establishing a penalty for theft of a firearm of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for a first offense, and imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense.	JPR – Str. Ready and all Republican Senators	1 st Reader	
SB 0059	Altering the jurisdiction of the juvenile court to establish that the juvenile court has exclusive original jurisdiction over a child who is at least 10 years old alleged to have committed a crime involving the use or possession of a firearm; and altering a certain provision of law authorizing a law enforcement officer to conduct an otherwise lawful custodial interrogation of a child if the child's parent, guardian, or custodian consents to the custodial interrogation of the child without the child's consultation with an attorney.	JPR; Str. Folden, et al	1 st Reader	
SB 0073	Requiring the Dept. of Juvenile Services to report to the General Assembly each year on the number of assessments completed during the intake process involving children who commit firearm offenses.	JPR; Strs. Watson, Carozza, Muse and West.	1 st Reader	
SB 0328	Amends Public Safety Exceptions to the Juvenile Interrogation Act of 2022. Adds that where probable cause exists for the law enforcement	JPR; Senators Carozza, Watson, West, Klausmeier, and Hershey.	1 st Reader	MFRW Priority - Support

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	officer to believe the child committed a crime of violence, as defined in § 14–101 of the criminal law article, or a crime involving a firearm; and the law enforcement officer has made a reasonable effort to give actual notice to the parent, guardian, or custodian of the child that the child will be interrogated.			
	EDUCATION			
HB 0047	Fairness in Girls’ Sports Act. Requires public high schools and non-public high schools’ interscholastic and intramural junior varsity and varsity athletic teams or sports to be expressly designated on biological sex. (I) A boys’ male, or men’s team or sport; (II) A girls’, female, or women’s team or sport; or (III) a coeducational or mixed team or sport. Also provides protections against retaliation for reporting violations.	W&M – Del. Szlegia + 16 Republican Delegates	1 st Reader	Strongly Support: MFRW PRIORITY Read detailed information on differences in strength, power and speed between males and females in the new MFRW brochure: “Boys Competing in Girls’ Sports – Is it Fair?”
HB 0200 SB 161	Requires that each county board of education with fewer than 40 community schools and that receives funding from the Concentration of Poverty School Grant Program for the personnel grant and the per pupil grant to expend no more than 10% of the funds distributed by the State and those counties with 40 or more community schools receive 50% of state funding for these grants. Also provides that the per pupil grant portion of the Program prioritize funding for areas of greatest need according to the needs assessment plan; etc.	APP – Hearing 1/30 at 1 p.m.; Del. Wilkins. B&T – Hearing 1/24 at 1 p.m.; Str. A. Washington.	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	Note: There are 358 Community Schools in MD in 2023. Counties with 40 or more are: Baltimore City & Prince George’s. Counties with 10 to 39 are: Montgomery, Baltimore County and Anne Arundel County. Counties with No community schools are: Garrett, Carroll, Howard, Queen Anne, and Calvert. The remaining Counties have 1 – 9. The formula doesn’t seem to treat small counties with high concentrations of poverty equally with large population counties

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HB 0204 SB 0165	Mental Health Training for Coaches. Requires the State Department of Education and the Maryland Higher Education Commission to develop guidelines for their respective institutions to train coaches to recognize indicators of mental illness and behavioral distress in students who participate in their athletic programs.	APP – Hearing 1/23 at 2 p.m.; Del. Attar, et al EEE - Hearing 1/17 at 3 p.m.; Str. Hettleman et al	1 st Reader 1 st Reader	
SB 0005	Require the University System of Maryland, Morgan State University, and St. Mary’s College of Maryland to develop an admission policy that requires the university and, if applicable, the constituent institutions of the university, to admit as freshmen applicants who graduate from a public or nonpublic high school in the state in the top 10% of the applicant’s high school class.	EEE – Hearing 1/24 at 1 p.m.; Str. Augustine.	1 st Reader	
SB 0112	Require county boards of education to develop and adopt a policy that prohibits students from using a cellular phone during instructional time except if a teacher specifically instructs them to do so for educational purposes. County boards with an existing policy on the student use of cellular phones during school hours do not need to develop and adopt a new policy;	EEE – Hearing 1/17 at 3 p.m.; Str. Salling.	1 st Reader	
ELECTIONS - VOTING				
HB 0014	Election Law Revisions to require the Clerks of the Circuit Courts to report the names and addresses of persons convicted of a felony who are currently serving a court ordered sentence; and for the State Board to arrange with the Federal District Court to receive the information on those currently serving a term of imprisonment for a federal felony.	W&M – Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m.; W&M Chair at request of State Bd. of Elections	1 st Reader	

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	Also requires the public official in charge of the use of a building to grant a request of local Bd of Elections to use building for Early Voting.			
HB 0080	Prohibit an individual from simultaneously being a candidate for more than one public office or office of a political party; and prohibiting individuals from simultaneously being a candidate for, or holding, a party office and an elected public office except for being a candidate for, and elected Delegate to a National Party Presidential Nominating Convention.	W&M – Hearing 1/17 At 1 p.m.; Del. Boyce	1 st Reader	
HB 0081	Constitutional Amendment – Require ALL COUNTIES to adopt Charter Home Rule form of government by 2030. County Commissions appoint members of the Charter Board. Provide for elected County Executive and County Council elected from Districts. Alters method for adopting Charter for approval by County Commissioners. Does not require public hearings or voter approval.	ENT – Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m.; Del. Bouchat	1 st Reader	Note: This is a major change in how Counties adopt Charter form of Government.
HB 0132	Repealing prohibition on applicants and holders of video lottery operation licenses and persons who own an interest in video lottery facility operations in the State from directly or indirectly making contributions to the campaign finance entity of a candidate for any nonfederal public office in the State or any other campaign finance entity organized in support of a candidate for any nonfederal public office in the State.	W&M – Hearing 1/17 at 1p.m. – Del. Cardin	1 st Reader	
HB 0142	Establish a voter’s identity by requiring them to give their month and date of birth or to provide a voter registration card, a MD Driver’s License, or a government-issued ID card with photograph.	W&M – Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m.; Del. R. Long.	1 st Reader	MFRW Priority – Require Voter ID to vote.

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HB 0192	Establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid nongovernment-issued photo identification, and a current bill, statement, or check that states the voter's name and address as proof of identity; requiring a voter to vote a provisional ballot if the voter is unable to provide proof of identity; and prohibiting a person from knowingly and willfully voting or attempting to vote under a false form of identification.	W&M – Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m.; Del. R. Long	1 st Reader	MFRW Priority – Require Voter ID to vote.
HB 0164	Requiring State Board of Elections or a local board of elections to provide a candidate with a list of registered voters who have requested an absentee ballot for an upcoming election; and include the email address and telephone number of each voter on the list, if the information is available.	W&M – Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m.; Del. R. Long	1 st Reader	
ENERGY – ENVIRONMENT - ECONOMY				
HB 0001	Paint Stewardship Assessment Program. Fee to be added to the purchase price of exterior and interior architectural paint (containers of 5 gallons or less) to cover the collection, recycling of post-consumer paint.	ENT and ECM; Del. Boyce, et al.	1 st Reader	Appears to be aimed at individual buyers and not to builders or developers.
SB 0325		EEE; Strs. Brooks & West	1 st Reader	
HB 0150	The MVA shall establish a fee of \$14, collected once every 2 years, on each motor vehicle registered in the state that is: granted a waiver from mandatory inspections; or is not subject to mandatory inspections; or is exempted from mandatory inspections under § 23–206.1 9 or § 23–206.2 of this subtitle; or, is powered by a compression ignition engine and has a manufacturer’s gross vehicle weight rating or gross combination weight rating of 10,000 pounds or less. Revenues collected	ENT – Hearing 2/01 at 1 p.m.; Del. Fraser-Hidalgo	1 st Reader	

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	from this fee shall be deposited into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and used to provide incentives to expand electric vehicle ownership; and expand electric vehicle infrastructure.			
	LOCAL GOVERNMENT- DEVELOPMENT/ZONING			
HB 0003	Land use – Require local governments to institute an expedited review processes for development of affordable housing defined as residential development where at least 50% of the dwelling units are reserved for individuals whose household income is less than or equal to 80% of the area median income. Could include: expedited planning review or zoning changes; or shorten the length of application processing time; prioritize an application ahead of others; provide a consolidated application process for all project permits regardless of the issuing agency; accept a self–certified proposed plan from a qualified architect or engineer certifying that the proposed plan complies with applicable codes and standards; etc.	ENT- Hearing 1/30 at 1 p.m.; Del. Stewart	1 st Reader	
HB 0007	Establish a Housing Innovation Pilot Program and Housing Innovation Fund to provide loans for local housing authorities to develop mixed–income, cross–subsidized housing. A county and a local housing authority could acquire existing private sector housing or develop new housing in which: (i) at least 20% of the units are set aside for households with a gross annual income of not more than 50% of the area median income for a household of like size; and (ii) at least 40% of the units are set aside for households with a gross	ENT - Hearing 1/30 at 1 p.m.; Del. Stewart	1 st Reader	

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	annual income of not more than 60% of the area median income for a household of like size. The affordable set-asides must remain restricted for at least 99 years and the project must remain in public ownership.			
HB 0017	Require Charter Counties Comprehensive Plans to include “Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing Provisions.” Defined as to take meaningful actions to (i) overcome patterns of segregation; and (ii) foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to housing & opportunity based on protected characteristics. It includes to take meaningful actions that, taken together: (i) address significant disparities in housing needs and access to opportunity; (ii) replace segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns. ii) transform racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity; and (iv) foster and maintain compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws.	ENT – Hearing 2/06 at 1 p.m. By Request of Dept. of Planning	1 st Reader	
SB 0274		EEE – Hearing 1/25 at 1 p.m.; Request of Dept. of Planning	1 st Reader	
	SECOND AMENDMENT – FIREARMS RELATED			
SB 0039	Classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; and establishing a penalty for theft of a firearm of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years or a fine not exceeding \$1,000 for a first offense, and imprisonment not exceeding 10 years or a fine not exceeding \$2,500 for a second or subsequent offense.	JPR; Str. Ready & all Republican Senators	1 st Reader	
	TRANSPORTATION			
HB 0161	Driver’s Licenses and Identification Cards. Adds new categories of individuals eligible for Free MVA Identification cards. These include: individuals	ENT – Hearing 1/30 at 1 p.m.	1 st Reader	CONCERN: Are MVA ID cards the same for citizens & non-citizens? Will undocumented immigrants be

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	released from correctional facility in the prior 60 days; homeless individuals; youths under Juvenile Services programs or individuals between 15 and 20 years of age under a Dept. of Human Service programs; or under a Dept. of Health program. The individuals must provide documentation acceptable to the MVA.	Chairman ENT at Request of MDOT.		eligible to receive MVA ID cards? MVA ID cards are accepted by the Board of Elections to register to vote.
SB 0131	Amend categories of the Consolidated Transportation Program. Increase the weighting metric for equitable access to transportation for a project located in a minority, rural, or underserved community by 45% to address critical equity challenges and ensure equitable distribution of projects throughout the state.	B&T – Hearing 1/18 at 1 p.m.; Str. Ellis	1 st Reader	