

MARYLAND FEDERATION OF REPUBLICAN WOMEN – 2024 LEGISLATIVE UPDATE -3-17-2024

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<i>Bills are listed numerically within each subject category – House bills first (with companion Senate bill # below) then Senate bills.</i>				
BUDGET – REVENUE – TAXES				
HB0028	Passenger, Truck & Multipurpose Vehicle Registration Fees (Pedestrian Fatality Prevention Act) Reduces weight and Increases annual Registration Fees for each class of vehicles from \$50.50 for a vehicle up to 3,500 lbs. up to \$191.25 for a vehicle weighing 7,000 lbs. except for construction vehicles (not defined) where the fee is \$63.75 regardless of weight. Fiscal Note says State funds will increase by as much as \$201.2 million in FY 2025 and \$268.2 Million annually thereafter.	ENT – Del. R. Lewis Hearing 2/01	Referral to Committee	
HB0064	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax – Tax Credit for Electric Vehicles – Eligibility. Adds purchase of a used EV from July 2024 – January 2027 to be eligible.	ENT – Del. J. Lewis Hearing 2/01	Referral to Committee	
HB0089	Income Tax – Credit for Individuals Without Motor Vehicles 3 (One Less Car Act of 2024)	W&M – Del. R. Lewis Hearing 2/01	Referral to Committee	See entry under Energy – Environment for details.
HB0183	Increase the annual budget mandated minimum amount for the Summer SNAP for Children Food Supplement Program from \$200,000 to \$5 Million.	APP – Dept. Human Services (Gov. request) Hearing 1/23	3rd Reading – passed (123-14) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (FIN)	
SB0213		FIN –Dept. Human Services (Gov. request) Hearing 2/08	Referral to Committee	
HB0227	Expanding Major Government Information Technology projects in State Government to include networking and	HGO – request of DoIT Hearing 1/23	3rd Reading – passed with amendments (136-0)	

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SB0294	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 – request of DoIT Hearing 1/18	1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE) Referral to Committee	
HB0350 SB0360	Budget Bill (FY2025) General Fund total: \$63,121,498,670	APP – Speaker B&T – President	1st Reading – APP 3rd Reading – passed (46-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (APP)	
HB0351 SB0361	MD Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2024 & Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2015-2023	APP – Speaker B&T – President	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	
HB0352 SB0362	Budget Reconciliation & Financing Act of 2024	APP – Speaker Hearing 2/28 B&T – President Hearing 2/29	Referral to Committee 3rd Reading – passed (43-3) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (APP)	CAUTION: 3-17: Watch for amendments to HB 352 this week.
HB0473	Higher Education – Undocumented Students Out-of-State Tuition Exemption Eligibility. Reducing, from 3 years to 1 year, the number of years an individual or the individual's parent or guardian must file taxes before the academic year for eligibility to receive an out-of-state tuition exemption.	APP – Del. Pasteur + Hearing 2/27	3rd Reading passed with amendments (96-37) 1st Reading - Opposite Chamber (EEE)	

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SB0637		EEE – Sens. Brooks & Hettleman Hearing 2/28	Referral to Committee	
HB0694 SB0482	Establish Governor’s Office for Children and the Special Secretary of the Governor’s Office for Children as head of the Office; requires establishment of the ENOUGH grant program and a special non-lapsing fund; assign staff; establish reporting and evaluation requirements; requiring Governor to appropriate \$15 million to the fund for FY2026; etc.	APP – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/28 EEE – request of Admin+ Hearing 3/01	Referral to Committee 3rd Reading – passed (39-6)	
HB0791 SB0552	General Fund Budget – Requiring the Governor to include in the budget an amount ranging from \$10 Million in 2026 and increasing to \$16 Million in 2029 and after to fund the BOOST Scholarship program for low-income children to attend non-public schools.	APP– Del. Ghrist + 36 Republican delegates Hearing 2/20 B&T – Sen. Corderman + all Republican senators Hearing 2/07	Unfavorable report Referral to Committee	
HB0913	Annual Surcharge on Vehicles. Will charge electric vehicles \$100 a year and gasoline powered vehicles \$75 a year. However, gas powered vehicles must continue to pay 47 cents/gallon for gas tax plus sales tax on gas. The funds from the EV fees will be earmarked for the purchase of zero emissions buses; fees from gasoline powered vehicles will continue to go to TTF for road and bridge construction & maintenance and mass transit. There is an annual inflation increase as well for this new fee.	ENT – Dels. Fraser-Hidalgo & Stein Hearing 2/22	Referral to Committee	For FY 2025 – EV Surcharge \$6,858,600 General Surcharge 281,116,069 Total Revenues \$287,974,669 There is no parity or fairness between the fees for EVs and Gas powered vehicles. See also HB 1065 for a fee on EVs only.
HB1025	Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Rates & Vehicle Miles Traveled Tax and Fairbox Recovery Requirements	W&M – Del. M. Morgan + 31 Republican delegates	Referral to Committee	

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SB0841	(Transportation Equity, Fairness & Privacy Act of 2024). Repeals the Motor Fuel tax as of July 1, 2024. Prohibits vehicle miles traveled tax and prohibits the state or local jurisdictions from requiring the installation of a device on or in a privately owned vehicle to facilitate the reporting of the number of miles traveled. Requires that fairbox cover 35% of cost of bus operations to be phased in at 15% for 2025 and rising 5% per year to 35% in 2029.	Hearing 2/27 B&T – Sen. Ready and all Republican delegates Hearing 2/28	Referral to Committee	
HB1072	Increasing the rate of the sales and use tax from 9% to 10% applied to certain sales of alcoholic beverages.	W&M – Del. Barnes Hearing 2/27	Referral to Committee	General fund revenues increase by \$27.8 million and special fund revenues increase by \$3.5 million in FY 2025, based on the current sales & use tax forecast.
HB1073	This bill increases the tobacco tax rate for cigarettes from \$3.75 to \$4.50 per package of 20 cigarettes and from 17.5 cents to 22.5 cents per cigarette in a package of more than 20 cigarettes.	W&M – Del. Barnes Hearing 2/27	Referral to Committee	The \$.06 sales and use tax is applied to the total price of the package of cigarettes.
HB1515	Reduces the sales tax rate to 5% and extends it to most services including salon, auto mechanics, trash pickup services, accounting, funeral services, dry cleaning, media streaming services, etc.	W&M – Del. Moon Hearing 3/11	Referral to Committee	Fiscal Note estimates the change will generate \$3 Billion a year increased revenue.
SB0782	Motor Fuel Tax Rates – CPI Adjustment – Suspension by the Board of Public Works. The Board of Public works may temporarily suspend an increase in the motor fuel tax rates due to: adverse economic conditions; a public emergency; or other extraordinary circumstances.	B&T – Sen. Hershey Hearing 2/21	Referral to Committee	

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SB1065	Motor Vehicle Registration & Annual Surcharge. Requiring the owner of a plug-in electric vehicle or fuel cell electric vehicle to pay a \$100 annual surcharge in addition to the annual registration fee; the surcharge may be paid in installments or annually; the proceeds to be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund and used for funding zero emissions fueled buses and zero emission vehicles for the state fleet; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to refuse to register or renew or transfer the registration of a motor vehicle for failure to pay the surcharge.	B&T – Sen. Guzzone Hearing 2/29	3rd Reading – passed (44-1) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (ENT)	
CANNABIS				
HB0217	Prohibiting cannabis use in a motor vehicle with a minor occupant.	JUD – Del. R. Long Hearing 1/24	Referral to Committee	
HB0253	Cannabis Reform – Alterations	ECM – request of MD Cannabis Admin Hearing 2/23	3rd Reading – passed (114-22) Hearing 3/20 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (FIN)	
HB0320	Criminal Procedure – Stops and Searches – Cannabis Odor & Admission of Evidence (Drug-free Roadways Act of 2024)	JUD – Del. Pippy et al Hearing 2/27	Referral to Committee	
SB0396		JPR – Sen. Folden et al Hearing 2/02	Referral to Committee	
HB0441	Cannabis Related Offense. Substituting civil penalties in place of criminal penalties for offenses relating to possessing, possessing with intent to distribute, and cultivating cannabis and manufacturing cannabis products. Deletes “Civil Use Amount” and imposes a fine of \$250 or 75 hours of Community Service for a violation of possession of more than 1.5 oz of cannabis (no upper limit on amount	JUD – Del. Davis Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee	
SB0619		JPR – Sen. Carter Hearing 2/16	Referral to Committee	

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	stated). Requires a person under age 21 to take an education program.			
SB0399	Cannabis Advertising – Prohibited Locations	JPR – Sen. West Hearing 3/07	Referral to Committee	
	CIVIL RIGHTS – CRIMINAL LAW LAW ENFORCEMENT			
HB0005	Criminal Law – Indecent Exposure within the Presence of a Minor.	JUD – Del. Crosby Hearing 1/23	3rd Reading -passed (141-0) 1st Reading - Opposite Chamber (JPR)	
SB0130		JPR – Sen. Bailey Hearing 1/25	3rd Reading – passed (46-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (JUD)	
HB0008	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 – Del. Fraser-Hidalgo Hearing 1/23	Referral to Committee	
SB0048		JPR – Sen. Kagan Hearing 1/24	Referral to Committee	
HB0027	No -Knock Warrants – Repeal. A search warrant may not authorize a law enforcement officer executing the warrant to enter a building, an apartment, a premises, or a place to be searched without first announcing the law enforcement officer’s purpose and authority.	JUD – Del. Acevero Hearing 2/27	Referral to Committee	
HB0031	Juvenile Law - Electronic Harassment & Bullying -Inquiry by Intake Officer. Requires a Dept. of Juvenile Services intake	JUD – Del. Cardin Hearing 2/08	Unfavorable report Withdrawn	

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	officer to forward a complaint that alleges a violation involving the misuse of electronic communication or interactive computer service (adding under Sub-section 3-805 of the Criminal Law Article) and a related case file to the State’s Attorney if the juvenile intake officer declines to propose an informal adjustment			
HB0059	Crimes of Violence – Motor Vehicle theft. Adds motor vehicle theft to carjacking & armed carjacking as a crime of violence	JUD – Del. Mangione Hearing 2/06	Referral to Committee	See also HB 0422
HB0073 SB0454	Criminal Procedure – Expungement – Completion of sentence. “Completion of the sentence” means the time when a sentence has expired, including any period of probation, parole, or mandatory supervision.”	JUD – Del. Bartlett Hearing 3/05 JPR – Sen. Carter Hearing 2/09	2nd Reading – passed with amendments Referral to Committee	
HB0099 SB0113	Criminal Law – Sexual Solicitation of a Minor Through Child Pornography - Prohibition	JUD – Del. Bartlett Hearing 1/23 JPR – Sen. Kelly Hearing 1/25	3rd Reading - passed (141-0) 1st Reading - Opposite Chamber (JPR) 3rd Reading – passed (46-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (JUD)	
HB0115 SB0004	Criminal Procedure – Victims’ Rights – Notification of release from confinement (Jaycee Webster Victims’ Rights Act). Requires the correctional facility to include in the notification of release sent to the victim or witness the name	JUD – Del. Kaufman Hearing 2/01 JPR – Sen. Waldstreicher	Referral to Committee Passed 3rd Reading	

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	and telephone number of the lead victim services employee of the county state’s attorney’s office in which the sentenced defendant or child respondent was prosecuted.	Hearing 2/01	(46-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (JUD)	2nd Reading – passed with amendments
HB0175 SB0054	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 Hearing 2/07 EEE – Sen. Carter Hearing 2/06	3rd Reading – passed (123-13) Referral to Committee	
HB0303	Public Safety – Persistent Aerial Surveillance. Prohibiting persistent aerial surveillance by a unit, an agency, or a political subdivision of the State to gather evidence or other information in a criminal investigation, subject to certain exceptions; and defining "persistent aerial surveillance" as the use of aircraft to record video or a concurrent series of images or pictures that when viewed in aggregate depict a person's actions over time.	JUD – Del. Grammar and Del. Young Hearing 1/30	Referral to Committee	
HB0304 SB0039	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.	JUD – Del. Munoz Hearing 1/31 JPR – Sen. Ready & all Republican senators Hearing 2/01	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	
HB0316 SB0028	Violent Firearm Offenders’ Act. Makes possession or use of a firearm by an individual on probation, parole, or mandatory supervision a non-technical violation. Changes from a misdemeanor to a felony use of an assault weapon, a rapid fire trigger activator, or a magazine that has a capacity of more than 10 rounds of ammunition, in the commission of	JUD – Del. Valentine and 38 Republican delegates Hearing 2/28 JPR – Sen. Folden and all Republican senators	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	

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	a felony or a crime of violence. Adds a requirement for the correctional facility to provide incarcerated individuals with a “re-entry” kit that includes supplies for basic human needs including clothing and toiletries; an identification card and information on Medicaid, housing & other services to aid in re-entry to the community.	Hearing 1/25		
	<i>NOTE: See additional firearm related Crime Bills under Second Amendment heading</i>			
HB0319 SB0052	Juvenile Justice Restoration Act 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.	JUD – Del. Kipke et al Hearing 2/08 JPR – Sen. Folden et al Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	SUPPORT See also HB 814 (SB 744) on other proposed reforms.
HB0392 SB0057	Evidence – Wiretapping & Electronic Surveillance – Fair Housing Testing	JUD – Del. Stewart Hearing 2/07 JPR – Sen. Sydnor Hearing 1/30	Favorable with amendments 2nd Reading – passed with amendments	
HB0422	Criminal Law – Crime of Violence – Definition	JUD – Del. Attar Hearing 2/06	Referral to Committee	
HB0445	Minors convicted as adults transfer to Juvenile Court. If the	JUD – Del. Simpson	Referral to Committee	

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SB0601	individual against whom the minor is convicted of committing the offense previously committed a sex crime under title 3, subtitle 3 or human trafficking under title 3, subtitle 11 of the criminal law article against the minor within 3 months before the offense for which the minor was convicted, the court may transfer the minor to the juvenile court for sentencing as a juvenile.	Hearing 2/08 JPR – Sen. Folden Hearing 2/22		
HB0446	Jury Service Disqualification. Provides that a person who has been convicted of a crime punishable by imprisonment exceeding 1 year and is currently serving the sentence imposed for the conviction, including a term of parole or probation, or has been convicted of a crime involving or relating to perjury, witness intimidation, jury intimidation, or fraud or a related crime is not qualified for jury service.	JUD – Del. Robertson et al Hearing 2/14	Referral to Committee	Current law prohibits a person convicted of a federal or state crime outlined in the bill, with a sentence imposed exceeding 1 year, to serve on a jury unless pardoned.
HB0547	Crime of Violence for crime in an Educational Facility, Medical Facility or Place of Worship (Sacred Places Safety Act.) Penalty: A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony and, in addition to any other penalty imposed for the underlying crime of violence, on conviction is subject to imprisonment not exceeding 10 years.	JUD – Del. Alston + 25 bi-partisan delegates Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee	
HB0553 SB0438	Establishing that a parent has the fundamental right to direct the upbringing, education, care, and welfare of the parent’s child; and prohibiting the State or a political subdivision from infringing on a parent’s fundamental right to direct the upbringing, care, and welfare of the parent’s child unless the State or political subdivision can demonstrate by clear and convincing evidence certain factors	JUD – Del. Miller, Del. Alston + 34 Republican delegates Hearing 2/15 JPR – Sen. Ready, Sen. Watson + 12 Republican senators Hearing 2/14	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	

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HB0575 SB0471	Victim Compensation Reform Act. Provide faster access to money for immediate needs for funeral or emergency relocation expenses, etc. Alters duties, powers & procedures of the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board and staff.	JUD – request of Admin + bipartisan delegates Hearing 2/06 JPR – request of Admin + Hearing 2/09	2nd Reading – passed with amendments Referral to Committee	
HB0597 SB0470	Growing Apprenticeships and the Public Safety Workforce (gaps) Act. Changes Law Enforcement Public Safety Cadet Program to the Public Safety Apprenticeship Program for training potential public safety (police, fire, rescue) personnel. Requires the MD Police Training Commission to develop mental health & wellness policies.	JUD – request of Admin + bi-partisan group of delegates Hearing 2/06 JPR – request of Admin + bi-partisan group of senators Hearing 2/09	2nd Reading – passed with amendments 2nd Reading – passed with amendments	
HB0603 SB0571	Consumer Protection – Online Products and Services – Data of Children (Maryland Kids Code). Requiring entity that offers an online product reasonably likely to be accessed by children to complete a data protection impact assessment by April 1, 2026; and a data protection impact material that contain graphic or obscene depictions of sexual activity that are not age appropriate or used as part of the approved instructional materials for instruction on family life and human sexuality.	ECM – Dels. Solomon, Wilson, and Love Hearing 2/13 FIN – Sens. Kramer, Hester, and West Hearing 2/14	3rd Reading – passed (135-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (FIN) 3rd Reading – passed (46-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (ECM)	
HB0758 SB0927	Criminal Law – Crime of Violence includes an assault in the second degree of an employee or a subcontractor of a public or private elementary or secondary school. (School Assault Reduction & Prevention Act.	JUD – Del. Hutchinson + Hearing 2/20 JPR – Sen. Mautz Hearing 3/05	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	

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HB0814 SB0744	Juvenile Justice - Reform. Applies to minors at least 13 years old or at least 10 years old accused of committing a violent crime or a crime involving weapons, firearms, animals, or a sexual offense in the third degree, or theft of a motor vehicle. Will require law enforcement to complete written statements to be shared with Dept. of Juvenile Services when a minor is taken into custody. Reduces time line for intake decisions to provide minors with services needed. Creates a paper trail on what happens to when a minor is arrested. Increases length of probation to ensure that children under Juvenile Services complete rehabilitation program – up to 2 years in four month increments for misdemeanors and up to 4 years in four month increments for felonies.	JUD – Speaker & Del. Clippinger Hearing 2/08 JPR – President & Sen. Smith Hearing 2/09	3rd Reading passed (126-6) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (JPR) 3rd Reading – passed (43-2) 1st Reading - Opposite Chamber (JUD)	See also HB 0319 (SB 0052) for other proposed reforms
HB1057	Establishing the Task Force to Study the Use and Possession of De Minimis Quantities of Controlled Dangerous Substances; and requiring the Task Force to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2025.	JUD – Del. Ruth Hearing 2/20	Referral to Committee	
HB1248 SB0326	Juvenile Law. Questioning of Juveniles. Amends Public Safety Exceptions to the Juvenile Interrogation Act of 2022. Adds that where probable cause exists for the law enforcement 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.	JUD – Del. Metzgar Hearing 2/22 JPR – Sen. Carozza, Sen. Watson, Sen. West, Sen. Klausmeier, Sen. Hershey Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	MFRW Priority - SUPPORT
SB0039	Classifying the theft of a firearm as a felony; and establishing a penalty for theft of a firearm of imprisonment not	JPR – Sen. Ready and all Republican Senators	Referral to Committee	

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	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.	Hearing 2/01		
SB0065	Criminal Law – Child Pornography – Prohibitions and Penalties	JPR – Sen. James Hearing 1/25	3rd Reading – passed (46-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (JUD)	2nd Reading – passed with amendments
SB0073	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 – Sen. Watson, Sen. Carozza, Sen. Muse, Sen. West Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee	
	EDUCATION			
HB0025	Prohibiting sexually explicit materials in elementary, middle, and secondary public-school libraries and media centers; defining sexually explicit materials as books and auditory and visual material that contain graphic or obscene depictions of sexual activity that are not age appropriate or used as part of the approved instructional materials for instruction on family life and human sexuality.	W&M – Del. Mangione Hearing 1/31	Unfavorable report	SUPPORT
HB0047	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. Szeliga + 16 Republican delegates Hearing 1/31	Unfavorable report	Strongly SUPPORT MFRW PRIORITY
SB0381		EEE – Sen. Carozza and all Republican senators Hearing 2/07	Referral to Committee	Read detailed info on differences in strength, power and speed between males and females in the new MFRW brochure: “Boys

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				<i>Competing in Girls' Sports – Is it Fair?"</i>
HB0065	Public Schools – Medical and Psychological Treatment in School–Based Health Centers and Public Schools – Parental Notice. A school health practitioner, health care practitioner, or certified school psychologist employed by or under a contract with a school–based health center, local school system, or local health department to provide school health services at a public school shall 30 provide to a student’s parent or guardian information about any consultation, diagnosis, or treatment provided to the student	HGO & W&M – Del. Miller HGO – Hearing 3/13	Referral to Committee	SUPPORT
HB0200 SB0161	Community Schools: 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 –Del. Wilkins Hearing 1/30 B&T – Sen. A. Washington Hearing 1/24	3rd Reading – passed (133-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (B&T) 3rd Reading – passed (46-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (W&M/APP)	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

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				large population counties.
HB0204 SB0165	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 – Del. Attar et al Hearing 1/23 EEE - Sen. Hettleman et al Hearing 1/17	3rd Reading – passed (115-26) 1st Reading - Opposite Chamber (EEE) 3rd Reading – passed (45-0) Hearing 3/20 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (APP and W&M)	
HB0206	Parents and Guardians Notice and Required Counseling. Makes it unlawful for a parent or guardian of a student in a public school, after receiving notice under § 7–304.2 of the education article of the child’s violent and disruptive behavior on school premises or during school–related activities, to fail to seek and participate in counseling with that child.	W&M – Del. R. Long Hearing 1/31	Referral to Committee	
HB0558	Primary and Secondary Education – Comprehensive Health Education Framework – Established. Requiring the State Department of Education, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Health, to develop a Comprehensive Health Education Framework; requiring each county board of education to create an age-appropriate curriculum that is consistent with the comprehensive health education framework; requiring each county board to establish policies, guidelines, and procedures for a parent or guardian to opt out of the family life and human sexuality	W&M – Del. Atterbearly Hearing 2/07	3rd Reading – passed (97-36) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE)	Identical to the original HB 0119 of 2023. It does not contain the penalties of the amended HB 0119 that passed the House but not the Senate. However, there is no requirement for the State Board in

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	and/or gender identity and sexual orientation topics but not the education related to HIV and AIDS			<p>developing the Comprehensive Health Education Framework to seek input from citizens, parents or community on what is age appropriate, or to encourage stable 2-parent families.</p> <p>View current plan at https://marylandpublicschools.org and key in Comprehensive Health Education Framework to read the plan for pre-K to 12th grade.</p>
<p>HB0615</p> <p>SB0512</p>	<p>Education - Prohibited Behavior on School Grounds and Property – Application. Remove prohibition and penalties for disruptive or threatening behavior in school, or at school activities, or on school property by students at the school they attend, or at a sponsored activity at another school including sports or other extra-curricular activity. Listed applicable disruptive & threatening categories are: Attendance; Arson, Fire or Explosives; Dangerous substances; Sex Offenses; Attack with a weapon, threat or fighting.</p> <p>Applies to elementary, secondary, or higher education institutions.</p>	<p>W&M – Del. Ruth et al Hearing 2/14</p> <p>EEE – Sen. A. Washington Hearing 2/28</p>	<p>3rd Reading – passed (94-38)</p> <p>1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE)</p> <p>Referral to Committee</p>	<p>OPPOSE</p> <p>Schools should be safe (same as HB 1114 of 2023.) Proponents cite minority students charged disproportionately. Needs to separate attendance and fighting from sex offenses & other serious threatening behavior.</p> <p>Should consider repeat behavior. Could protect students disrupting or</p>

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				shouting down a guest speaker or event with whom they disagree.
HB0620	Education – Sexual Abuse & Assault Awareness and Program – Human and Sex Trafficking.	W&M – Del. S. Johnson Hearing 2/14	3rd Reading – passed (138-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE)	
HB0758 SB0927	Criminal Law - Crime of Violence - Second Degree Assault of a School Employee or Subcontractor (School Assault Reduction and Prevention Act) Establishing second degree assault of an employee or a subcontractor of a public or private elementary or secondary school as a crime of violence for certain purposes.	JUD – Del. Hutchison + Hearing 2/20 JPR – Sen. Mautz Hearing 3/05	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	
HB0785 SB0738	Freedom to Read Act. Defines “State standards for libraries” that each library is operated in a manner that recognizes the following standards: (1) library materials, services, and resources exist and should be provided for the interest, information, and enlightenment of all persons the library serves ; (2) a library should not exclude material from its catalogue because of the origin, background, or views of a person who created the material; (3) a library should not prohibit or remove material from its catalogue because of partisan or doctrinal disapproval. It is the General Assembly’s intent that any library, school library , resource center, or other library arrangement developed by the state library agency that receives funding from the state shall adopt and follow a written policy consistent with the state standards for libraries enumerated in this bill. Receipt of funding for libraries is contingent on adopting these standards and the	W&M – Del. D. Jones + Hearing 2/21 EEE – Sen. King + Hearing 2/23	3rd Reading – passed (98-37) 3rd Reading – passed (45-0) Hearing 3/27 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (W&M)	Caution -- Concern Would not allow school libraries to withhold age inappropriate (violence, sex, etc.) books or materials from students. Note: Both bills were amended by their original chamber. Differences to be reconciled.

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	state librarian may request the comptroller to withhold funds if the standards are not followed.			
HB0945 SB0771	<p>Education – Initial Teacher Certification – Requirements. Changing requirements to allow completing one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pass a basic skills assessment ● Hold a degree from a regionally accredited educational institution and have earned a minimum overall cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or its equivalent on the most recently earned degree; or ● Submit documentation satisfactory to the department of satisfactory evaluations from a local school system from completion of a rigorous Teacher Induction Program for the lesser of: 3 years; or the amount of time a teacher may hold a conditional teacher certificate. <p>Repeals certification requirements to pass certain other literacy tests and certain skills assessment, and reading mastery tests.</p>	<p>W&M – Del. Ebersol + Hearing 2/28</p> <p>EEE – Sen. M. Washington + Hearing 2/23</p>	<p>3rd Reading – passed (135-0)</p> <p>3rd Reading – passed (45-0) Hearing 3/27 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (W&M)</p>	Appears to loosen the requirements to gain initial certification as a teacher in MD.
HB1027	Requiring County Boards of Education by January 1 each year, based on star ratings, to notify parents of students that the school is failing (1 star rating) and provide a list of options; establishing the Right to Learn Program to provide students in failing schools with scholarships. Establishing the Broadening Options and Opportunities for Students Today Program to provide scholarships for students eligible for free and reduced-price lunches to attend a non-public school.	W&M – Del. Fisher + Hearing 2/21	Referral to Committee	SUPPORT
HB1115	County Boards of Education – Budgets – Notice (Transparency in Education Spending Act).	APP – Del. Solomon & Paklovich-Carr	Referral to Committee	

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SB1026	Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt a process for the uniform and timely reporting of county board of education budget information to a county governing body; requiring a county board of education to post the information on the county board's website; requiring a transfer of 1% or more to be made only following the approval of the county commissioners or county council with exception for emergency transfers.	Hearing 3/07 EEE – Sen. Brooks Hearing 3/06	Referral to Committee	
HB1181 SB1058	Education – Antihate and Holocaust Education (Educate to Stop Hate Act). Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum standards resources by January 1, 2025 to revise and enhance history and social studies frameworks to include instruction on the holocaust and hate; requiring all public schools and nonpublic schools receiving state funds to include the revised and enhanced instruction in school curricula beginning in the 2025-2026 school year.	W&M – Del. Wilson Hearing 2/28 EEE – Sen. Kramer + Hearing 2/23	Referral to Committee 3rd Reading – passed (41-5) Hearing 3/27 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (W&M)	
HB1257 SB0917	Public Schools - Restorative Practices - Establishment. Requires the MD State Dept. of Education to develop a comprehensive plan to implement requirements for establishment of restorative practices in every school in the State over time. Each school would hire a restorative practices coach.	W&M - Del. Pasteur & Addison Hearing 2/28 EEE - Sen. Brooks Hearing 3/6	3rd Reading – passed (128-6) Referral to Committee	OPPOSE
HB1432 SB1025	Extending dates related to the family share for tier II children in publicly funded prekindergarten; altering dates related to the proportion of eligible private provider prekindergarten slots; repealing authorization for the State Dept. of Education to exclude by annual waiver tier I children who are 4 years old from a 2028 prekindergarten slot calculation; establishing a process for the AIB to withhold funding from a County Board for inappropriate spending identified in a	APP & W&M – Del. Miller + APP – Hearing 3/06 EEE – Sen. Hershey Hearing 3/06	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	

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	fiscal audit, an annual school–based expenditure report, or an investigation by the Inspector General for Education; and(2) unsatisfactory results on the Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program (MCAP).			
SB0005	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 – Sen. Augustine Hearing 1/24	Referral to Committee	
SB0112	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 – Sen. Salling Hearing 1/17	Referral to Committee	
	ELECTIONS - VOTING			
HB0014	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 – Chair at request of State Board of Elections Hearing 1/25	3rd Reading – passed (138-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE)	HB 0014 - Testimony is for <u>sponsors only</u> .
SB0271	Also requires the public official in charge of the use of a building to grant a request of the local Board of Elections to use the building for Early Voting.	EEE – Chair at request of State Board of Elections Hearing 1/30	3rd Reading – passed (45-0) Hearing 3/19 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (APP and W&M)	2nd Reading – passed with amendments

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HB0040	Replace the requirement for a post-election hand audit of a percentage of the votes cast in an election with a Post Election Risk Limiting Audit. A risk- limiting audit uses 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 manual count of the voter–verifiable paper records would find a different outcome than the outcome determined by the electronic count. Also changes the requirement for an automated software audit of electronic images of all ballots cast to an option.	W&M – Del. Kaiser Hearing 2/01 Senate EEE	3rd Reading – passed (128-10) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE)	A similar bill passed the House last year and remained in the Senate Committee.
SB0523	Replace the requirement for a post-election hand audit of a percentage of the votes cast in an election with a Post Election Risk Limiting Audit. A risk- limiting audit uses 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 manual count of the voter–verifiable paper records would find a different outcome than the outcome determined by the electronic count. Also changes the requirement for an automated software audit of electronic images of all ballots cast to an option.	EEE – Sen. M. Washington Hearing 2/21	Referral to Committee	The statistical methods are computer programmed applications. Can they be manipulated to one Party’s or candidate’s advantage?
HB0080	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 – Del. Boyce Hearing 1/17	3rd Reading – passed (102-35) EEE – 1st Reading	
SB0812	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.	EEE – Sen. Ellis Hearing 2/21	Referral to Committee	
HB0081	Constitutional Amendment – Requires ALL COUNTIES to adopt Charter Home Rule form of government by 2030. County Commission appoints 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 – Del. Bouchat Hearing 2/06	Referral to Committee	Note: This is a major change in how counties adopt Charter form of Government.
HB0132	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	W&M – Del. Cardin Hearing 1/17	Referral to Committee	

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	entity of a candidate for any non-federal public office in the State or any other campaign finance entity organized in support of a candidate for any non-federal public office in the State.			
HB0142	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 – Del. R. Long Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee	<p align="center">SUPPORT</p> <p align="center">MFRW Priority</p> <p>Requires Voter ID to vote. See also HB 0192.</p>
HB0164	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 – Del. R. Long Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee	<p align="center">SUPPORT</p>
HB0192	Establish a voter's identity by requiring the voter to present a valid government-issued photo identification or a valid non-government-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 – Del. R. Long Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee	<p align="center">SUPPORT</p> <p align="center">MFRW Priority</p> <p>Requires Voter ID to vote. See another option in HB 0142.</p>
HB0202	Absentee Ballot Signature Requirements to include verification of signature on absentee ballot return envelopes.	W&M – Del. R. Long Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee	<p align="center">SUPPORT</p>

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HB0257 SB0099	To authorize unaffiliated voters to request to affiliate with a political party at an early voting center during a primary election and vote a provisional ballot for the voter’s preferred political party.	W&M – Del. Qi Hearing 2/06 EEE – Sen. Kagan Hearing 1/30	Referral to Committee Favorable report Recommitted to EEE	
HB0333	Election Law - Election Disinformation on Large Social Media Platforms and Influence Related to Voting. Requiring each large Social Media Platform of more than 1,000,000 monthly active users in the United States to make reasonable efforts to prevent, detect, and remove accounts and posts that communicate election disinformation in the State. “Election disinformation” means incorrect or misleading information about election procedures, election results, or voting rights in the state. The social media platform must report election disinformation by providing the post and the name of the account to the State Board of Elections within 48 hours after they become aware of an account or a post. St Board can impose a fine of \$10,000 for a first offense for failing to notify the State Board. State Board would attempt to contact those receiving the disinformation posts	W&M - Dels. Rosenberg & Wilkins Hearing 2/06 .	Referral to Committee	<p align="center">Alert – OPPOSE</p> <p>Concerns about First Amendment Rights and intimidation or denial of account to any group expressing opinions about an election procedure or election results, or voting rights.</p> <p>3-17; Amendments limit the bill to providing portal on St. Bd. Website to receive complaints and the Bd of issue corrections or refer items to State Prosecutor.</p>
HB0347 SB0140	Establishing requirements for filling of a vacancy in the office of Senator or Delegate in the General Assembly by a central committee of a political party under the Maryland Constitution relating to applications, public notice, public meetings, and voting. Requiring a member of the central committee who applies to fill the vacancy to recuse themselves from voting to fill the vacancy.	W&M – Del. Palakovich-Carr and Del. Griffith Hearing 2/06 EEE – Sen. Lam Hearing 1/30	2nd Reading – passed with amendments Referral to Committee	See also SB 0029

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HB0371 SB0115	Election Law – Recounts – Procedures. To require a petitioner for a recount to select from the following methods for conducting a recount: (1) rescanning ballots using same tabulating equipment as used in the election; (2) rescanning ballots using alternate equipment, if available; or (3) conducting a manual recount method. Require a local board of elections to preserve and store certain voter-verifiable paper records	W&M – Del. Grossman Hearing 2/06 EEE – Sen. Kagan Hearing 1/30	Referral to Committee 3rd Reading – passed (46-0) Hearing 3/19 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (W&M)	
HB0373	Election Law – Voting Age – Board of Education. Constitutional Amendment to allow the General Assembly to authorize a County to enact a local law to lower the voting age for voting for an elected county board of education to 16 years of age.	W&M – Del. Vogel Hearing 2/06	Referral to Committee	
HB0412	General Assembly – Special Election to fill a Vacancy in Office	W&M – Del. Foley Hearing 2/06	Referral to Committee	
HB0423	Montgomery County – voting methods (mc-1-24). To allow the Montgomery County Council to adopt by law “approval voting” (a method of casting and tabulating votes in which voters may choose any number of candidates and the candidate chosen most often is elected). Or “ranked-choice voting” (means a method of casting and tabulating votes in which voters rank candidates in order of preference and votes are tabulated in a manner that reflects voter preference) for any one or more of the following offices: County Executive; member of the County Council; Judge of the Circuit Court; State’s Attorney, Register of Wills; Sheriff; and member of the Board of Education. A local law enacted under this subsection may provide for: the ballot format; procedures for tabulating votes; and any other provision necessary to implement ranked-choice voting or approval	W&M – Montgomery County delegation Hearing 2/06	Referral to Committee	<p>Strongly OPPOSE MFRW Priority</p> <p>Send written testimony or emails to W&M Committee members. This is precedent-setting for the entire state.</p> <p>It affects elected offices that are constitutional offices such as: Sheriff, Judge of the Circuit Court, and State’s Attorney.</p>

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	voting. Such local law shall provide for an educational campaign on how to vote with ranked-choice or approval voting.			<p>If the local law can provide for ballot format, vote tabulating provisions and “any other provision necessary to implement ranked-choice or approval voting”, the County Council could allow non-citizens to vote in these elections. It will require a substantial increase in cost for election and educational programs.</p> <p>Will significantly increase time required to vote for 3 or more choices for each office and lead to drop-off of votes for down-ballot (local) offices.</p>
<p>HB0434</p> <p>SB1143</p>	<p>Persons Providing Lobbyist Compensation – Statement of Political Contributions – Exemption for Nonprofits. Exempts nonprofit organizations qualified under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code from the requirement for a person providing regulated lobbyist compensation of at least \$500 during a reporting period to file a statement of lobbyist compensation and political contributions to elected officials or candidates with the State Board of Elections</p>	<p>W&M – Del. Atterbeary Hearing 2/06</p> <p>EEE – Sen. Kagan</p>	<p>3rd Reading – passed (122-13)</p> <p>1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE)</p> <p>1st Reading – Senate Rules</p>	

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HB0436	Voter Registration Age & Notification Lowering from 16 years old to 15 years and 9 months old the age at which an individual may register to vote; requiring that a voter notification card be sent to an individual under the age of 18 years include information on when the individual will be eligible to vote; and requiring the county election director to send a notice to that voter that they are eligible to vote and include information on the voting methods and voting locations.	W&M – Del. Fair + Hearing 2/06	3rd Reading – passed (106-32) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE)	Identical to SB 515 on the age to register but HB 446 contains voter notification requirements.
HB0479	Amend the Maryland Constitution to require a candidate for Governor in a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor within 21 days after the primary election; requiring a candidate seeking a nomination for Governor by any method other than a primary election to designate a candidate for Lieutenant Governor at the time of filing a declaration of intent to seek nomination. To be submitted to voters at the general election in November 2024.	W&M – Del. Smith Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee	OPPOSE
SB0372		EEE – Sen. Sydnor Hearing 2/21	3rd Reading – passed (40-6) Hearing 3/19 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (W&M)	
HB0792	“Draft committee” means an entity organized to encourage a potential candidate to run for office but is not authorized by the potential candidate. “Exploratory Committee” means an entity established by a potential candidate for a public office to determine the potential candidate’s viability for that public office. “Exploratory Committee” does not include a political committee. Provisions that apply to a political committee also apply to a draft committee or an exploratory committee.	W&M – Del. D. Jones Hearing 2/20	Referral to Committee	
SB0016		EEE – Sen. Kagan Hearing 1/30	3rd Reading – passed (44-0) Hearing 3/19 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (W&M)	
HB0800	Voting Rights Act of 2024. Prohibiting local governments from impairing or diminishing the right of a protected class member (race, color, or language minority group) to vote or	W&M – Del. Smith Hearing 2/20	Referral to Committee	OPPOSE

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SB0660	influence election outcomes; establish requirements to shift methods of election and districting plans from at-large and/or districts to adopting Ranked choice voting, cumulative voting and limited voting methods; requiring the Civil Rights Division of the Attorney General to approve or deny proposed local government remedies and refer them to the Circuit Court of Anne Arundel County; to address violations; establishing the Statewide Election Database and Information Office.	EEE – Sen. Sydnor Hearing 2/21	Referral to Committee	
HB1088 SB0605	Automatic Voter Registration Alterations. Provides detailed instructions for Motor Vehicle Admin. (MVA) registering applicants to vote including requirement to be a U.S. Citizen, but on Page 5-6 states (4) the bill states MVA shall offer an applicant for an applicable transaction a voter registration opportunity through an automatic voter registration system in accordance with § 3–203 of this subtitle if the applicant: (i) is not currently registered to vote in the state; and (ii) presents only documents that do not demonstrate whether the applicant is a United States citizen at the time of the applicable transaction, or the applicant does not present any document at the time of the applicable transaction.	W&M – Del. Feldmark Hearing 2/27 EEE – Sen. M. Washington Hearing 2/21	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	Very troubling provision to accept applications to register to vote without proof of U.S. citizenship.
SB0029	Requiring that a special election be held to fill a vacancy in the office of or resolve a tie for election as Delegate or Senator in the General Assembly unless the vacancy occurs during the year in which the General Assembly is elected; requiring that a special election to fill a vacancy or resolve a tie be conducted by mail; requiring the State Board of Elections and the local board of elections to each pay 50% of the cost of postage-paid envelopes for a special election;	EEE – Sen. Kagan Hearing 1/30	3rd Reading – passed (43-2) Hearing 3/19 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (W&M)	

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SB0364	Prohibiting a person from willfully or knowingly casting a ballot in a general election in more than one state in the same year.	EEE – Sens. Ready & Carozza Hearing 2/21	Referral to Committee	SUPPORT
SB0493	Requires that, in the 2028 statewide primary election, each contest for the nomination by a political party of a candidate for the office of President of the United States must be conducted using ranked-choice voting	EEE – Sen. Kagan Hearing 3/01	Referral to Committee	Strongly OPPOSE
SB0913	Approval voting authorized by county government. “Approval voting” means a method of casting and tabulating votes in which voters may choose any number of candidates and the candidate chosen most often is elected. The governing body of a county may, by law, adopt an approval voting method for elections for offices in the executive or legislative branches of county government. A local law enacted shall provide for an educational campaign explaining how to vote using approval voting. The State Board of Elections may adopt regulations governing the administration of elections conducted using approval voting.	EEE – Sen. McKay Hearing 2/21		Strongly OPPOSE Choose the candidate that you think will do the best job. This bill reduces elections to a popularity contest. It will increase time to vote and cause confusion and mistrust in the outcome of the election. See also comments on HB 0423.
	ENERGY – ENVIRONMENT ECONOMY			
HB0001 SB0325	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 & ECM – Del. Boyce + Hearing 2/07 EEE – Sen. Brooks & Sen. West	ENT - 3rd Reading – passed (99-37) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE) EEE – Passed 3rd Reading (33-12)	Appears to be aimed at individual buyers and not to builders or developers.

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		Hearing 2/06	1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (ENT and ECM)	
HB0089	The One Less Car Act. To help reduce greenhouse gasses & climate change – provides a \$1,000 refundable tax credit to a qualified taxpayer who is at least 18 years old with less than \$75,000 income who does not own or lease a vehicle or be listed on an auto insurance policy for at least 6 months a year during tax years 2024-28. Does not prohibit another person in the household from owning or leasing a motor vehicle.	W&M – Del. R. Lewis Hearing 2/01	Referral to Committee	
HB0120 SB0032	Economic Development – MD Watermen’s Microloan Program – Eligibility. Expands eligibility for the MD Watermen's Microloan Program within the Maryland Agricultural and Resource-based Industry Development Corporation to include, starting July 1, 2025, individuals who are residents of the state and hold a commercial fishing license to catch finfish, crabs, clams, or oysters issued by the Potomac River Fisheries Commission.	ENT – Del. T. Morgan Hearing 2/07 FIN – Sen. Bailey Hearing 2/06	3rd Reading – passed (134-2) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (FIN) 3rd Reading – passed (46-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber	
HB0150	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 from this fee shall be deposited into the Maryland Strategic Energy Investment Fund and used to	ENT – Del. Fraser-Hidalgo Hearing 2/01	Referral to Committee	

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	provide incentives to expand electric vehicle ownership; and expand electric vehicle infrastructure.			
HB0233 SB0306	Authorizes the Critical Area Commission to adopt regulations governing the transfer of development rights, fee in lieu payments, the assessment of and adaptation to climate change relevant to the critical area, enhancing resilience in the critical area, and environmental justice and equity initiatives with special emphasis on underserved and overburdened communities’ public access to the water, shoreline; and ability to add a dwelling of 900 square feet or less to existing dwelling, etc.	ENT – Chair of Critical Area Commission Hearing 2/07 EEE – Chair of Critical Area Commission Hearing 1/31	3rd Reading – passed (122-12) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE) Referral to Committee	
HB0579 SB0474	Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity and Related Approvals – Definition of Generating Station (Critical Infrastructure Streamlining Act of 2024). Altering and establishing the definition of “generating station” for the purpose of exempting the construction of generating facilities (producing 2 megawatt or less) used to produce electricity for the purpose of onsite emergency backup and test and maintenance operations from the requirement to obtain a certificate of public convenience and necessity or certain other related approvals under certain circumstances.	ECM – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/22 EEE – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/22	Referral to Committee 3rd Reading – passed (43-3) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (ECM)	This appears to be in answer to the PSC refusal to allow a proposed Data Center to use a diesel-fueled back-up generator that exceeded the size allowed. See also SB 1025 - Sen. Brooks
HB1101 SB0653	Standing – Environment & Natural Resources Protection Proceedings (Clean Water Justice Act of 2024). Groups with Standing include: an “ association ” defined as “an association, a corporation, or any other organization that consists of two or more members joined by mutual consent for a common purpose. A Circuit Court can impose conditions on a defendant to require the protection of land, air, water, and other natural resources or public health from pollution, impairment, or	ENT – Del. Love et al Hearing 3/01 EEE – Sen. Augustine Hearing 2/27	2nd Reading – passed with amendments Referral to Committee	OPPOSE Fiscal & Policy Note not yet available. This bill appears to allow any two people to be considered as an association and to have standing to intervene in

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	<p>destruction. “Costs of litigation” includes reasonable attorney’s fees, court costs, expert witness fees, and documented costs incurred in investigating alleged violations. “Injury in fact” as an invasion of a legally protected interest that is: (i) concrete and particularized; (ii) actual or imminent; and (iii) not conjectural or hypothetical. (2) “injury in fact” includes: (i) a property right or personal interest that is distinct from, or specifically affected in a way that is distinct from, a property right or personal interest of the general public; and (ii) a negative impact, or the threat of a negative impact, to a person’s health or to the use and enjoyment of a natural resource or environment, including a negative impact to aesthetic, recreational, conservational, and economic interests that may be shared among community members.</p>			<p>cases where the air, water and natural resources are involved and bring complaints against anyone – a homeowner, a Civic Association, a business, or a local government. Even if they don’t win, they can cause expense, worry and loss of time to a neighbor, etc.</p> <p>Could this be used to force all homes in a community to remove gas/oil heating/air conditioning systems as contributing to global warming and impeding the Climate Solutions Now Act?</p>
<p>HB1220 SB0960</p>	<p>Maryland Clean Energy Center and Climate Technology Founders’ Fund established. “Climate technology” includes: solar and wind energy; energy storage devices; grid modernization; (carbon capture utilization and storage; and any other technology defined by the center that: (i) reduces greenhouse gas emissions; (ii) mitigates the impacts of climate change; or (iii) provides a negative emission benefit in the electric, oil, or gas sector. Provides preference for small, minority or women owned or veteran-owned businesses in the clean energy field.</p>	<p>APP – Del. Vogel + Hearing 3/06 B&T – Sen. Feldman Hearing - 3/12</p>	<p>Referral to Committee 3rd Reading – passed (45-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (APP)</p>	

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SB0268	Critical Area Commission - Enforcement. Authorizes the Commission Chair to refer to the Attorney General to bring charges against a local project without allowing 30 days' notice for local government to act. Changes Administrative penalties to "penalties". Expands from applying to "approved project plans" to "an order, a permit, a plan, a local program, this subtitle, or regulations adopted, approved, or issued under this subtitle."	EEE – request of Chair of Critical Area Commission Hearing 1/31	3rd Reading – passed (35-10) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (ENT)	Overrides local government authority for decisions and enforcement of the local critical areas program.
SB0299	Coast Smart Council. Expand authority to develop eligibility criteria, standards, and procedures for categorical exemptions from the application of the coast smart requirements for proposed capital projects that have been designed to include adaptation and resiliency features to prevent or mitigate damage to the maximum extent practicable. The Council may recommend regulations for adoption by the Secretary of Natural Resources to carry out the provisions of this subtitle. Currently the Council establishes procedures for evaluating Coast Smart waiver applications of capital projects.	EEE – request of the Secy. of Natural Resources Hearing 1/31	3rd Reading – passed (44-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (ENT)	The Coast Smart Council is appointed by the Governor. Exemptions are from the anticipated need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from extreme weather events, sea level rise inundation, coastal flooding, storm surges, and shoreline erosion; and (ii) The need to prevent danger to life and property and to avoid environmental, socio-economic, and economic harm.
SB0865	Program Open Space – Use of Property – Renewable Energy. Authorizing the use of land that is acquired or developed with funds available under Program Open Space to be used	EEE – Sen. Augustine Hearing 2/28	Referral to Committee	OPPOSE Generation of electricity is a commercial - industrial business

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	for the generation of electricity from a solar or wind source and the storage of electricity in energy storage devices.			activity. Solar, Wind and geothermal projects and storage facilities are not in keeping with the purposes of Program Open Space.
	HEALTHCARE			
HB0076 SB0018	Health Occupations – Pharmacist Administered Vaccines. Authorizes a pharmacist who has special training to administer vaccines approved by the CDC or is authorized by the FDA to children 5 years or older but under 18. Pharmacist is to advise the child patient and adult caregiver accompanying the child of the importance of well-child visits with a pediatric primary care provider and refers the patient to a pediatric primary care provider when appropriate.	HGO – Del. Lopez Hearing 2/01 FIN – Sen. Augustine & Lam Hearing 2/13	3rd Reading – passed (98-36) Hearing 3/21 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (FIN) 3rd Reading – passed (36-10) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (HGO)	OPPOSE Does NOT require a parent’s knowledge or approval. An “adult caregiver” could be a daycare provider or a neighbor or other person. Could that include unaccompanied minor illegal immigrant children? If an adverse event happened afterward an unaware parent or emergency room might act incorrectly without this knowledge.
HB0096 SB0117	Health – Require MD Dept of Health in its Newborn Screening Program to include screening for Krabbe Leukodystrophy	HGO – Del. Todd Morgan Hearing 2/07 FIN – Sen. Bailey Hearing 2/16	Referral to Committee Favorable with amendments	

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HB0276	Requiring the MD Dept of Health to submit to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention any data regarding abortion requested by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, unless submitting the data would violate federal or State law.	HGO – Del. Grammer Hearing 3/15	Referral to Committee	
HB0411 SB0408	Requiring a licensed health care provider, when issuing a standing order for an opioid reversal drug, to allow an individual to choose any formulation of any opioid reversal drug approved by the federal Food & Drug Administration.	HGO – Del. Kipke Hearing 2/21 FIN – Sen. Klausmeier Hearing 2/20	2nd Reading – passed with amendments Referral to Committee	
HB0522 SB0492	Requiring each county board of education to establish a policy to accommodate students who need telehealth appointments during the school day	W&M – Del. D Jones + Hearing 2/07 EEE – Sen. Kagan Hearing 2/28	3rd Reading – passed (100-38) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE) Referral to Committee	
HB0576 SB0453	Mental Health Emergency Evaluation & Involuntary Admission Procedures and Assisted Outpatient Treatment. Requiring a peace officer, when the peace officer receives a petition for emergency evaluation for an individual, to transport the emergency evaluatee to a nearby emergency facility, rather than the nearest emergency facility; authorizing a psychiatric nurse practitioner to evaluate an emergency evaluatee for purposes of involuntary admission; requiring each county to establish as assisted outpatient treatment program.	HGO – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/14 FIN – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/20	3rd Reading – passed (137-2) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (FIN) Referral to Committee	
HB0583	Create Center for Firearm Violence Prevention within the MD Dept of Health that is focused on a data-driven public	JUD – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/14	2nd Reading – passed with amendments	

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SB0475	health approach to preventing gun violence. Work with local agencies, community & faith-based organizations.	FIN – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/29	3rd Reading – passed (35-11) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (JUD)	
HB0722	Health – Minors – Gender and Sex Transition Procedures. Prohibiting a health care provider from knowingly engaging in or causing medical or surgical procedures to be performed on a minor without the consent of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the minor if performed for the purpose of attempting to alter the appearance of, or affirm the minor's perception of, the minor's gender or sex and the appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex; prohibiting prescribing cross-sex hormones or surgeries except where the individual has 46 XX chromosomes with virilization or 46 XY chromosomes with under virilization or both ovarian & testicular tissue. Penalty for a violation of the Act is a misdemeanor with a mandatory 1 year in prison.	HGO – Del. Arian + 18 bi-partisan delegates Hearing 2/21	Referral to Committee	This is a significant improvement over the current law.
HB0884 SB0862	Public Health - Pregnancy - Coercion (Protecting Pregnant Women Against Coercive Abuse and Human Trafficking). Prohibiting an individual from committing or threatening actions related to sex trafficking, with the intent of coercing a pregnant woman to have an abortion. Providing that a pregnant minor is considered an emancipated minor for purposes of eligibility for public assistance if the minor is denied financial support from a parent or guardian due to the minor's refusal to have an abortion.	HGO – Del. Miller + Hearing 3/15 @ 2 p.m. FIN – Sen. Carozza Hearing 3/13	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	
HB 1091	Establishing the Reproductive Health Care Clinic Security Grant Program in the Governor's Office of Crime Prevention, Youth, and Victim Services to assist reproductive health care	APP – Del. Vogel + Hearing 3/12	Referral to Committee	NOTE: Both sets of bills call for the State to access segregated funds

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SB0975	clinics in the State with costs associated with security improvements and safety operational expenses; and authorizing the Governor in fiscal year 2026 to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$500,000 to the Program.	FIN – Sen. Elfreth + Hearing 3/06	Referral to Committee	paid by health insurance premiums under the state’s health exchange program governed by the Federal Patient Protection & Affordable Care Act. However, a U.S. DHS memorandum of 10/06/2017, states that these funds (\$1.00/month) can only be used for abortion services allowed under the Hyde Amendment that pays for abortion for life-threatening physical condition, rape or incest. Will check further on this issue. Funds in segregated account for MD approximately \$18 million.
HB1412	Establishing the Abortion Care Access Grant Program as a non-lapsing fund, to provide grants to improve access to abortion care services and to improve building security and security for patients and staff. Requiring that segregated abortion premium funds collected by health insurance carriers be used to support improving access to abortion care services and clinic security.	HGO – Del. Lopez Hearing 3/08	Referral to Committee	
SB0947		FIN & B&T – Sen. Kelly Hearing 3/06	Referral to Committee	
LIFE ISSUES				
HB0403	End of Life Options Act. To allow a physician to prescribe medications to end the life of an individual who is diagnosed with a terminal illness with likely less than 6 months to live who requests aid in dying. A health care professional may refuse to participate or to participate in the aid in dying process without penalty.	JUD – Del Hill + 26 Democrat delegates Hearing 2/16	Referral to Committee	OPPOSE Very slippery slope. In Canada and other states reports of denying chemotherapy as “not appropriate” and offering a prescription to end one’s life has
SB0443		JPR – Sen. Waldstreicher, Sen. West et al Hearing 2/08	Referral to Committee	

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				happened. In Canada one can make a request without terminal illness including being too poor.
HB0461	Health – State Advisory Council on Quality Care at the End of Life – Renaming to be the State Advisory Council on Serious Illness Care. The Council studies the impact of State statutes, regulations, policies, and other aspects of public policy on the provision of care at the end of life. Makes recommendations to the Attorney General, the Dept of Health, Aging, and other agencies of State government on their activities affecting the provision of care at the end of life. Advises the General Assembly on legislative proposals affecting care at the end of life.	HGO – Del Martinez et al Hearing 2/07	3rd Reading – passed (136-1) Hearing 3/19 @ 1 p.m. Opposite Chamber (FIN)	
HB1168 SB1028	Human Remains - Alkaline Hydrolysis and Natural Organic Reduction (Green Death Care Options Act). Establishing a regulatory system for reduction operators and reduction facilities; establishing requirements and prohibitions related to the performance of alkaline hydrolysis and natural organic reduction of the human body and the disposition of hydrolyzed or soil remains by certain facilities; prohibiting a person from using or disposing of soil remains produced by natural organic reduction in a certain manner, including by using the soil to grow food for consumption by humans or livestock; etc.	HGO – Del. Kaiser + Hearing 3/05 EEE – Sen. Waldstreicher Hearing 3/05	3rd Reading – passed (127-0) Referral to Committee	CAUTION: Concern about the respectful handling of the deceased. Many funeral homes have crematories on site. Could they also have a Natural Reduction facility? Fumes? Holding areas for “soil” and its handling.
	LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEVELOPMENT/ZONING			
HB0003	Land use – Require local governments to institute an expedited review processes for development of affordable	ENT – Del. Stewart Hearing 1/30	Referral to Committee	

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SB0356	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.	EEE – Sen. Muse Hearing 2/01	Referral to Committee	
HB0007 SB0203	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 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.	ENT – Del. Stewart Hearing 1/30 EEE – Sen. Waldstreicher Hearing 1/25	3rd Reading – passed (105-36) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE) Referral to Committee	
HB0017 SB0274	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	ENT – request of Dept of Planning Hearing 2/06 EEE – request of Dept of Planning	3rd Reading – passed (129-9) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE) 3rd Reading – passed (38-8)	

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	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.	Hearing 1/25	1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (ENT)	
HB0283 SB0333	Housing & Community Development – Affordable Housing – Identifying Suitable Property. Requires the State to consider property owned by the State fee-simple. The State is to consider if property is adequately sized for any type of residential use; has access to public utilities; has access to feasible ingress and egress points; and meets any other factors determined by the department that are necessary for the property to be used or redeveloped as affordable housing.	ENT – Del. Palakovich-Carr Hearing 2/06 EEE – Sen. Hettleman Hearing 2/08	3rd Reading – passed (105-33) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (EEE) 3rd Reading - passed (44-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (ENT)	
HB0538 SB0484	Land Use – Affordable Housing – Zoning Density and Permitting (Housing Expansion and Affordability Act of 2024). Requires allowing townhouses, duplexes, triplex housing units in single family zoned communities where land is owned by a non-profit or state-owned entity within 1 mile of a rail station. Twenty-five percent of the units must remain affordable housing for 40 years. Additional overriding of local government zoning and planning laws including: In making a decision on a permit application for a state-funded affordable housing project, a local jurisdiction may not use an element of an adequate public facility law to: (1) deny the permit; or (2) unreasonably restrict or limit the development of the project, including any restriction or limitation that may result in a substantial adverse impact on: (i) the viability of the affordable housing development; (ii)	ENT – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/20 EEE – request of Admin+ Hearing 3/01	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	Greatly restricts local zoning and planning authority for the purpose of expanding affordable housing. No limit on how many units or projects in a given county or community.

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	the degree of affordability of the affordable dwelling units; or (iii) the allowable density of the project.			
HB0599 SB0483	Housing & Community Development Financing Act. Establish MD Community Investment Corporation to compete for federal funding for the new market tax credit program targeting low-income communities across the state. Improve the Strategic Demolition & Smart Growth Impact Fund. The corporation may make qualified equity investments and other financial assistance to projects in low-income communities if the investments are made on review and approval of a written application with verification that the project is loathed in the state; and a certification of the veracity of the information by an authorized signatory of the applicant. The corporation shall adopt regulations to govern investments, including the procedures criteria, investment philosophy, and guidelines for how the corporation’s investment decisions will be made; and a process for considering whether investments help to foster inclusive and diverse entrepreneurship, including the corporation’s support for low-income communities. The corporation may make investments under an agreement with the Board of Trustees for the State Retirement and Pension System.	ENT – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/20 EEE – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/22	3rd Reading – passed (114-19) Referral to Committee	
HB 0616 SB0392	Agricultural Land – Adversarial Foreign Government – Restriction on property Interest. Prohibiting adversarial foreign governments from purchasing, acquiring, leasing, or holding any property interest in agricultural land in the State; and requiring the Attorney General to enforce the Act.	ENT – Dels. Munoz & Miller Hearing 2/21 EEE – Sen. Gallion Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	
HB0693	Increasing maximum surcharges for eviction proceedings from \$8 to \$93 and prohibiting the District Court from	ENT & JUD – request of Admin+	2nd Reading – passed with amendments	

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SB0481	assigning the surcharge against a tenant; altering the priority and criteria in the Statewide Rental Assistance Voucher Program that are followed by Dept of Housing & Community Development and public housing agencies for providing vouchers and housing assistance payments to families; limiting the maximum security deposit required by a residential lease to 1 month’s rent; etc.	Hearing 2/20 JPR – request of Admin+ Hearing 2/29	Referral to Committee	
HB0734	Municipalities – Vagrancy – Repeal of Authority to Prohibit.	JUD – Del. Mireku-North et al Hearing 2/13	Referral to Committee	OPPOSE
HB0889 SB0695	Building Code - Construction and Significant Renovation of Multifamily Housing Units - Electric Vehicle Parking Spaces. “Multifamily residential building” is a building that: contains two or more leased or owned residential units; and is subject to the provisions of the international building code. “Significant renovation” means: a renovation to a unit that includes electrical panel upgrades that increase the capacity of the panel; or parking upgrades that involve repaving or trenching in or around parking spaces. For units with individual parking places, a Level 2 EV charging station is required. For units with shared, common parking areas, new construction or significant renovation, requires 1 EVSE parking station with at least Level 2 Charging capacity for each 25 units.	ENT – Del. Terrasa + Hearing 2/23 EEE – Sen. Feldman Hearing 3/01	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	
	SECOND AMENDMENT FIREARMS			
HB0296	Firearms – Right to Purchase, Own, Possess & Carry	JUD – Del. Grammar Hearing 3/06	Referral to Committee	

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SB0348		JPR – Sen. McKay Hearing 2/02	3rd Reading – passed (43-2) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber	
HB0304 SB0039	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.	JUD – Del. Munoz Hearing 1/31 JPR – Sen. Ready & all Republican senators Hearing 2/01	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	
HB0422	Criminal Law- Crime of Violence – Definition. To include: possession of a regulated firearm in violation of § 5–133(b) of the public safety article; and possession of a rifle or shotgun in violation of § 5–206 of the public safety article.	JUD – Del. Attar Hearing 2/06	Referral to Committee	
HB0430	Firearms – Liability Insurance – Public Wearing & Carrying. Altering the circumstances under which a person is disqualified from possessing a regulated firearm, a rifle, and a shotgun; prohibiting a person from wearing or carrying a firearm unless the person has obtained liability insurance related to wearing and carrying a firearm up to \$300,000; providing for the form and issuance of a citation for a violation of the Act.	JUD & ECM – Del. Hill et al Hearing 2/28	Referral to Committee	
HB0659 SB0378	Criminal Law. Theft of a Handgun. Establishing the felony of theft of a handgun; and establishing a penalty for theft of a handgun of, for a first conviction, imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of up to \$1,000 or both and, for a second or subsequent conviction, imprisonment of up to 10 years or a fine of up to \$2,500 or both.	JUD – Del. Munoz Hearing 2/14 JPR – Sen. West + Hearing 2/01	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	Under current law, handgun theft is under the general theft statute and is a misdemeanor if the value of the handgun is less than \$1,500. Penalty can be up to

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				\$5,000 or up to 5 years in prison.
	TRANSPORTATION			
HB0161	<p>Driver’s Licenses and Identification Cards. Adds new categories of individuals eligible for Free MVA Identification cards. These include: individuals released from a 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.</p>	ENT – request of MDOT Hearing 2/01	3rd Reading – passed (125-13). 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (JPR)	<p>CONCERNS – MVA ID cards are accepted by the Board of Elections to register to vote. Are MVA ID cards the same for citizens & non-citizens? Will undocumented immigrants be eligible to receive MVA ID cards? What documentation would prove homeless or undocumented?</p>
SB0277		JPR – request of MDOT Hearing 2/06	3rd Reading – passed (46-0) 1st Reading – Opposite Chamber (ENT)	
HB0836	<p>Major Highway Capacity Expansion Projects. The Department of Transportation shall perform an impact assessment for a major highway capacity expansion project before the project may be considered for inclusion in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program or the Consolidated Transportation Program. A Metropolitan Planning Organization shall: perform an impact assessment for a major highway capacity expansion project before the project may be considered for inclusion in its program, and must submit the impact assessment to the Department for review and approval. the Department shall determine whether a major highway capacity expansion project meets the following requirements: (1) will not increase greenhouse gas emissions; (2) will not increase vehicle miles traveled; (3) conforms with the greenhouse gas emissions reduction</p>	APP – Del. Edelson + Hearing 3/06	Referral to Committee	
SB0681		FIN & B&T – Sen. Lam & Gile Hearing 2/28	Referral to Committee	

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	targets specified in § 2–1205 of the Environment Article; and (4) conforms with the vehicle miles traveled reduction targets specified in the 2024 annual attainment report on transportation system performance.			
HB1247 SB1063	Environment – Advanced Clean Cars II Program – Application and Enforcement. To: (1) Delay adoption of the California Advanced Clean Cars II Regulations to be effective until Vehicle Model Year 2030. (2) Prohibit the Department of the Environment from enforcing the penalty provisions of Subtitle 6 to a motor vehicle manufacturer for failing to meet the minimum electric vehicle delivery requirements under the California Advanced Clean Cars II Program for an applicable model year.	ENT – Del. Adams + Hearing 3/08 EEE – Sen. Hershey Hearing 3/05	Referral to Committee Referral to Committee	SUPPORT
SB0131	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 – Sen. Ellis Hearing 1/18	Referral to Committee	