



MSBA Bill Report 1 - Family Law

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January 20, 2024

[MD - HB10 Criminal Injuries Compensation Board - Eligible Individuals and Direct Reimbursement for Mental Health Services](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering which individuals are eligible to receive mental health counseling paid for by the Criminal Injuries Compensation Fund; requiring the Criminal Injuries Compensation Board to provide direct reimbursement to mental health professionals providing mental health services to a victim of a crime or a parent, a child, a sibling, a stepchild, or an intimate partner of a victim of a crime; and requiring the Board, in consultation with the Maryland Department of Health, to adopt regulations to implement the reimbursement program.

[MD - HB42 Public Health - Public Health Services and Protections - Revisions](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 19, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Health and Government Operations Committee

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: January 31, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 240, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Repealing the exceptions that allow the sale, distribution, or purchase of tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, and electronic smoking devices to or for certain individuals who are active duty members of the military; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reallocate from one county to another county certain projected unspent grant funding relating to cancer to address certain funding needs; altering the duties of the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB220

[MD - HB79 Family Law Child Custody Determinations](#)

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the order that relates to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interests of the child.

[MD - HB115 Criminal Procedure - Victims' Rights - Notification of Release From Confinement \(Jaycee Webster Victims' Rights Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk (D)

Delegate Dana Stein (D)

Delegate Jason C. Buckel (R)

Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Delegate Kevin B. Hornberger (R)

Delegate Edith J. Patterson (D)

Delegate Dalya Attar (D)

Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Delegate Jim Hinebaugh, Jr. (R)

Delegate Todd B. Morgan (R)

Delegate Andrew C. Pruski (D)

Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Delegate Chao Wu (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given to a victim, victim's representative, or witness regarding the release from confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the name and telephone number of the lead victim services employee of the State's Attorney's office of the county in which the sentenced defendant or child respondent was prosecuted.

Cross-filed Bill: SB4

[MD - HB141 Criminal Procedure - Child Abuse Victim - Testimony Taken Outside the Courtroom](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jesse T. Pippy (R)

Cosponsor: Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing a rebuttable presumption that the testimony of a certain child victim who is under the age of 13 years be taken outside the courtroom and shown in the courtroom by closed circuit television; establishing a way for the defendant or child respondent to overcome the rebuttable presumption; and applying a certain provision of law authorizing a court to order a certain child victim to give testimony outside the courtroom to be shown in the courtroom by closed circuit television to children who are at least 13 years old.

[MD - HB145 Criminal Law - Revenge Porn - Visual Representation](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/23 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jesse T. Pippy (R)

Cosponsor: Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Clarifying what constitutes a visual representation for purposes of a certain prohibition against distributing a certain visual representation in a certain manner.

[MD - HB191 Correctional Services - Pregnancy and Postpartum Support \(Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Correctional Services - Pregnancy and Postpartum Support (Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act) (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Bernice Mireku-North (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Division of Correction to allow a certain pregnant woman and a certain woman who recently gave birth to transfer to the prerelease unit for women for 1 year following the birth; establishing the Healthy Start Bonding Program to facilitate strong bonds between incarcerated women and their children; and requiring the Division to allow liberal visitation between certain individuals and certain children under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB71

[MD - HB214 Family Law Adoption of an Adult](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/25 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Regina T. Boyce (D)

Cosponsor: Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 25, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing that certain provisions of law requiring the issuance and service of a show-cause order on a prospective adoptee's parents do not apply if the prospective adoptee is an adult; authorizing a court to order, for good cause shown, certain investigations before ruling on certain adoption petitions involving a prospective adoptee who is an adult; and establishing that parental consent to an adoption is not required if the prospective adoptee is an adult.

[MD - HB288 Criminal Law - Visual Surveillance With Prurient Intent - Private Place and Minor Victim](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jesse T. Pippy (R)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Christopher Eric Bouchat (R)

Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Delegate Chris Tomlinson (R)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting a person from conducting visual surveillance with prurient intent of an individual located in a residence or place of private use or accommodation without the consent of the individual; altering the penalties for the crime of visual surveillance with prurient intent by use of a camera if the victim was a minor at the time of the offense and the offender is at least 4 years older than the victim; and providing penalties for a violation of the Act of imprisonment of up to 5 years or a fine of \$2,500 or both.

[MD - HB290 Crimes - Interception of Wire, Oral, or Electronic Communications - Exception for Imminent Danger](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)

Cosponsor: Delegate J. Sandy Bartlett (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing a person to intercept a wire, oral, or electronic communication if the person has a good faith belief that the person intercepting the communication or another person is in imminent danger of becoming the victim of a crime of violence, stalking, abuse, or a violation of a protective order.

[MD - HB300 Family Law - Marriage Ceremony - Designation of Deputy Clerk](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Karen Toles (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Mary A. Lehman (D)
Delegate Adrian Boafo (D)
Delegate Elizabeth Embry (D)
Delegate Kevin M. Harris (D)
Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)
Delegate Kym Taylor (D)
Delegate Kent Roberson (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Transferring, from the county administrative judge of the circuit court for the county to the clerk of the circuit court for the county, the authority to designate a deputy clerk to perform a marriage ceremony.

Cross-filed Bill: SB136

MD - HB311 Child Support - Suspension of Driver's Licenses

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 16, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Karen Simpson (D)

Cosponsor: Delegate Kym Taylor (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 100, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB174

MD - HB350 Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025)

Last Action: Text - First - Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025) (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Speaker

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Summary:

Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB360

MD - HB404 Law Enforcement - Wellness Checks - Requirements (Gabriel's Law)

Last Action: Text - First - Law Enforcement - Wellness Checks - Requirements (Gabriel's Law) (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jamila J. Woods (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)
Delegate Anne Healey (D)
Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk (D)
Delegate Kriselda Valderrama (D)
Delegate Carl Anderton, Jr. (R)
Delegate Mark S. Chang (D)
Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D)
Delegate Heather Bagnall (D)
Delegate Charlotte Crutchfield (D)
Delegate Debra Davis (D)
Delegate Andrea Fletcher Harrison (D)
Delegate Julian Ivey (D)
Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D)
Delegate Veronica Turner (D)
Delegate Shaneka Henson (D)
Delegate Nicole A. Williams (D)
Delegate Tiffany T. Alston (D)
Delegate Adrian Boafo (D)
Delegate Kevin M. Harris (D)
Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Delegate Jeffrie E. Long, Jr. (D)
Delegate Aletheia McCaskill (D)
Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)
Delegate Karen Simpson (D)
Delegate Deni Taveras (D)
Delegate Kym Taylor (D)
Delegate Kent Roberson (D)
Delegate Denise Roberts (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a certain request for a wellness check of an individual to immediately conduct a wellness check or submit a request for the relevant law enforcement agency to conduct a wellness check.

Cross-filed Bill: SB190

[MD - HB405 Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications and Training](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications and Training
(January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Aaron M. Kaufman (D)

Cosponsors:

Delegate Bonnie Cullison (D)
Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)
Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D)
Delegate Dana Stein (D)
Delegate Eric Ebersole (D)
Delegate Robin L. Grammer, Jr. (R)
Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)
Delegate Jazz Lewis (D)
Delegate Lauren Arikan (R)
Delegate Julian Ivey (D)
Delegate Jared Solomon (D)
Delegate Veronica Turner (D)
Delegate Linda Foley (D)
Delegate Karen Toles (D)
Delegate Nick Allen (D)
Delegate Andre V. Johnson, Jr. (D)

Delegate Jeffrie E. Long, Jr. (D)
Delegate Cheryl E. Pasteur (D)
Delegate N. Scott Phillips (D)
Delegate Stuart Michael Schmidt, Jr. (R)
Delegate Gary Simmons (D)
Delegate Karen Simpson (D)
Delegate Deni Taveras (D)
Delegate Kym Taylor (D)
Delegate Jamila J. Woods (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Specifying certain qualifications and training necessary for an individual to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; specifying that certain expert evidence is admissible in certain child custody and visitation proceedings under certain circumstances; and requiring a court, in any action in which child support, custody, or visitation is at issue to provide information to the parties regarding the role, availability, and cost of a custody evaluator.

Cross-filed Bill: SB365

[MD - SB4 Criminal Procedure - Victims' Rights - Notification of Release From Confinement \(Jaycee Webster Victims' Rights Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a certain commitment unit to include in a notification given to a victim, victim's representative, or witness regarding the release from confinement of a sentenced defendant or child respondent the name and telephone number of the lead victim services employee of the State's Attorney's office of the county in which the sentenced defendant or child respondent was prosecuted.

Cross-filed Bill: HB115

[MD - SB71 Correctional Services - Pregnancy and Postpartum Support \(Prevention of Forced Infant Separation Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the Division of Correction to allow a certain pregnant woman and a certain woman who recently gave birth to transfer to the prerelease unit for women for up to 1 year following the birth; establishing the Healthy Start Bonding Program to facilitate strong bonds between incarcerated women and their children; and requiring the Division to allow liberal visitation between certain individuals and certain children under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB191

[MD - SB89 Child Abuse and Neglect - Reports and Records - Disclosure](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary-Dulany James (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a local director of a local department of social services or the Secretary of Human Services to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect within 30 days after receiving a request if certain conditions are met; requiring the Secretary to notify the State's Attorney's office of a request to disclose certain reports and records of child abuse and neglect; requiring the State's Attorney's office to be given 30 days during which the office is authorized to redact certain portions of the reports and records; etc.

[MD - SB120 Juvenile Law - Custodial Interrogation - Parental Consultation](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing a child to consult with the child's parent, guardian, or custodian instead of an attorney before a law enforcement officer may conduct a custodial interrogation of the child.

[MD - SB123 Criminal Procedure - Petition to Reduce Sentence](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/01 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing an individual who is serving a term of confinement to petition a court to reduce the sentence if the individual has served at least 20 years of the individual's term of confinement and at least 3 years have passed since the court decided any petition previously filed by the individual for a reduced sentence; and establishing procedures for a proceeding under the Act.

[MD - SB136 Family Law - Marriage Ceremony - Designation of Deputy Clerk](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Family Law - Marriage Ceremony - Designation of Deputy Clerk (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Michael A. Jackson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Summary:

Transferring, from the county administrative judge of the circuit court for the county to the clerk of the circuit court for the county, the authority to designate a deputy clerk to perform a marriage ceremony.

Cross-filed Bill: HB300

MD - SB139 Driver's Licenses - Suspension for Child Support Arrearages - Exception

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing a certain exception to the authority of the Child Support Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive if the obligor's income is at or below 250% of the federal poverty guidelines; and authorizing the Child Support Administration to consider certain information in determining the income of an obligor under the Act.

MD - SB145 Criminal Procedure Petition to Modify or Reduce Sentence (Maryland Second Look Act)

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Joanne C. Benson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing an individual serving a term of confinement to petition a court to modify or reduce the sentence under certain circumstances; providing that a certain petitioner is entitled to assistance of counsel and, if indigent, representation by the Office of the Public Defender; and authorizing a certain

person to apply to the Appellate Court of Maryland for leave to appeal a certain order in a certain manner and within a certain period of time after the court passes a certain order in accordance with the provisions of the Act.

MD - SB174 Child Support - Suspension of Driver's Licenses

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering provisions of law relating to the authority of the Child Support Enforcement Administration to notify the Motor Vehicle Administration of an individual's child support arrearages for the purpose of suspending the individual's driver's license or privilege to drive under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB311

MD - SB190 Law Enforcement - Wellness Checks - Requirements

Last Action: Hearing 1/24 at 2:30 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator C. Anthony Muse (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: January 24, 2024

Time: 2:30pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a law enforcement agency that receives a certain request for a wellness check of an individual to immediately conduct a wellness check or submit a request for the relevant law enforcement agency to conduct a wellness check.

Cross-filed Bill: HB404

[MD - SB195 Juveniles - Arrest by Law Enforcement - Report to Local Department of Social Services](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

Cosponsors:

Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring a law enforcement officer to make a certain report to a local department of social services after a certain arrest of a certain child under the age of 13 for purposes of a neglect investigation.

[MD - SB201 Public Health - Childbirth - Paternity Test](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 11, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ron Watson (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: February 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring, when a child is born at a health care facility, the attending physician to offer to the presumed father of the child the option to take a paternity test; requiring that the offer to take a paternity test be made orally and in writing and before a birth certificate form for the child is completed; allowing the presumed father the option to waive the right to take a paternity test or elect to take a paternity test at any time before completion of the child's birth certificate; etc.

[MD - SB220 Public Health Public Health Services and Protections Revisions](#)

Last Action: Hearing 1/30 at 1:00 p.m. (January 10, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Finance Committee

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: January 30, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 3, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Repealing the exceptions that allow the sale, distribution, or purchase of tobacco products, tobacco paraphernalia, and electronic smoking devices to or for certain individuals who are active duty members of the military; authorizing the Maryland Department of Health to reallocate from one county to another county certain projected unspent grant funding relating to cancer to address certain funding needs; altering the duties of the State Council on Child Abuse and Neglect; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB42

[MD - SB270 Adult Protective Services - Review Boards - Membership and Terms](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/06 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering provisions relating to the membership of, and the terms of members appointed to, adult public guardianship review boards.

[MD - SB313 Maryland Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Reform Workgroup](#)

Last Action: Hearing canceled (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator William G. Folden (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the Maryland Wiretap and Electronic Surveillance Reform Workgroup to study the effectiveness of Maryland's wiretapping and electronic surveillance laws, examine current technologies, and examine ways to make certain audio and visual recordings more available; and requiring the Workgroup to report its final findings and recommendations regarding revisions to Maryland's wiretapping and electronic surveillance laws to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025.

MD - SB314 Juvenile Law - Willful Misconduct of a Minor - Civil Liability of a Parent, Legal Guardian, or Custodian (Parental Accountability Act)

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 15, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Joanne C. Benson (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Establishing the joint and several civil liability of a parent, guardian, or custodian of a minor who commits an act of willful misconduct that results in the death or injury of an individual or damage to property, subject to a certain exception; requiring the Administrative Office of the Courts to periodically adjust and publish certain maximum liability amounts; and limiting the liability of an insurance provider under the Act.

MD - SB327 Family Law - Child Custody - Determinations

Last Action: Hearing 2/13 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 13, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing the court, in determining legal and physical custody in certain child custody proceedings, to consider certain factors; and authorizing the court to modify a child custody or visitation order if the court determines that there has been a material change in circumstances since the issuance of the

order that relates to the needs of the child or the ability of the parents to meet those needs and that modifying the order is in the best interest of the child.

MD - SB365 Family Law - Child Custody Evaluators - Qualifications and Training

Last Action: Hearing 2/08 at 1:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Beth Carozza (R)

Cosponsors:

Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Senator Chris West (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Specifying certain qualifications and training necessary for an individual to be appointed or approved by a court as a custody evaluator; and specifying that certain expert evidence is admissible in certain child custody and visitation proceedings under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB405

MD - SB374 State Emergency Medical Services Board - Licenses and Certificates - Application Requirements

Last Action: Text - First - State Emergency Medical Services Board - Licenses and Certificates - Application Requirements (January 17, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jeff Waldstreicher (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Summary:

Prohibiting the State Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Board from requiring an applicant to provide proof that the applicant is lawfully present in the United States or have a Social Security number or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number as a condition for licensure or certification; and requiring the EMS Board to require applicants for a license or certificate to disclose certain information or provide alternative documentation and record the information in the applicant's file for a certain purpose.

Cross-filed Bill: HB380

MD - SB390 Family Law - Child Support - Actual Income

Last Action: Hearing 2/07 at 2:00 p.m. (January 18, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Ariana B. Kelly (D)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 7, 2024

Time: 2:00pm (EST)

Location: East Miller Senate Building, Room 2, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering the definition of "actual income" to include taxes paid by a parent's employer or, if the income is nontaxable, the amount of taxes that would be paid if the income were taxable for purposes of child support calculations.