



MSBA Bill Report 4B - State Government and Administrative Law (2024.02.09)

February 9, 2024

Administrative Law (2024.02.09)

[MD - HB845 Income Tax - Individual Income Tax Credit Eligibility Awareness Campaign](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Individual Income Tax Credit Eligibility Awareness Campaign (January 31, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Speaker

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the Comptroller to implement and administer a certain individual income tax credit eligibility awareness campaign to identify and encourage individuals to apply for certain individual income tax credits; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into a certain data sharing agreement with other State agencies to carry out the awareness campaign; and requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$300,000 for the awareness campaign.

Statutes Amended:

1-201,

2-601 Article - Human Services

2-116.1 Article - Tax - General

24-2401 Article - Health - General

[MD - HB1022 Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voting Eligibility and Access \(Voting Rights for All Act\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Incarcerated Individuals - Voting Eligibility and Access (Voting Rights for All Act) (February 5, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jheanelle K. Wilkins (D)

Committees:

Judiciary (House)

Ways and Means (House)

Summary:

Establishing requirements regarding the provision of ballot drop boxes and information related to voting to eligible voters by correctional facilities and the State Board of Elections; establishing a Voting Rights Ombudsman for Incarcerated Individuals; altering the circumstances under which an individual is not qualified to be a registered voter for the purpose of allowing individuals convicted of a felony and serving a court-ordered sentence of imprisonment for the conviction to register to vote; etc.

Administrative Law (2024.02.09)

[MD - HB1044 State Agency Workforce Policy for the 21st Century Act](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jared Solomon (D)

Committee: Appropriations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Appropriations (House)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 120, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Prohibiting a unit of State government from taking certain actions related to the use of an applicant's or employee's lack of achievement of a certain level of education in employment decisions; requiring the Secretary of Budget and Management to rename the title and alter the description of certain State positions under certain circumstances, identify occupations in State government that could benefit from apprenticeship programs, and establish group sponsored apprenticeship programs; etc.

Statutes Amended:

2-203.2, 4-206,

7-201 Article - State Personnel and Pensions

[MD - HB1059 Prince George's County - Qualifying Municipal Corporation - Land Use PG/MC 105-24](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Prince George's County - Qualifying Municipal Corporation - Land Use PG/MC 105-24 (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Prince George's County Delegation and Montgomery County Delegation

Committee: Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Authorizing a governing body of a qualifying municipal corporation by resolution to exercise the powers of the Prince George's County Planning Board, the zoning hearing examiner for Prince George's County, or the District Council for Prince George's County to make specified land use decisions; subjecting the exercise of those powers to the substantive and procedural requirements and standards established in the Prince George's County zoning ordinance; and providing for the judicial review of certain actions.

[MD - HB1080 Carroll County - Office of Permits and Inspections - Denial of Permit or License for Unpaid Personal Property Taxes](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Carroll County - Office of Permits and Inspections - Denial of Permit or License for Unpaid Personal Property Taxes (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Carroll County Delegation

Committees:

- Ways and Means (House)
- Environment and Transportation (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting the Carroll County Office of Permits and Inspections from issuing or renewing a license or permit in the county until the applicant submits certain evidence that the applicant has no unpaid assessed personal property taxes except under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Carroll County Office of Permits and Inspections to issue or renew a certain license or permit if the applicant submits certain evidence that the applicant has paid any previously unpaid assessed personal property taxes.

Cross-filed Bill: SB963

Statutes Amended:

- 12-905 Article - Local Government

[MD - HB1086 Compensation for Individuals Erroneously Convicted - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Compensation for Individuals Erroneously Convicted - Alterations (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Chair, Judiciary Committee

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judiciary (House)

Date: February 21, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering certain benefits that a certain individual who has been erroneously convicted of a crime is entitled to receive; requiring the State to notify a certain individual of certain information in writing under certain circumstances when the State intends to reduce or prevent an award of compensation to the individual; repealing obsolete provisions of law relating to the filing of a certain petition for compensation; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB890

Statutes Amended:

- 10-501 Article - State Finance and Procurement

[MD - HB1088 Election Law - Automatic Voter Registration - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jessica Feldmark (D)

Administrative Law (2024.02.09)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Altering automatic voter registration procedures at the Motor Vehicle Administration and the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange; establishing requirements regarding the transmission of automatic voter registration information by the Administration and the Exchange, the processing of the voter registration information by the State Board of Elections, and the sending of notices by the State Board and the Exchange; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB605

Statutes Amended:

2., 3-203,
3-203.1, 3-303,
3-503 Article - Election Law

[MD - HB1093 Anne Arundel County - Human Relations Commission - Subpoena Enforcement](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Anne Arundel County - Human Relations Commission - Subpoena Enforcement (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Heather Bagnall (D)

Committee: Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Authorizing the Human Relations Commission of Anne Arundel County to seek relief in a certain manner if a party fails to comply with a subpoena.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1038

Statutes Amended:

12-905 Article - Local Government

[MD - HB1109 Election Law Registered Voter List and Petitions \(Ballot Petition Modernization Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Sheila Ruth (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the secure storage and use of voter data from the list of registered voters and specifying procedures and requirements relating to electronic signatures; establishing and altering certain provisions governing the petition process, including provisions regarding the collection and invalidation of signatures, use of electronic signatures, and attestations by petition circulators; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1029

Statutes Amended:

1-101,

16-401,

3-506,

6-101,

6-103,

6-203,

6-204,

6-208.1,

6-210 Article - Election Law

MD - HB1126 Public Nuisance - Common Carriers - Damage to Public Infrastructure

Last Action: Text - First - Public Nuisance - Common Carriers - Damage to Public Infrastructure
(February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jason C. Buckel (R)

Committees:

Economic Matters (House)

Judiciary (House)

Summary:

Prohibiting certain common carriers from damaging certain public infrastructure necessitating the closure of the infrastructure; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; and authorizing the State or a local government to bring a civil action against a common carrier for a violation under the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: SB785

Statutes Amended:

3-2301 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

MD - HB1135 Financial Institutions - Community Benefit Plan Act of 2024

Administrative Law (2024.02.09)

Last Action: Text - First - Financial Institutions - Community Benefit Plan Act of 2024 (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Melissa Wells (D)

Committee: Economic Matters (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring certain regulated financial institutions to develop a community benefit plan in connection with certain applications to the Commissioner of Financial Regulation relating to financial services; requiring the Commissioner to exercise certain oversight authority relating to the adequacy of the community benefit plans and attainment of goals under the plans; establishing the Community Reinvestment Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund to finance certain community development activities; etc.

Statutes Amended:

1-101,

11-503.1,

1-501 through 1-507,

2-118,

2-118.2,

2-120,

5-203,

6-712 Article - Financial Institutions

190.,

6-226 Article - State Finance and Procurement

[MD - HB1138 State Facilities - Procedures for Changes and Closures - Definition and Reporting](#)

Last Action: Text - First - State Facilities - Procedures for Changes and Closures - Definition and Reporting (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Specifying that requirements for purchasing, leasing, changing the use of, or closing State facilities apply to facilities owned, leased, or operated for the purpose of providing benefits to clients; and requiring the Department of Human Services, on or before August 1, 2024, to submit a report on any State facility owned, leased, or operated by the Department for the purpose of providing benefits to clients that was closed on or after January 1, 2023, to certain committees of the General Assembly.

[MD - HB1151 State Procurement - Preferred Providers - Removal of Maryland Correctional Enterprises](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (Health and Government Operations) (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate N. Scott Phillips (D)

Committees:

Appropriations (House)

Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Repealing certain provisions of law establishing Maryland Correctional Enterprises as a preferred provider of supplies and services for certain State procurements.

Cross-filed Bill: SB420

Statutes Amended:

14-101,

14-103,

14-106,

14-107 Article - State Finance and Procurement

[MD - HB1158 State Government Attorney General Reports](#)

Last Action: Text - First - State Government Attorney General Reports (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Kenneth Kerr (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Altering certain reporting requirements for the Attorney General; and requiring the Attorney General to publish certain documents on the website of the Attorney General.

Statutes Amended:

6-106.1,

6-108 Article - State Government

[MD - HB1174 State Government - Technology Advisory Commission - Established](#)

Administrative Law (2024.02.09)

Last Action: Text - First - State Government - Technology Advisory Commission - Established (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Terri L. Hill (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Establishing the Technology Advisory Commission to study and make recommendations on technology and science developments and use in the State; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$100,000 for the Commission; and requiring the Commission to submit a report on its activities and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31 each year.

Cross-filed Bill: SB955

Statutes Amended:

9-3801, 9-3802 Article - State Government

[MD - HB1184 State Procurement - Preferences - Historically Underutilized Business Zone Businesses](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Ric Metzgar (R)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Health and Government Operations (House)

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring a unit to structure procurement procedures to meet federal procurement standards and to try to achieve or exceed a certain overall percentage goal of the unit's total dollar value of procurement contracts to be made with historically underutilized business zone businesses; establishing a certain percentage price preference; and establishing certain penalties.

Cross-filed Bill: SB154

Statutes Amended:

14-501,

14-801 through 14-805 Article - State Finance and Procurement

[MD - HB1188 Information Technology - Modernization of Information Technology Projects](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Information Technology - Modernization of Information Technology Projects (February 8, 2024)

Administrative Law (2024.02.09)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Anne R. Kaiser (D)

Committees:

Appropriations (House)

Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Altering the duties of the Secretary of Information Technology related to modernization of information technology systems; altering the authority of the Board of Public Works over certain information technology projects; establishing the Information Technology Investment Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund and the Technology Investment Board within the Department of Information Technology; and altering the duties and membership of the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission.

Cross-filed Bill: SB982

Statutes Amended:

12-101,

3.5-303,

3.5-307,

3.5-309.1, 3.5-309.2,
Procurement

3.5-316 Article - State Finance and

MD - HB1201 Occupational and Professional Licensing - Military Training and Military Spouses

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (Economic Matters) (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jason C. Buckel (R)

Committees:

Economic Matters (House)

Health and Government Operations (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Economic Matters (House)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 230, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring an occupational licensing board to issue a license, certificate, permit, or registration to an applicant who is military trained or who is a military spouse if the applicant meets certain requirements; requiring an occupational licensing board to consider certain types of experience for a certain calculation; and authorizing an occupational licensing board to issue a temporary license, certificate, permit, or registration under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1072

Administrative Law (2024.02.09)

Statutes Amended:

10-1701, 10-1702 Article - State Government

MD - HB1222 Local Boards of Elections - Maintenance and Public Disclosure of Election Records

Last Action: Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Christopher T. Adams (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring each local board of elections to maintain certain records, including all election data, absentee ballot requests, and voter registration lists, for at least 10 years and organized by election year; requiring an election director or a representative of a local board to make certain records available for public inspection immediately and to post certain records on the local board's website on request; and authorizing a person to enforce a certain request by filing a petition for a writ of mandamus.

Cross-filed Bill: SB1052

Statutes Amended:

2-106 Article - Election Law

MD - HB1260 State Government - Permits, Licenses, and Certificates - Reimbursement

Last Action: Text - First - State Government - Permits, Licenses, and Certificates - Reimbursement (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Christopher T. Adams (R)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring the Attorney General to give notice to State agencies and the public when a court orders that the State may not require a person to possess a specified permit, license, or certificate; and requiring State agencies to reimburse issuance and renewal costs for such permits, licenses, and certificates.

Cross-filed Bill: SB926

Statutes Amended:

6-106,

8-506 Article - State Government

[MD - HB1271 Information Technology - Artificial Intelligence - Policies and Procedures \(Artificial Intelligence Governance Act of 2024\)](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Information Technology - Artificial Intelligence - Policies and Procedures (Artificial Intelligence Governance Act of 2024) (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Jazz Lewis (D)

Committee: Health and Government Operations (House)

Summary:

Requiring each unit of State government to conduct certain inventories and assessments; requiring the Department of Information Technology to conduct certain monitoring and adopt certain policies and procedures; prohibiting a unit of State government from implementing or using a system that employs artificial intelligence under certain circumstances; establishing the Governor's Artificial Intelligence Subcabinet of the Governor's Executive Council; allowing the Governor to appropriate up to \$3,000,000 annually for the Subcabinet; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB818

Statutes Amended:

12-101,

13-116,

3.5-101,

3.5-301,

3.5-303,

3.5-318, 3.5-801 through 3.5-809 Article - State Finance and Procurement

[MD - HB1288 Election Law - Initiative Process](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Election Law - Initiative Process (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Susan K. McComas (R)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: March 5, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Authorizing the people to petition to a vote a proposal to add to, amend, and repeal the public general laws or the Maryland Constitution under certain circumstances and establishing the Initiative process; and requiring the amendment to the Constitution proposed by the Act be submitted to the qualified voters of the State at the next general election to be held in November 2024 for adoption or rejection.

Statutes Amended:

1 through 4 Article - XVI-A - The Initiative

MD - HB1297 Education - Artificial Intelligence - Guidelines and Pilot Program

Last Action: Text - First - Education - Artificial Intelligence - Guidelines and Pilot Program (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Delegate Caylin Young (D)

Committee: Ways and Means (House)

Scheduled Hearing:

Ways and Means (House)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

Location: House Office Building, Room 130, Annapolis, MD

Summary:

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the Department of Information Technology, to develop and update guidelines on artificial intelligence for county boards of education and to develop a pilot program to support the Artificial Intelligence Subcabinet of the Governor's Executive Council; requiring the pilot program to identify best uses of artificial intelligence, reduce barriers to responsible use of artificial intelligence and promote training in artificial intelligence; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: SB979

Statutes Amended:

7-2201 through 7-2204 Article - Education

MD - SB420 State Procurement - Preferred Providers - Removal of Maryland Correctional Enterprises

Last Action: Hearing 1/31 at 1:00 p.m. (January 25, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Antonio Hayes (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Summary:

Repealing certain provisions of law establishing Maryland Correctional Enterprises as a preferred provider of supplies and services for certain State procurements.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1151

Statutes Amended:

14-101,

14-103,

14-106,
14-107 Article - State Finance and Procurement

MD - SB785 Public Nuisance - Common Carriers - Damage to Public Infrastructure

Last Action: Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m. (February 1, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike McKay (R)

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 20, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting certain common carriers from damaging certain public infrastructure, a bridge or highway owned, controlled, or maintained by the State or a county or municipality, necessitating the closure of the infrastructure; establishing that a violation of the Act is a public nuisance; and authorizing the Attorney General or a State's Attorney to bring a civil action against a common carrier for a violation under the Act.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1126

Statutes Amended:

3-2301, 3-2302 Article - Courts and Judicial Proceedings

MD - SB913 Election Law - Approval Voting - Authorization for County Elections

Last Action: Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike McKay (R)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 21, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the governing body of a county to adopt, by law, an approval voting method for elections for offices in the executive or legislative branches of county government.

Statutes Amended:

8-101 Article - Election Law

MD - SB926 State Government Permits, Licenses, and Certificates Reimbursement

Last Action: Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Johnny Mautz (R)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Attorney General to give notice to State agencies and the public when a court orders that the State may not require a person to possess a specified permit, license, or certificate; and requiring State agencies to reimburse issuance and renewal costs for such permits, licenses, and certificates.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1260

Statutes Amended:

6-106,

8-506 Article - State Government

MD - SB955 State Government - Technology Advisory Commission - Established

Last Action: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Charles E. Sydnor, III (D)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Establishing the Technology Advisory Commission to study and make recommendations on technology and science developments and use in the State; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$100,000 for the Commission; and requiring the Commission to submit a report on its activities and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 31 each year.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1174

Statutes Amended:

9-3801, 9-3802 Article - State Government

MD - SB963 [Carroll County - Office of Permits and Inspections - Denial of Permit or License for Unpaid Personal Property Taxes](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Carroll County - Office of Permits and Inspections - Denial of Permit or License for Unpaid Personal Property Taxes (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Carroll County Senators

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Prohibiting the Carroll County Office of Permits and Inspections from issuing or renewing a license or permit in the county until the applicant submits certain evidence that the applicant has no unpaid assessed personal property taxes except under certain circumstances; and authorizing the Carroll County Office of Permits and Inspections to issue or renew a certain license or permit if the applicant submits certain evidence that the applicant has paid any previously unpaid assessed personal property taxes.

Statutes Amended:

12-905 Article - Local Government

MD - SB978 [Election Law - Synthetic Media - Disclosure and Regulation](#)

Last Action: Hearing 2/21 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester (D)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 21, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring certain persons that publish, distribute, or disseminate, or cause to be published, distributed, or disseminated synthetic media, to publish on their website or submit to the State Board

of Elections for publication certain original media content; requiring certain persons that publish, distribute, or disseminate or cause to be published, distributed, or disseminated synthetic media to include a certain disclosure in a certain manner; etc.

Statutes Amended:

13-401.2,

13-602 Article - Election Law

MD - SB979 Education - Artificial Intelligence - Guidelines and Pilot Program

Last Action: Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m. (February 8, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester (D)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the State Department of Education, in consultation with the AI Subcabinet of the Governor's Executive Council, to develop and update guidelines on artificial intelligence for county boards of education and to develop a pilot program to support the AI Subcabinet of the Governor's Executive Council; requiring the Department to develop certain strategies to coordinate and assist county boards to provide certain recommendations for integrating artificial intelligence into certain college and career readiness standards; etc.

Statutes Amended:

7-2201 through 7-2204 Article - Education

MD - SB982 Information Technology - Modernization of Information Technology Projects

Last Action: Hearing 2/22 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment) (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester (D)

Committees:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearings:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 15, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

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Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 22, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Altering the duties of the Secretary of Information Technology related to modernization of information technology systems; altering the authority of the Board of Public Works over certain information technology projects; establishing the Information Technology Investment Fund as a special, nonlapsing fund and the Technology Investment Board within the Department of Information Technology; and altering the duties and membership of the Modernize Maryland Oversight Commission.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1188

Statutes Amended:

12-101,

3.5-303,

3.5-307,

3.5-309.1, 3.5-309.2,
Procurement

3.5-316 Article - State Finance and

MD - SB998 Commercial Law - Earned Wage Access Services

Last Action: Text - First - Commercial Law - Earned Wage Access Services (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katherine Klausmeier (D)

Committee: Finance (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Finance (Senate)

Date: March 6, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring a certain provider of earned wage access services to register with the Commissioner of Financial Regulation; requiring a provider to file a certain surety bond or an irrevocable letter of credit with the Commissioner in a certain manner; regulating providers and earned wage access services;

authorizing a certain consumer to submit a written complaint to the Commissioner under certain circumstances; providing the Commissioner with certain investigatory and enforcement authority; etc.

Statutes Amended:

14-4601 through 14-4611 Article - Commercial Law

MD - SB1007 [State Government - Executive Appointments](#)

Last Action: Text - First - State Government - Executive Appointments (February 2, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Antonio Hayes (D)

Committee: Executive Nominations (Senate)

Summary:

Requiring the Governor to submit a certain nomination to the Senate if the term of office will end during the next upcoming recess of the Senate; authorizing the Governor to submit a certain nomination to the Senate more than 40 days after the commencement of the regular Legislative session and before Sine Die only if the Senate consents; establishing that an Executive officer may continue to serve for 2 years only after the end of the officer's term; etc.

Statutes Amended:

17-109 Article - State Government

MD - SB1027 [Property Tax - Appeals - Definition of "Taxpayer"](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Property Tax - Appeals - Definition of "Taxpayer" (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Guy Guzzone (D)

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 28, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Defining "taxpayer" for purposes of certain provisions of law concerning property tax appeals to mean a person with a legal interest in a property that is subject to an appeal; and applying the Act retroactively to affect any petition for review of an assessment of property filed after December 1, 2022.

MD - SB1029 [Election Law - Registered Voter List and Petitions \(Ballot Petition Modernization Act\)](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Jill P. Carter (D)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the State Board of Elections to adopt regulations for the secure storage and use of voter data from the list of registered voters and specifying procedures and requirements relating to electronic signatures; establishing and altering certain provisions governing the petition process, including provisions regarding the collection and invalidation of signatures, use of electronic signatures, and attestations by petition circulators; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1109

Statutes Amended:

1-101,

16-401,

3-506,

6-101,

6-103,

6-203,

6-204,

6-208.1,

6-210 Article - Election Law

MD - SB1038 Anne Arundel County - Human Relations Commission - Subpoena Enforcement

Last Action: Hearing 2/29 at 1:00 p.m. (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Anne Arundel County Senators

Committee: Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Judicial Proceedings (Senate)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing the Human Relations Commission of Anne Arundel County to seek relief in a certain manner if a party fails to comply with a subpoena.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1093

Statutes Amended:

12-905 Article - Local Government

MD - SB1052 Local Boards of Elections - Maintenance and Public Disclosure of Election Records

Last Action: Hearing 3/08 at 1:00 p.m. (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Johnny Mautz (R)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 8, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring each local board of elections to maintain certain records, including all election data, absentee ballot requests, and voter registration lists, for at least 10 years and organized by election year; requiring an election director or representative of a local board to make certain records available for public inspection immediately and to post certain records on the local board's website on request; and authorizing a person to enforce a certain request by filing a petition for a writ of mandamus.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1222

Statutes Amended:

2-106 Article - Election Law

MD - SB1072 Occupational and Professional Licensing - Military Training and Military Spouses

Last Action: Hearing 3/01 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment) (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mike McKay (R)

Committees:

Finance (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 1, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring an occupational licensing board to issue a license, certificate, permit, or registration to an applicant who is military trained or who is a military spouse if the applicant meets certain requirements; requiring an occupational licensing board to consider certain types of experience for a certain calculation; and authorizing an occupational licensing board to issue a temporary license, certificate, permit, or registration under certain circumstances.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1201

Statutes Amended:

10-1701, 10-1702 Article - State Government

[MD - SB1082 Solar Energy and Energy Storage - Development and State Procurement](#)

Last Action: Hearing 3/07 at 1:00 p.m. (Education, Energy, and the Environment) (February 9, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Katie Fry Hester (D)

Committees:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: March 7, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a county to enact a local law creating a conservation and restoration fund for a certain purpose; establishing the Utility-Scale Solar Design and Siting Commission in the Power Plant Research Program to provide recommendations related to solar energy development and land conservation and preservation; requiring the owner or operator of a certain solar energy generating station to plant and maintain a certain cover crop on certain land and submit a certain vegetation management plan to a certain entity; etc.

Cross-filed Bill: HB1328

Statutes Amended:

12-905 Article - Local Government

3-306.2 Article - Natural Resources

4-325 Article - State Finance and Procurement

7-215.1, 7-216.2 Article - Public Utilities

9-2016 Article - State Government

[MD - SB1086 Environment - Environmental Justice Districts - Designation and Requirements](#)

Administrative Law (2024.02.09)

Last Action: Text - First - Environment - Environmental Justice Districts - Designation and Requirements (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Washington (D)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing a resident of a local jurisdiction or an overburdened and underserved community in the State to submit an application to the Department of the Environment to request the designation of a certain area as an environmental justice district in a certain manner; requiring the Department to publish the application process and criteria used for evaluating an application on or before December 1, 2024; requiring the Department to hold a certain hearing on a certain permit application under certain circumstances; etc.

Statutes Amended:

1-601,

1-701,

1-703 Article - Environment

[MD - SB1088 Environment - Public Participation in the Permitting Process - Alterations](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Environment - Public Participation in the Permitting Process - Alterations (February 7, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: Senator Mary Washington (D)

Committee: Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Education, Energy, and the Environment (Senate)

Date: February 27, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Authorizing judicial review of certain environmental permitting and license decisions by the Department of the Environment at the request of certain persons who meet certain federal standing requirements under certain circumstances; requiring a person applying for a certain permit from the

Administrative Law (2024.02.09)

Department to request an EJ Score from the Department for the census tract where the applicant is seeking the permit for purposes of including the score in the permit application; etc.

Statutes Amended:

1-601,

1-601.1,

1-602,

1-603,

1-604,

1-605 through 1-607 Article - Environment

MD - SB1105 [Income Tax - Individual Income Tax Credit Eligibility Awareness Campaign](#)

Last Action: Text - First - Income Tax - Individual Income Tax Credit Eligibility Awareness Campaign (February 6, 2024)

Primary Sponsor: President

Committee: Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Scheduled Hearing:

Budget and Taxation (Senate)

Date: February 29, 2024

Time: 1:00pm (EST)

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

Summary:

Requiring the Comptroller to implement and administer a certain individual income tax credit eligibility awareness campaign to identify and encourage individuals to apply for certain individual income tax credits; authorizing the Comptroller to enter into a certain data sharing agreement with other State agencies to carry out the awareness campaign; and requiring, for certain fiscal years, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation of \$300,000 for the awareness campaign.

Cross-filed Bill: HB845

Statutes Amended:

2-116.1 Article - Tax - General